









## Events you Will Not Want to Miss!

Keep an eye out for updates on Summerfield upcoming events:

*Alumni Event*, December 26;  
New this year—*Queen of Hearts Dance Fundraiser*, February 9, 2013; and *Farm to Feast*, June 1, 2013.

Check our Facebook page and website for updates on our events and activities!

## Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day—Coming in November

Every year we invite grandparents and special friends to our school to offer them our gratitude and a glimpse into the special world of Summerfield.

Once again we look forward to giving this gift and sharing more about what makes our school so unique. Guests will enjoy performances, food and beverages, and classroom visits.

Invitations will soon be in the mail for our event on **November 21, 8:15am-12:30pm**. This year, all grades will participate.



## Summerfield's Winter Faire



Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm celebrates its 27<sup>th</sup> Winter Faire this year on December 7 and 8. This celebration of the winter season is a perfect event to showcase the best of our campus. As such, our focus this year is on school-wide participation in exhibiting what makes us unique and special, while we celebrate with our own community and the larger community in which we reside. To that end, we need everyone to offer their special gifts so that, collectively, we can create the energy of Winter Faire. *In Waldorf schools around the world, the celebration of seasonal festivals renews our awareness of the rhythms of the year and fosters the children's relationship to the world into which they grow.* (*The International Association for Steiner/Waldorf Early Childhood Education*)

On Friday, December 7, parents are welcomed to an adult evening of holiday festivities that include sipping warm soup and cocoa while being serenaded by carolers and shopping at the booths of local artisans. We will be specifically selecting vendors who create items with a natural emphasis that will be a joy to gift, including hand-crafted toys and specialty items.

On Saturday, December 8, the whole family is invited to enjoy the Summerfield campus in its full splendor of evergreens and twinkling lights while the pure voices of our carolers sing beloved holiday music. Art for the marketing of the event will be the work of one of our own High School students.

**Planned events this year include a visit with King Winter and the Ice Queen, the ECE puppet show, children's crafts, shopping with local vendors, the Snowflake Gift Shoppe (just for children) a bonfire, and a raffle. Live entertainment will include carolers and musicians and a performance by Circus Waldissima**, who will provide circus-arts workshops during the day and a spectacular performance at the end of the faire. Students from Fourth Grade through High School will showcase their unique talents with movement, song and colorful costumes, performing daring acrobatics, dance and trapeze arts in the Circus Waldissima big top. It is the perfect ending to a day of activity as families huddle together to close the festivities with a grand hurrah.

So many generous parents and community members have stepped up to assist in leading different areas of the Winter Faire effort but, since “many hands make light work”, **many more individuals are still needed to join our effort.** Our goal is to have a team leader and an assistant team leader for each activity, with a support team to make each task simpler and more easily accomplished. Together we can make Winter Faire a special and memorable event for our children as well as for prospective parents. Funds raised at the Winter Faire will go into a special account for festivals, as well as class fundraisers.

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## Alumni Update...



My son Elliott, who was in the second class at Summerfield (Ian Morrison's first class) is a lawyer for Becton-Dickinson, a European-based pharmaceutical delivery-systems company known for making the first syringes back in the 1800's. He lives in Grenoble, France, with his wife and two children, aged 9 and 13, and was recently promoted to Associate Chief Counsel for Europe, which means he oversees all the legal issues in most of the company's European branches, including Greece and North Africa! Still in his early 40's, he's considered "young" to be given such a position of responsibility, so we're all pretty proud of him.

~Alumni Mom (and founding parent), Mary Beard

[Congrats to Elliott and his beautiful family!]

## News From Circus Waldissima

### Circus Artist Turns Pro!

Do you remember Chenoa flying high on the silk tissue in Sophia Hall?

Chenoa Albertson graduated from Summerfield in 2006 and went on to study Studio Art and Norwegian at St. Olaf College in Minnesota. She also spent a year studying abroad in Norway.

Last March Chenoa dropped in to help *Circus Waldissima* celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the new Circus Tent—you might remember her imaginative characters in our Cabaret. After the shows, Chenoa ran off to do circus training in London with the Academy of Circus Arts, a travelling Circus School in the United Kingdom. There she trained and performed with "Blaze and Dave," who you may have seen on the double trapeze in our Cabaret.

Now, Chenoa has been hired as professional circus artist to perform in a Christmas Circus this winter in London and to tour with Zippos Circus in the United Kingdom next year!

We were able to catch up with Chenoa between acts:

*Chenoa, how did your experience with Circus Waldissima prepare you for becoming a professional circus artist?*

I think my years spent with Circus Waldissima gave me a foundation of circus skills upon which I could build a professional career. Even though I stopped doing circus for about five years, that foundation was still there when I returned to the circus this last spring.

*In what acts will you be performing this winter and with Zippos Circus next year?*

I have been hired to perform swinging trapeze as well as be a member of the core ensemble of performers called the corps de ballet.

*Do you have any advice for aspiring, young circus artists?*

All you really need is enthusiasm and the ability to push yourself to try new things. Circus is sometimes scary and can hurt a lot, but if you can (safely) overcome these, then it's the most fun you will ever have!

We wish you well in your life's adventures Chenoa!

~Don and Sieglinde Basmajian,  
Circus Directors



Chenoa Albertson performing in Circus Waldissima











