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Houston Repertoire Ballet



Houston Repertoire Ballet proudly presents two separate performances, giving something for all audiences, with a dancer from Towne Lake, Grace Schlafer! The first geared to more mature audiences: From Midsummer to Monochrome, featuring Kristy Nilsson's A Midsummer Night's Dream, Victoria Vittum's Threads, Keith Cross' Savana, and the Black Swan pas de deux from Swan Lake, performed by our guest artists from the Louisville Ballet: Kristopher Wojtera and Christy Corbitt Miller.

The second program geared to younger audiences: The Children's Hour of Fairies and Fantasy, featuring Kristy Nilsson's A Midsummer Night's Dream and Victoria Vittum's Storybook Fantasy. From Midsummer to Monochrome is Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 at 7 pm; Tickets: \$18/adults and \$15/students and seniors. The Children's Hour of Fairies and Fantasy is Saturday, April 27 at 2:00 pm and all Tickets: \$12.

Both performances will be at The Berry Center Theatre at 8877 Barker Cypress; Cypress, Texas 77433. For ticket information, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721) or visit www.hrbdance.org.

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Making Waves in Texas/Red Dirt Music Scene *The Brandon McDermott Band heads to Cypress Saloon on April 20th.*

From Galveston to Amarillo to College Station and now coming to the Cypress area, the Brandon McDermott Band has been bringing their exciting brand of Texas country music to stages all across the Lone Star State. The Brandon McDermott Band started in College Station, TX when McDermott, a graduate of Texas A&M University, began writing songs and playing at open mics. After moving back to his hometown of Galveston and playing some solo acoustic shows, he met up with island musicians Kevin Anderson (lead guitar, harmonica, vocals), Clark Duhon (bass) and Broc Adams (drums, vocals), to form the rest of the band. It didn't take long for audiences to take notice and start filling up local venues to watch them play. "I think people come out to our shows because we play fun music that they can identify with. We're not trying to change the world with the songs we write. We just play songs that are fun to drink beer and dance to," McDermott says. "I'm pretty sure our brand of music could best be described as a river of invaluable information spoken at just the right temperature for skinny dipping," jokes the band. While the Brandon McDermott Band got their start on Galveston island and has developed a very loyal following there, they have fans all over the state and by no means do they limit their appearances to south of the causeway. The band has made their presence known in the Houston music scene and beyond, and has been sharing the stage with some of Texas music's biggest names such

as the Josh Abbott Band, Reckless Kelly, Aaron Watson, Brandon Rhyder, Honeybrowne and Bri Bagwell.

With the release of their first album, "Mile Marker Zero," the Brandon McDermott Band has really made their mark on the Texas/Red Dirt music scene. "There is a definitive honesty to the songs on the record... a 'been there, done that, why do you think I'm drinking?' quality" that most people can relate to. The album, which is available on iTunes and Amazon, does a great job at capturing the energy and enthusiasm the band brings to their live shows. Currently the band is gearing up to return to the studio to begin recording their second album. On April 20th, The Brandon McDermott Band will be rolling into the Cyfair area for the first time to bring their brand of Texas/Red Dirt Music to the exciting Cypress Saloon. Their live shows have drawn impressive reviews from country music publications and industry people alike; and promises to be chock-full of fun energetic music that is guaranteed to make all in attendance have a heck of a time and asking for more. So mark your calendars, call your friends, put those boots on and make plans to be at the Cypress Saloon on April 20th for the first of hopefully many more visits from the Brandon McDermott Band. You won't be disappointed.

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COME CELEBRATE SPRING FESTIVAL!

On Saturday, May 4th, Boys and Girls Country of Houston will host their annual Spring Festival on their campus in Hockley, Texas.

Spring Festival promises to be a huge celebration for community and family with a number of new and exciting activities this year. New booths will include a Zip Line, Foam Pit, Dance Lessons, and the Texas Speedway. There will be two stages with a variety of live entertainment, including JJ Worthen on the Outdoor Stage sponsored by InterLinc Mortgage Services, LLC. Admission and parking are free, and children's all-day event passes are only \$15 each.

"All of the dollars raised at Spring Festival enable us to provide a great Home for our 88 children along with supporting 13 young adults in college or trade school," said George O'Neal, Director of Donor and Public Relations. "This year is going to be our largest and most exciting Spring Festival ever with many new additions to the fun and enjoyment that surround this event."

Located 35 miles northwest of downtown Houston, Spring Festival is a great way for families to spend the day "on the ranch".

DATE:

Saturday, May 4th, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

TIMES:

Live Auction: Noon

Silent Auction: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lunch: Served 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

PRICES:

BBQ, Chicken Tacos, or Hamburger/Hot Dog Adult Plate: \$8.00

Kid's Plate: \$6.00

FOR KIDS:

All-Day Kids' Activity Passes: \$15.00

(individual activity tickets also available starting at \$0.25 each.)

LOCATION:

18806 Roberts Road, Hockley, Texas 77447

19 miles northwest of Beltway 8 off Highway 290.

For 42 years, Boys and Girls Country has provided a Home for children from families in crisis. They raise 88 children at their main campus and provide support to 13 young adults in their College and Career program. Boys and Girls Country is not a United Way member agency and does not rely on federal or state funding.

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By Concentra Urgent Care

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- Childproof your home. Look at every room as your child would. Ask yourself what looks interesting and what can be reached. Get down on your hands and knees, and check for small things children can choke on.
- Use the back burners on stoves, and turn pot handles to the back. Keep children away from the stove or microwave when cooking, and don't serve hot food or drinks to them. Keep knives, glasses, and scissors where young kids can't reach them.
- Cover electrical outlets that are not in use.
- Keep guns locked, unloaded, and where kids can't reach them.
- Take precautions to avoid fire in the home. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and in every sleeping area. Test them once a month.
- Plan several ways to escape from each room if a fire starts. Practice the fire escape plan with your family. Identify a safe place to meet outside.
- Lock up matches, lighters, and gasoline. Keep space heaters where kids can't reach them and away from curtains, beds, and papers.
- Never put electrical cords under rugs
- Always supervise children while they are in the bathroom, and follow other important bathroom safety guidelines. Keep the

hot water heater at low-medium or less than 120° Fahrenheit. Mix hot and cold water in the bathtub, and test it on your forearm before putting children into the tub. Never leave the room while they are bathing.

- Keep toilet lids closed and locked, and doors to bathrooms and utility rooms closed when not in use. Put razors, curling irons, and hair dryers out of reach.
- Avoid exposing children to potential poisons. Lock up potential poisons out of children's reach, including cleaning supplies, pet food, medicine, vitamins, beer, wine, and liquor. Read labels and follow directions when giving medicine to children. Know which houseplants are poisonous and keep them where children can't reach them.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors in every sleeping area and test them every month. Make sure heating systems are vented outside and checked every year.
- Prevent serious falls. Keep furniture away from windows. Install guards or stops on windows that are not emergency exits.
- Install safety gates at the top and the bottom of stairs. Never use baby walkers.
- Keep emergency numbers by every telephone. Call 911 if a child is choking, collapses, can't breathe, or is having a seizure. If you suspect a child has been poisoned, call 1-800-222-1222.
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For more information about preventing child injury, you can visit the Safe Kids USA Web site at: <http://www.usa.safekids.org>



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**Several neighborhoods in the Cypress area do not have their own swim team
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FAST extends an invitation to these swimmers to come join our team!**

The Fairfield Area Swim Team (FAST) is a neighborhood summer swim league that is part of the Northwest Aquatic League (NWAL) which currently has over 99 swim teams. Fairfield's swim team has an awesome reputation as a neighborhood swim team, and we have our terrific 8 lane neighborhood pool right here in Fairfield!!!

Team Registration available online at www.swim4fast.net through April 30th

Flip-Turn Clinic Information (for 11 & Up swimmers only)

Location: Fairfield Athletic Club Pool
Dates: April 14th and April 21st
Time: 2:00 to 3:30
Cost: \$30

Swim Team Important Dates

New Member Try-Out: April 19th from 4:30 to 6:30
Practice Begins: April 23rd
Practice Meet: May 5th
First Dual Meet: May 18th

Practice Times

April/May @ FAC or Central Park

Sharks	3:30 to 4:45
Flounders	4:30 to 5:15
Eels	5:00 to 5:45
Squids	5:30 to 6:30
Rays	6:15 to 7:15

June @ Central Park

Eels	7:30 AM to 8:15 AM
Flounders	8:00 AM to 8:45 AM
Squids	8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
Rays	9:15 AM to 10:15 AM
Sharks	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

For more information please contact Tanya Thome at president@swim4fast.net or visit us online at www.swim4fast.net.

Northwest Flyers Track Club

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host an orientation/registration session for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2013 season. The event will be held on Friday, April 12th, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the small commons at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston.

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 and 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 track teams.

The club was founded 26 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 sent 106 young athletes to compete at U.S. Junior Olympics National Championships in Baltimore, Maryland and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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

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Cy-Fair Republican Women

The Cy-Fair Republican Women's monthly meeting will be held at 10:30am on Tuesday, April 9 at Carraba's Italian Grill in Copperfield.

This month's presentation will feature Jerry Patterson, Texas Land Commissioner. His presentation will include information on current issues that affect the Houston and Cy-Fair areas.

April is also our annual membership drive month! Dues are pro-rated for the year and are less than \$30!

Please join us for an informative meeting! You can join us for lunch for \$15, or just come and listen, have coffee or tea for \$3. Visit the Cy-Fair Republican Women's website at www.cfrw.net to RSVP and reserve your seat today!



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