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Cy-fair Residents To Perform In Houston Repertoire Ballet's Spring Concert, Along Side American Ballet Theatre Stars *Jared Matthews And Yuriko Kajiya*



*Jared Matthews and Yuriko Kajiya of
American Ballet Theatre in Romeo and Juliet*

Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB) Brings Collection Of Diverse Repertoire To The Berry Center In Their "Creation Of Dance"

The Houston Repertoire Ballet is excited to announce their Spring Performance *The Creation of Dance*, to be performed April 9-10 at the Berry Center in Cypress, TX. Featuring three original works and Act III of *La Bayadere*, *The Creation of Dance* takes the audience through the evolution of dance beginning with classical ballet to contemporary ballet and modern dance. Along with exceptional dancing and beautiful costumes, audiences of all ages will enjoy the musical score to accompany the ballets, which consists of Gershwin, Ravel, Minkus and Phillip Glass. Houston Repertoire Ballet will give 2 full-length performances of *The Creation of Dance*. There will be an educational session for children offered as part of our Arts & Education program that will take place 30 minutes prior to the show on April 10. To purchase tickets to HRB's Spring Ballet or for more information on our Arts & Education program call 281-861-0199 or visit www.hrbdance.org. Ticket prices range from \$15-\$18.

THE CREATION OF DANCE

La Bayadere "Kingdom of the Shades": This beautiful and classical ballet was originally choreographed by Marius Petipa in 1877 and was set in the legendary India. The Kingdom of the Shades scene from Act III relates hallucinatory dreams of a noble warrior being reunited with his lost love. The scene begins with 24 dancers in white costumes slowly making their way on to the stage creating a somber tone. In addition, audiences will enjoy guest artists Jared Matthews and Yuriko Kajiya performing the lead roles in one of the most celebrated excerpts in classical ballet.

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Rhapsody in Blue: Set to the popular Gershwin score, this contemporary ballet is a lighthearted and fun piece that features many different characters whose personalities are conveyed through the unique movement vocabulary. This new ballet was choreographed by Kristy Nilsson, a former member of HRB, who is now a dance instructor and choreographer in Atlanta, Georgia.

Il Duomo: Inspired by the beautiful stained-glass windows of the Il Duomo Cathedral in Milan, Italy, this modern ballet piece uses color and the music of Phillip Glass to create a peaceful tone and transports its viewers to the cathedrals of Italy. This piece was choreographed in 2005 by Houston Repertoire Ballet's artistic director Victoria Vittum and will be recreated this year and performed by HRB's Junior Company.

Romeo and Juliet: Guest artists Jared Matthews and Yuriko Kajiya from the American Ballet Theatre will perform a romantic pas de deux from Romeo and Juliet. Matthews and Kajiya are soloists with the American Ballet Theatre and are the rising stars in the world-renowned company. HRB is thrilled to bring back Matthews, a former member of the Houston Repertoire Ballet and Kajiya as guest artists to perform the pas de deux from two classical ballets.

Bolero: This exciting new ballet by Victoria Vittum was inspired by Maurice Ravel's climactic score Bolero. Featuring bright costumes, this Spanish-style piece begins with 18 dancers on stage who perform one-by-one in succession. This contemporary ballet builds up

anticipation throughout, creating a provocative tone that culminates in an exciting finish.

HRB SPRING CONCERT SHOWCASES CY-FAIR'S RISING YOUNG TALENT

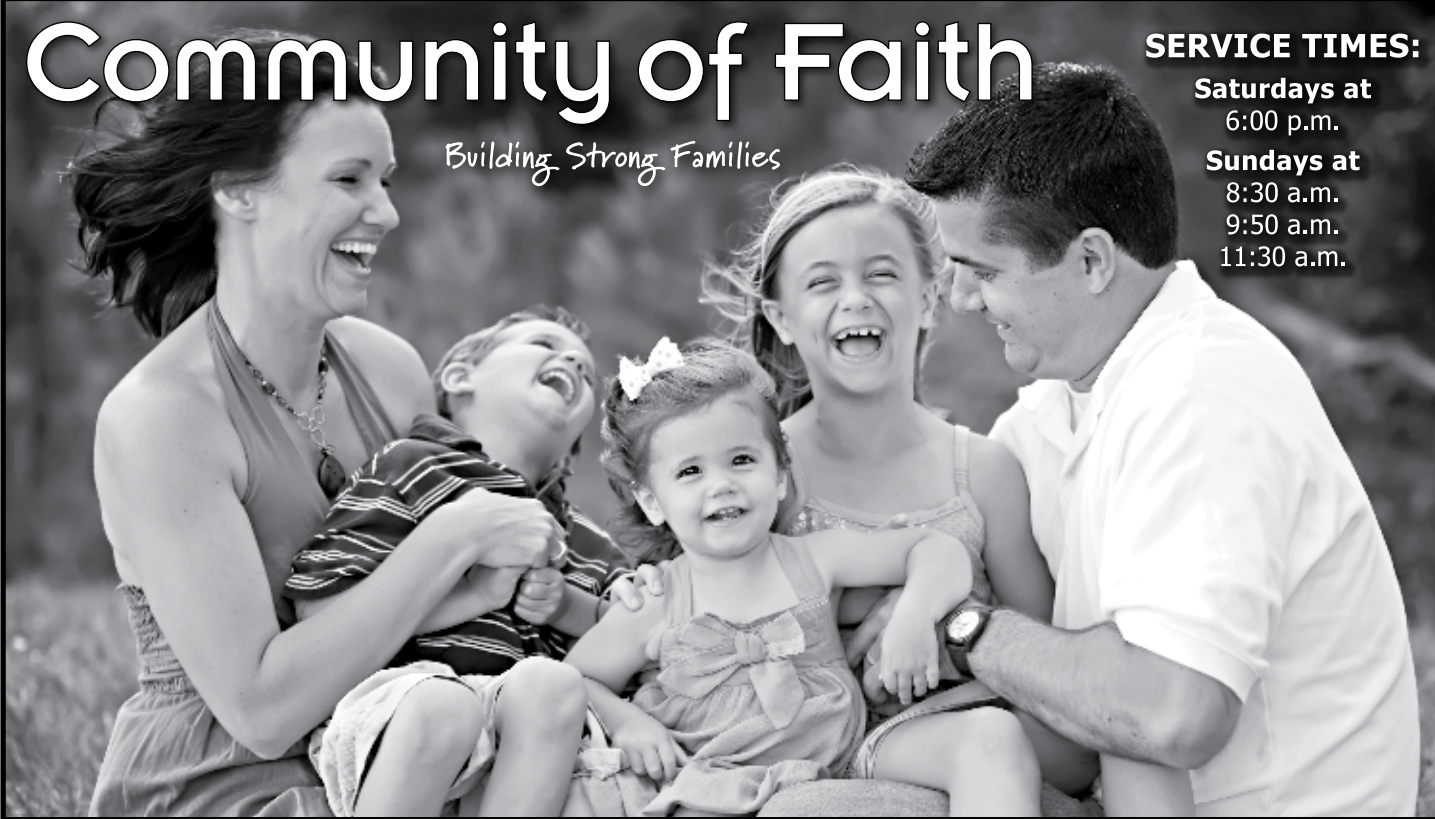
This season's Spring Concert will showcase the 41 members of the HRB Company. These company members are all students of the Ballet Center of Houston and are residents of the Cy-Fair community. Among the 41 company members are four senior members who will perform lead roles in their last performance with HRB. Various ballet companies and universities have already shown interest in these talented seniors who will surely be added to HRB's impressive group of alumni. In addition, the members of HRB have the wonderful opportunity to perform with American Ballet Theater professionals Jared Matthews and Yuriko Kajiya.

Tickets for **The Creation of Dance** may be purchased on-line at www.hrbdance.org or by calling HRB at 281-861-0199. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students. Major funding for HRB is provided by the Houston Endowment inc. ConocoPhillips Company and Statoil. The HRB Spring Concert is funded in part by grants from Harris County and the Texas Commission on the Arts through the Houston Arts Alliance. Arts in Education School Outreach Programs are generously sponsored by Target.

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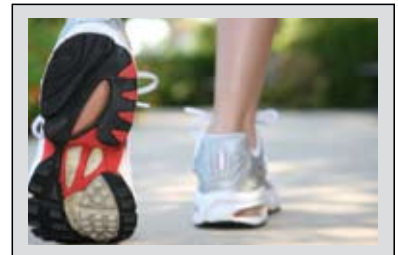
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The M.A.N.E. Event – Mustang Stampede 2011 1K & 5K Fun Run

The M.A.N.E. Event will host its first annual Mustang Stampede on Saturday, April 9th. The Fun Run will be located at the Bridgeland Activity Center and will start at 8AM. Children and adults can participate in either the 1K or 5K run. Early registration fee for adults is \$25 and for children and students the fee is \$15. It's a great event for the entire family, so come and join the fun. All proceeds and donations go to support the 1st graduating class of seniors at Cypress Ranch High School. The M.A.N.E. Event is a non-profit organization sponsoring a drug and alcohol free after-prom event for the Cy-Ranch senior class.

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Rosehill Christian School held their annual Sadie Hawkins dance on Saturday, January 29th. In following tradition, the girls asked the boys to be their dates for the evening and the theme was "Cowboys and Indians". This may sound like any other school having just another school dance but something quite remarkable happened at RCS that night. Senior cheerleading squad co-captain, Kaitlyn Burke, asked a very special friend to be her date for the dance, Joshua Wright.

Joshua would not have been the typical choice for a popular, outgoing young lady trying to make every moment special her senior year but that is exactly the choice Kaitlyn made. Joshua is not your average 16 year old boy; he has autism, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, water on his brain and extreme speech delay. He has good days, but he also has not so good days.

Kaitlyn not only gave Joshua a chance to experience a high school dance but also gave his parents the opportunity to share the experience. Lonnie and Beth Wright had the joy of getting their only son ready for a dance. They were overwhelmed with emotion when Kaitlyn thanked them for letting her take Joshua. Mr. and Mrs. Wright wrote a letter to Dean Unsicker, Head of School at Rosehill



Christian, to let him know of the amazing student he has on the campus. Unsicker couldn't wait to share the story and hopes it will reach beyond the Tomball, Cypress and Houston areas.

Kaitlyn first met Joshua when her sister, Kristen, was giving him tumbling lessons. The families became fast friends and spend a lot of time together. When asked why she chose to ask Joshua to the dance, Kaitlyn replied, "I knew he loved to dance." Kaitlyn has a place in her heart for special needs kids and knew Joshua was the one she wanted to take to the event. She said

he danced with lots of people and got those not dancing to join in. "He did a lot of hugging, too", said Kaitlyn with a smile in her voice. A lot of teenagers might have thought it would be a big hassle to attempt such an undertaking but Kaitlyn said it was no big deal. Well it certainly was a big deal to Joshua and his family!

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Kevin and Bertha Burke. She is following her older sister, Kristen, by also graduating from Rosehill Christian School. The Burkes have a son, Kraig, who is currently in 9th grade at RCS. Lonnie and Beth Wright have three children: Joshua, Jaycee and Jessica. Their two girls also attend RCS. Rosehill Christian School is located at 19830 FM 2920, Tomball, TX.

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The Cypress Mill Mako Sharks swim team is open to **boys and girls** 18 years or younger by May 31, 2010.

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All participants should be able to swim the length of the pool.

Registration will be held Saturday, March 26th 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Saturday April 9th from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Cypress Mill Recreation Center at 14710 Mills Park Lane.

Practices start April 19th for 9 year olds and up. Practice for the 8 and under age group will not start until May 2nd. More details to follow at registration and on our website.

We will have meets on May 21st away, May 28th, June 4th, June 11th, June 18th, Pentathlon June 19th, Divisional Meet June 25th. The End of the Season Party June 26th.

Then there could be the Red, White, & Blue Invitational July 1st-3rd or Ponderosa Invitational July 1st – July 3rd, if your swimmer qualifies and elects to swim with an additional meet entry fee. .

D&J Sports, (the swimmer's store) will be on hand the days of registration so that you can purchase the team uniform and other accessories.

Please feel free to check out the Cypress Mill Mako Sharks' website at www.cmmakosharks.org.

You can also contact Jeff Neville our CMMS Board President, at jeffnevill@gmail.com or Melanie Hamilton, our CMMS Board Treasurer at mkhamilton32@yahoo.com for more information.

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Our featured speaker will be a student organization called **CARPOOL** (*Caring Aggies R Protecting Over Our Lives*) on the Texas A&M University campus. Carpool is a non-profit student-run program for free, safe rides home for students. The Carpool organization will speak about promoting safety for Aggie students and more information about how the system works.

Mark your calendar for our next big fundraiser, the 2nd annual **BOOTS 'N WHOOPS** event, to be held on Sunday, April 3rd from 1 to 6 pm. The event includes live music from *Granger Smith & His Band*, a bbq lunch, dancing, a silent auction, horseshoes, prizes, and other activities. The fundraiser benefits Aggie scholarships and on campus organizations.

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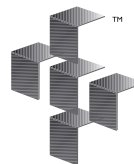


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Tips for Mastering the Farmers' Market

By Melanie Dragger, M.Com.

Many people are taking steps to improve their health and the environment by eating organically grown and raised foods. While some people are selecting organic items at their local grocery store, farmers' markets are becoming increasingly popular. Over the past year, according to the Department of Agriculture, the number of farmers' markets in the U.S. increased by 858, or 16 percent, from 5,274 in 2009 to 6,132 in 2010. When the USDA first began tracking farmers' markets in 1994, there were only 1,755 markets.

Outside of growing your own produce and raising your own livestock, shopping at a farmers' market is the best way to obtain fresh, local, and seasonal fruits, vegetables, and herbs, as well as farm-fresh eggs, meat, poultry, and dairy products. Many farmers' markets also offer artisan breads, honey, and seasonal jams, jellies, and preserves.

Below are tips to help you master your local farmers' market:

1. Do Your Research – Before heading to the market, research what produce is in season in your area. Since all products sold at a farmer's market may not be organic, and some organic products sold may not be certified, familiarize yourself with the organic certification process and product labeling. Information on the USDA's National Organic Program can be found at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.
2. Bring Your Own Containers – While some

vendors have bags and boxes available for customers, bringing your own containers is the best way to ensure you will be able to transport and protect your purchases properly. Additionally, recycling containers helps the environment by reducing the number of natural resources used to produce new ones.

3. Bring Cash – Swing by your bank or ATM before hitting the farmers' market. Most vendors do not accept checks or credit cards. Bring small bills, since it may be difficult for some vendors to make change.
4. Go Early or Go Late – The best items usually go first, so try to get to the market early. However, before making a purchase, take a quick trip down the aisles, since prices can vary greatly among vendors. If you can't make it to the market when it first opens, go at the end of the market day to catch deals from vendors trying to unload their remaining products.
5. Speak with Vendors – Shopping at a farmers' market allows you an opportunity to speak directly with growers and farmers. Not familiar with Swiss chard? Looking for a new way to prepare eggplant? Most vendors love to share their knowledge, including discussing their production methods, providing storage and transportation advice, and sharing recipes and cooking tips.

Buying organic products at your local farmers' market offers numerous benefits, including boosting the local economy, reducing the amount

of toxic chemicals that enter your body and the environment, and decreasing the amount of fossil fuels used to transport products to consumers. However, organic products can be more expensive than conventionally grown and raised products, and some organic products may be difficult to find in some areas. If going 100% organic is not feasible, use the following list as a guide. According to the 2010 report of the Environmental Working Group, a non-profit organization specializing in research and advocacy related to public health and the environment, these 12 fruits and vegetables consistently contained the highest amount of pesticides when conventionally grown, and should be consumed in organic form when possible:

1. Celery
2. Peaches
3. Strawberries
4. Apples
5. Blueberries (domestic)
6. Nectarines
7. Sweet Bell Peppers
8. Spinach
9. Cherries
10. Kale/Collard Greens
11. Potatoes
12. Grapes (imported)

The EWG's annual ranking of produce pesticide contamination is based on its analysis of tests conducted by the USDA and the federal Food and Drug Administration. More information on the EWG, as well as the full list of fruits and vegetables ranked, can be found at <http://www.ewg.org>.

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EF exchange students come from more than 30 countries around the world and are between the ages of 15 and 18. The majority of students stay for a full high school year. In the past, exchange students have come to live in Texas from as far away as Germany, Hong Kong, Australia and Norway, to name a few.

I am an International Exchange Coordinator for EF Foundation. I will be working with the community to secure host families for a number of students this year.

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Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Information Sessions

**THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 7TH, 2011 AND
FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 22ND, 2011**

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host 2 open house/registration sessions for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2011 season. The events will be held on **Thursday, April 7, and Friday, April 22, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM** in the **Cypress Room at the Methodist Willowbrook Hospital**, 18220 Tomball Parkway, Houston, at the corner of FM 1960 and Highway 249. The sessions will begin with a very important program overview/orientation at 7:00 PM. All interested athletes and parents should report on time.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance, relays and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. **It is an excellent "off-season" program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school varsity track teams.**

The club was founded 24 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area. Last year the Northwest Flyers qualified 36 young athletes to compete at the US Junior Olympics National Championships in Sacramento, California.

Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information prior to the sessions, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.



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\$176,000--\$200,999	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$151,000--\$175,999	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$141,000--\$150,999	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
\$121,000--\$140,999	2	3	4	1	1	2	3	3	4	0
\$101,000--\$120,999	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
\$100,999 and below	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5	11	6	4	5	2	4	3	4	3
Highest \$/sq ft	\$75.74	\$77.09	\$84.71	\$73.16	\$68.41	\$70.66	\$74.85	\$70.77	\$69.66	\$66.00

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