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- WHO:** Arc School of Ballet
- WHAT:** *The Chocolate Factory* a Story Ballet Showcase
- WHERE:** Shorecrest Performing Arts Center
15343 25th Ave NE, Shoreline
- WHEN:** June 17, 2007, at 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM
- TICKETS:** \$10-20, Reserved seating; ARC School of Ballet (206) 352-0799

Arc School of Ballet presents its year-end School Showcase,

The Chocolate Factory

SEATTLE, WA --- Arc School of Ballet (ASB) shows off its students in *The Chocolate Factory*, a two-act story ballet showcase. Two performances on June 17th at Shorecrest present more than ninety ASB students, ranging in age from three years old to pre-professional adults.

The Chocolate Factory is the second two-act story showcase presented by ASB in the past three years. Marie Chong, director of the school, choreographs an original adaptation of stories that are family friendly and that appeal to the student participants. She intertwines dance choreography with music and characters that showcase the maturity and skill progression of the school curricula.

The biennial year-end showcase offers all the students of Arc School of Ballet an additional performance experience, along with the annual Nutcracker. Chong carefully crafts the roles of each dancer within the story. The students receive an education in the creation of a ballet: rehearsal focus and etiquette, time management, familiarity with different job roles like costumers and ballet masters, and the sheer time involved to bring a production to performance. The students relish the opportunity to be included in the creation of an original

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story ballet and the performances inspire their dance training and heighten their appreciation for dance as an art form.

ARC School of Ballet presents ***The Chocolate Factory***; May 17th 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM at Shorecrest Performing Arts Center 15343 24th Ave NE Shoreline, WA. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$10 children 10 yrs and under, all reserved seating. Tickets are available at Arc School of Ballet (206) 352-0799. For further information, please visit www.arcballet.org.

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More about Arc School of Ballet

Arc School of Ballet's mission is to provide unparalleled classical ballet training in an encouraging atmosphere, thus promoting personal growth and artistic self-expression. Contributing a wealth of knowledge to the school, the professional faculty at Arc are dedicated to dance education and instilling invaluable qualities in their students that extend beyond their dance training: self-confidence, respect, work ethic and a sense of tradition. Arc School of Ballet shares common goals with its resident dance company, ARC Dance Productions, to provide opportunities for the public to explore the joy and beauty of dance.

Arc School of Ballet offers four coordinated, unparalleled programs to dancers of all ages and backgrounds. The core curriculum focuses on elements of both classical and contemporary ballet technique and is complimented by other dance forms such as Modern, Jazz, African, Aerial and Character, along with Pilates and GYROTONIC[®] conditioning. The variety of classes works to meet students' varying interests in dance, ranging from beginning to adult education/fitness to the professional career bound

More about ARC Dance Productions

ARC is a classically-inspired, repertory dance company in Seattle, Washington. Since its inception in 1999, under the artistic director and founder Marie Chong, ARC has cumulatively presented works from emerging and nationally recognized choreographers. ARC fosters works from a wide range of dance styles such as classical, contemporary ballet, modern, and jazz – in true "repertory" fashion.

ARC Dance Productions combined with the Arc School of Ballet

Arc School of Ballet shares common goals with its resident dance company, ARC Dance Productions, to provide opportunities for the public to explore the joy and beauty of dance. Arc School of Ballet and ARC Dance Productions occupy over 12,000 square feet of studio and office space in the former Crown Hill School in the Ballard/Crown Hill neighborhood of Seattle at 9250 14th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98117.

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