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### "Thousands have taken its dance classes but students say they return year after year for more than lessons..." - New York Daily News

### Letter from Irina Roizin

Dear Friends,

This message is from Irina Roizin, Executive Director of Brighton Ballet Theater/School of Russian American Ballet (BBT.) I am writing to thank everyone for their continued support of BBT. On June 15-16, BBT held our 24th Children's Festival "World of Dance" at Kingsborough Community College. Over 2,000 families from our community watched 350 students perform.

As many of you know BBT hosted our **First Annual Spring Ball Event at the Brooklyn Children's Museum** on May 5th. The event was a success and we raised money to benefit our scholarship fund, our arts education programs in the New York City Public schools and towards creating original choreography for future productions. At



the event were a number of talented performers including BBT graduates and current BBT students. The photo to the right shows **NYC** Comptroller John Liu presenting Brighton Ballet Theater with a commendation for our work in the community. For more information and to take a look at pictures of our Spring Ball, please turn to page four of our newsletter! Last but not least, next year in 2012, BBT will turn **25** and there will be several events including BBT's Second Annual Spring Ball. Please stay tuned for more details in the months to come. On April 28, I was honored by the **Shorefront Democratic Club** with a Cultural and Arts Award. BBT graciously thanks Community Members including **Councilman Domenic Recchia** and **Mark Davidovich**, head of the Brooklyn Democrat Club. We'd also like to congratulate three special BBT students. **Councilman Michael Nelson** presented each student with a Certificate honoring them for Community Service in the Arts. Congratulations to **Rita Norova**, **Sima Norova** and **Victoria Graziano**.

BBT has an exciting summer lined up with new with new opportunities and lots of child and family friendly classes including Mommy and Me classes and a special partnership with Sylvan Learning Center and Kingsborough Community College's Program for Kids. (See Page Six For More Details Regarding All of Our Summer Classes.) We are pleased to tell you BBT will continue our **Summer Intensive for Russian Ballet** (Vaganova Method.) The program runs from July 5-August 20th. Call us for more details or to register and we have ongoing enrollment throughout the summer. BBT parents and others are encouraged to contact us if you know of a talented teen or youth who want to take intensive ballet classes this summer. For more information, visit us at www.brightonballet.org.

# World of Dance Festival Snapshots













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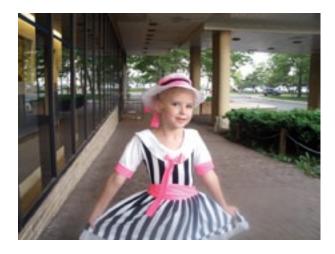








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# World of Dance Festival Performance Photos













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### BBT's First Annual Spring Ball at the Brooklyn Children's Museum. May 5, 2011



**PhotoAbove:** Rosanna Roizin, Attorney; Irina Roizin, Executive Director, BBT and Rose Shargo of JCC Staten Island and a BBT Board Member.

**Below:** Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny, Comptroller John Liu and Dr. Vladimir Kvint, Professor and BBT Board Chair.









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#### Above:

Michael Fraiman represents BBT Sponsor, Mentors for Youth, along with other guests.

BelowLeft: Edouard Kouchnarev, Tatiana Ratmansky and Irina Roizin.

**BelowRight:**Irina speaks with guests.

### **BBT's Summer Programs**

#### Sign Up for Classes at BBT This Summer ....We Offer Something for Everyone!

For more information, call us at 718-769-9161 or email us at brightonballet@gmail.com. Summer Business registration hours and classes are from 4 p.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Call for our Sat/Sun. schedule.

#### If You are a KCC Student/Adult...

Get in shape this summer! Learn something new! Have fun! BBT offers Pilates, Belly Dancing, Latin & Ballroom Dance, Zumba and More! We offer you a convenient schedule, including night and weekend classes.

#### Schools Out for the Summer?

If you want your child to take dance for the first time, enroll in one of BBT's Open Division classes, ages two and up. No prior dance experience required. BBT offers dance classes including Ballet, Modern & Popular, Latin & Ballroom, Hip Hop, Zumba and Gymnastics for kids and more.

#### College for Kids at KCC (Monday-Thursday)

Half-day and full-day enrichment programs offered.

College for Kids at Kingsborough (KCC) offers a four week (Monday, July 11, 2011 to Thursday, August 4, 2001) or a six week program (Monday, July 11, 2011 to Thursday, August 18, 2011.) College for Kids at KCC offers a variety of modules that gives children the opportunity to swim, play tennis, solve brain busters, 'travel' around the world, master the Web, take Piano, sing, fly a kite and more.

#### Fridays...Looking for Academic Enrichment for Your Elementary School-Aged Child?

This Program Runs Only On Fridays. Limited Space Available.

Enjoy a Summer of Dance and Academic Enrichment at Sylvan Learning Center in Sheepshead Bay. In our first summer partnership, BBT will offer dance and arts workshops coupled with lectures and learning on music, costume design, choreography and more. All children receive instruction and academic classes in math and reading tailored specifically for your child's grade and skill level.

### Advanced Division and Pre-Professional Summer Intensive at BBT/School of Russian American Ballet.

Advanced Division and Pre-Professional Summer Intensive at BBT/School of Russian American Ballet. Call us for information about an audition for BBT's competitive summer intensive program. We offer a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn Russian, Vaganova technique with the best known world class Russian-trained teachers and choreographers. Also, We prepare students for specialized high school auditions including Mark Twain and LaGuardia high schools . BBT offers Private, Semiprivate and group classes.

### BBT Families Celebrate Children's Festival "World of Dance" Behind the Scenes...











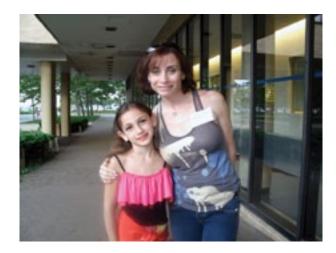


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#### Additional Thanks

BBT also wishes to thank all Teachers, Staff, Volunteers, Parents and Students for their hard work and dedication.

#### **Gala Sponsors and Supporters**

Last but not least, BBT extends a Special thank you to all BBT Sponsors who helped make our May 5, 2011 Spring Ball a Success. Thank you.



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