

Latest news

2001/2002

The Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation had great pleasure in awarding scholarships to the following young talents for the period 2001-2002:

Maristella	PATUZZI	*14.02.87	CH/I	violin
Carrie Ann	VAIL	*16.06.86	CH/USA.	dance
Linda	NERUDA	*10.02.82	CH/CS	dance
Lisa	ÖBERG	* 24.08.82	CH/S	violin
Lucia	SOLARI	*18.10.82	I	dance
Mona	PÉTE	*28.02.81	CH	circus acrobat
Jeanine	SCHMID	*30.05.81	CH	dance
Nelly	GYIMESI,	*19.04.80	CH/H	musical
Jasmine	MORAND	*21.04.77	CH	dance
Prisca	MORNAGHINI	*28.04.77	CH	theatre/mime
Andrea	SCHÄRLI	*02.10.77	CH	dance
Grant	Dow	*18.02.66	GB	sound engineering

January

The **"29th Prix de Lausanne"** (22 – 28 January 2001) was held in the Swiss City of Lausanne. The Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation once again supported this prestigious international dance competition this year with a financial grant for the dance performances in the final round.

February

The second Swiss auditions for the Dutch **"Rotterdamse Dansacademie"**, organized by the Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation, were successfully held in Berne on 3 and 4 February 2001 in cooperation with the Berne Municipal Theatre. 11 from 22 participants between 14 and 25 years old were selected to enter the final round and six participants were accepted as students of the school year 2001-2002. Two scholarships for the 2001-2002 school year were awarded to:

Jeanine SCHMID, *28.02.81, Switzerland

Andrea SCHÄRLI, *02.10.77, Switzerland

March

On 11 March, **Mattia Zappa** (cello), a former Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation scholarship holder, with his partner **Massimo Mainolfi** (piano), made their US debut in the **Weill Recital Hall** of the **Carnegie Hall**, New York, and received excellent critical acclaim. The Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation made this concert possible.

April

At the International Choreography Competition in Gland (CH), **Jasmine Morand** presented her first choreography "Cola on the side" with student colleagues from the "Rotterdamsen Dansacademie" and received excellent reports from the critics.

May

With Daniela Marcacci Ambrosoli, the Italian ballerina **Alessandra Ferri**, the photographer Fabrizio Ferri and the journalist Elisa Vaccarino further plans were made for a "Nijinsky" project in the "Industria" premises in Milan.

At the invitation of the Interlaken **Soroptimist Club**, Daniela Marcacci Ambrosoli gave a lecture on the work of the Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation and ballet instruction. This event attracted keen interest from all the participants.

The Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation made a grant towards the production of a CD by the Ticino rock group "**Naïve**" in recognition of the long activity and popularity of these talented young musicians.

June

In October 2000, Mrs Daniela Marcacci Ambrosoli was elected coordinator for education and culture of the **Soroptimist Union Switzerland**. In cooperation with the Soroptimist Union Switzerland, the Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation organized a benefit gala for the "**Comité International pour la Dignité de L'Enfant, C.I.D.E.**" (**International Committee for the Dignity of Children**). More than 100 Soroptimists and visitors attended from all over Switzerland and enjoyed an exceptional evening. A substantial contribution was made to the C.I.D.E.

Lisa Öberg passed the final examination of the "**Yehudi Menuhin School**" in London with flying colours and can now look forward to an international career.

Visit to the performance of "Momenti di Danza... ricordi & sogni" of the "**Scuola Balletto Zukowska**" in the **Teatro Sociale** of Bellinzona.

July

Daniela Marcacci Ambrosoli and Michael Jürgens attended the "**Hamburger Ballett-Tage**" festival of the **John Neumeier** Hamburg Ballet: the latest production is "The Britten Evening". Former scholarship holders appeared as dancers in that ballet production.

Visit to the **John Neumeier Ballet School** and personal contact with **Lucia Solari** who passed her final examination and **Cristian Abad** who completed his studies at the John Neumeier Ballet School by taking the final examination.

The **"Jondering Exchange"** project was again held in Toronto and Hamburg with the support of the Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation.

From 6 to 21 July, the 5th Swiss **International Further Education Course in Choreography SiWiC** was held in Zürich. The Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation supported the professional Choreography Association again this year by granting a scholarship to a future choreographer.

The Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation made a grant towards the piano concert by the composer and improviser **Caspar Guyer** in Locarno, organized as a summer event of the **"la rada"** Cultural Organization. The concert was attended by some 400 persons and proved a great success.

August

Lucia Solari began her first engagement with **Yuri Vamos** at the **Deutsche Oper am Rhein** in Düsseldorf.

Cristian Abad began his first engagement at **Leipzig Opera** with the **Uwe Scholz** Ballet Company.

On 20 August, the duo **Daria** (violin) and **Mattia Zappa** (cello), a former Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation bursary-holder, gave a public **"Midsummer Night Concert"**. Several different musical compositions were performed at **Camping Delta Locarno**.

The **54th Locarno International Film Festival** was held from 2 to 12 August 2001: Daniela Marcacci Ambrosoli is a member of the Foundation Council of the **"Fondazione Montecinemaverità."**

The **Rigiblick Theatre** of Zürich celebrated its 100th anniversary on 24 and 25 August and is able to look back on the actions of many leading dance figures. The Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation made a single grant to support this ceremony.

September

Mona Pête, who is a student at the **"Schule für Artistik"** in Berlin, was awarded a scholarship for the last year of her course. The final examination will be held in March 2002.

October

Carrie Ann Vail, a Swiss/U.S.A. citizen, will be competing in the **"Prix de Lausanne 2002"** and was awarded a grant by the Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation to facilitate her preparation.

The **Kinder- und Jugendtheater Mezenthin** of Zürich celebrated its 50th anniversary. On the same occasion, the school's founder, Mrs **Rosmarie Metzenthin**, feted her 75th birthday. The Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation made a grant in support of the school.

November

Daniela Marcacci Ambrosoli and Michael Jürgens were invited to the "**Holland Dance Festival**" in The Hague. They also paid a visit to the "**Rotterdamse Dansacademie**" to meet Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation four scholarship holders locally.

This was followed by a visit to the head of the "**International Lassaâd Theatre School**", Mr Lassaâd Saïdi, in Brussels, with whom personal contact was made for the first time. A performance "My movements are like street dogs" by **Jan Fabre** was also attended.

December

On 8 December, Daniela Marcacci Ambrosoli attended the "Hommage à Rosella Hightower-carte blanche à Monique Loudières" gala performance of the "**Ecole Supérieure de Danse International Rosella Hightower**" in Cannes and watched an enchanting performance.

Preparation for the third Swiss auditions by the Dutch "**Rotterdamse Dansacademie**" on 4 and 5 May 2002 in the Berne Municipal Theatre organized by the Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation.

This year, the Chairwoman of the Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation, Daniela Marcacci Ambrosoli, and the General Secretary, Michael Jürgens, again had the opportunity to maintain intensive contacts with the scholarship holders, the training centres and all the artists whose development has been promoted by the Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation.

Our website was opened on 23 December 1999. Since then the site has received over 5,500 visits. Via our website with the 2001 Christmas cards designed specially for you, we wish you a

Happy Christmas and every success in the New Year!

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