

The BSA Times

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'Tis the Season for Giving Thanks and for Giving!

As the holiday season kicks in, our students are hard at work in their academic and arts courses and preparing for performances and exhibitions at BSA and around town. TWIGS students (700 of them!) are also deeply engaged in their classes. We're grateful to be able to work with such dedicated, enthusiastic and talented kids.

We're also grateful to the community that supports our work. Many of the programs we're able to offer our 1000+ students are funded by generous people like you! We hope you'll consider a gift to our annual campaign this year. Together, we're helping to make great artists and great citizens.

Keep an eye out for a letter from us, or get a jump start and donate online today by clicking here: [BSA!](#)

**From all of us at Baltimore School for the Arts
Thank You & Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving!**

BSA & BSO collaborate for second year of *The Nutcracker* at the Modell Lyric. BSA alum, celebrated conductor Andrew Grams, leads the symphony.

We're thrilled to join forces with the BSO to present Tchaikovsky's holiday classic. Choreographed by [Barry Hughson](#) for our high school and TWIGS dancers, the ballet is beautiful on the grand stage of the Modell Lyric. Our diverse cast of BSA dancers range in age from eight to eighteen, with BSA faculty and friends from the community joining in the joyous opening party scene. And an extra this year, our maestro is a BSA alum, [Andrew Grams!](#) December 20-22. To purchase tickets, visit [Ticketmaster](#) or the [Lyric Box Office](#), or call the BSO at 410-783-8000 for group rates.



Looking Ahead to 2014

We collaborate for the third year with Ruth Shaw, Renaissance Fine Arts, and Kennedy Krieger for the [Art of Giving Fashion Show](#) on February 5.

Save March 1-3 for [EXPRESSIONS!](#) This year BSA alumni Lawrence Gilliard, Jr. & Antonio Hart host "The Places You'll Go!"

Then Maestro Grams returns to BSA for our second multi-disciplinary festival, [A Russian Serenade](#), April 9 & 10!

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PLEASE JOIN US!

December 5

This year's **Monument Lighting** features our own **Tap-dancing Santas!** **Come early for a free Chamber Concert** and other holiday cheer in the BSA's Brownstone. A perfect way to begin what is sure to be a festive evening! Concert begins at 5 pm. Santas on stage at 7 pm.



December 6

BSA's visual artists welcome you to the opening of the **Winter Exhibition** featuring their most recent work. 4-6 pm in the Segal Gallery. Free!

December 7

BSA's **Chorus** joins the Hopkins Symphony, Goucher College Chorus, and soloists including BSA's own Robert Cantrell at Shriver Hall for Verdi's *Requiem*. 8 pm. Tickets: [JHU](#)

BSA International Relations Going Strong

In October we hosted our 4th annual British theatre ensemble from Showdown Theatre Arts, our partners in the UK. Students began rehearsals of "Our House," a show they'll present in May when our senior theatre ensemble travels to England. This exchange is an incredible experience for the kids on both sides of the Atlantic.

This year, a third component to the collaboration is being added with a January performance of [The Last Five Years](#), featuring two of the British mentors, Carli Jones & Lee Thomas. Our kids will be understudies and technical crew for this Jason Robert Brown classic directed by Donald Hicken. Runs from January 10-12. Tickets \$10 & \$15. [Click here](#) for details!

We also recently had visits from a group of young entrepreneurs from all over Asia (thanks to the World Trade Center Institute and U.S. State Dept.) and representatives from the Xiamen, China Sister City Commission. We'll host an orchestra from Xiamen at BSA in February!

Gotta Dance a Big Hit!

Thanks to all of you who came out on November 8th and literally kicked up your heels for BSA! We had a great group of friends, students, alumni and neighbors here to raise fun AND funds! We're doing this again next year, so stay tuned for details!



BSA & American Red Cross

In December & January BSA actors will be touring with the Red Cross in the 12th year of this collaboration to educate students in Baltimore City.

This year's scenes, written and acted by our students, will teach kids about fire and storm safety. For more information on this program, [click here](#).

Students have also organized a Blood Drive on November

27 from 8 am to 1 pm with the Red Cross and many have volunteered to give blood, a generous way to begin the holiday!

SHOP WITH US! The BSA school store is stocked with stuff for the holidays including the 2014 Visual Arts Calendar! Open every Tuesday from 4-6 pm; Dec 5, 4-6 pm; and Dec 7, 9:30 am-1 pm.

December 16

The **Orchestra and Chorus** present Poulenc's *Gloria* and other works at 5 pm in the Schaefer Ballroom. Tickets \$5 & \$10.

December 18

Donald Hicken reads **A Child's Christmas in Wales** at Germano's and BSA faculty and students sing holiday music. Tickets \$10. Doors open at 6 pm/Show at 7:30. [Reservations](#) required!

There's more! Visit our [Calendar & Events](#) page.

SPOTTED!

BSA alum Mark Gross in person and on the poster for [After Midnight](#), the hit Broadway revue that's getting raves. Mark is a member of the Jazz at Lincoln Center All-Stars, the ensemble on stage for the spectacular show.



Congrats!

> BSA students excel on the HSAs with a 95%+ pass rate!

> Four seniors rank in the top 5% of 1.5 million test takers nationally as commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Program!

> Student volunteers and mentor Nick Esposito are recognized for their work on behalf of Habitat for Humanity with Honor Row tickets to the Ravens. Hear their story on [WBAL](#).