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Arts & Entertainment

Local Youth Performers to Appear This Weekend in *The Nutcracker*

MONTCLAIR – Two local youth performers will appear in the New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble (NJLTE) 49th Anniversary Season full-length production of *The Nutcracker* this weekend. Set to the classic music of Peter Tchaikovsky and choreographed by NJLTE Artistic Director Nancy Turano, the ballet features over 60 talented pre-professional dancers from New Jersey alongside 12 renowned international guest artists.

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child. “Bridget is a talented dancer who will be featured in the role of Harlequin Doll in the Party Scene. She will also dance the roles of the Snowflakes, Waltz of the Flowers and Spanish. She has grown up at NJLTE and it has been wonderful to watch her evolve as a beautiful dancer and artist,” said Ms. Turano

the Hamburg Ballet and Boston Ballet dancing the classic role of Sugar Plum Fairy, Mikhail Ilyin, formerly of American Ballet Theatre, will appear as her Cavalier, and Bradley Shelver of Metropolitan Opera Ballet as Russian lead join the Ensemble for three captivating performances. Also joining the cast are celebrated dancers are Timothy Stickney of Complexions Contemporary Ballet in the role of Dr. Drosselmeyer, and as the Grandmother, former New Jersey Ballet prima ballerina Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich.



Allison Miller



Bridget Quinn

Allison Miller, 14, of Scotch Plains, performs Lead Chinese Boy. Bridget Quinn, 17, of Westfield, performs the soloist role of Harlequin.

Allison, the daughter of Cindy and Glenn Miller, is currently a freshman Union County Vocational Technical Schools majoring in Dance.

“Allison is a very talented and hard-working dancer. She has beautiful lines, a lovely presence, and technical capacity, as well as the discipline to achieve as a professional dancer,” said Ms. Turano.

Brigit, the daughter of Virginia and Matt Quinn, is currently a senior at

An extraordinary group of international dance artists, including Marie-Lorène Fichaux, formerly of Paris Opera Ballet and currently with

This Winter, Engage in the Nostalgia of Pinball Arcades

By FRED T. ROSSI
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

AREA—A game played by many of us Baby Boomers on aimless afternoons during our middle- and high-school years has been experiencing a revival of sorts in recent years. With the winter months upon us, rather than hibernating on cold weekends, a visit to one of a number of pinball and video arcades in the area is a perfect way to not only spend a few hours refreshing your flipper skills, but engage in a little bit of nostalgia as well.

Last summer, I even ran into Governor Phil Murphy visiting Silverball.

Many pinball arcades, including YESTERcades in downtown Westfield, have games themed after popular rock bands such as Metallica, movies like *Jurassic Park* and television shows like *Game of Thrones*. Aficionados of classic stand-up video games such as Ms. Pac-Man, Donkey Kong, Centipede and Tetris won't be disappointed either.

find great arcades in downtown Somerville and downtown Red Bank.

One new feature of many newer arcades is that coins aren't necessary. Instead of managing a pocketful full of quarters or tokens, you simply pay a flat fee to enter, which allows unlimited play without the need for coins for as long as you want to stay.

Some arcades also have big-screen



Pinball, in one variation or another, has existed since at least the 19th century. The first coin-operated pinball machines were invented in the early 1930s, and after the introduction of flippers in the late 1940s, the popularity of the game soared. But pinball was viewed by some to be a game of chance, like gambling, and was banned in many cities. New York didn't lift its ban until 1976!

Pinball is not only for those of a certain age who spent many hours, and many quarters, after school and on weekends battling flashy games such as Xenon, Black Knight and Gorgar or older ones where the playfield was simple, the point levels low and the bells and whistles minimal. Visit any of the pinball arcades around our area and you're likely to see kids as young as four and five playing alongside Baby Boomers with equal intensity.

TVs, and comfy couches, for those who grew up playing video games in front of their televisions at home, with selections in some places dating all the way back to Pong, the simple black-and-white game of ping pong that pretty much got it all started. A short drive away, you'll

A short ride away, in downtown Morristown, is the Morristown Game Vault, which is located, no surprise, in an old bank building that still includes an empty bank vault that now houses several pinball and video games, as well as dozens of others on the main floor, which still includes some of the old bank's furnishings.

Across the Hudson River in Manhattan, you'll find more pinball arcades, including Modern Pinball NYC a few blocks east of Gramercy Park. It's one big room with a few dozen pinball games and several video games.

Barcades, which features mostly video games and a large and comfortable bar, has locales in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Newark and Jersey City.

In downtown Greenpoint, Brooklyn, amongst the numerous mom-and-pop shops, is a cramped laundromat—Sunshine Laundromat—with two pinball machines. I was disappointed when I first entered, given the place's high rating. But I then noticed a door at the rear that looked at first like the fronts of a washer and dryer. Through that door is the actual arcade, with a mix of old and new games, along with board games and a small bar offering a variety of craft beers.

If you're really serious about seeking out new and exciting places to hone your pinball skills, there are even apps available that show you the nearest arcades to your location. I've used these apps and it's how I found such gems as Sunshine Laundromat.

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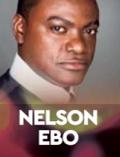
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