

## NEWSLETTER 2001

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

<b>Maristella PATUZZI</b>	*14.02.87	CH/I	violin
<b>Carrie Ann VAIL</b>	*16.06.86	CH/USA	dance
<b>John LAM</b>	*04.11.84	USA/Vietnam	dance
<b>Linda NERUDA</b>	*10.02.82	CH/CS	dance
<b>Lisa ÖBERG</b>	*24.08.82	CH/S	violin
<b>Lucia SOLARI</b>	*18.10.82	I	dance
<b>Mona PÉTE</b>	*28.02.81	CH	circus acrobat
<b>Jeanine SCHMID</b>	*30.05.81	CH	dance
<b>Nelly GYIMESI</b>	*19.04.80	CH /H	musical
<b>Jasmine MORAND</b>	*21.04.77	CH	dance
<b>Prisca MORNAGHINI</b>	*28.04.77	CH	theatre/mime
<b>Andrea SCHÄRLI</b>	*02.10.77	CH	dance
<b>Grant DOW</b>	*18.02.66	GB	sound engineering

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### January

The "**29 . 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



Das zweite schweizerische Vortanzen der holländischen "**Rotterdamsen Dansacademie**", organisiert durch die Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation, wird in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Stadttheater Bern am 3. und 4. Februar 2001 erfolgreich durchgeführt. Von den 22 Teilnehmern im Alter zwischen 14 und 25 Jahren kommen 11 in das Finale und sechs werden für das Schuljahr 2001-2002 an der Akademie aufgenommen.

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 11th of 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 participated to make 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.

**Paloma Figueroa** ends her second study year at the „**Académie de Danse Classique Princesse Grace**“ in Monaco. Paloma currently lives in South America.

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

## August

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

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

On the 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 Filmfestival** was held from the 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On the same occasion, the school's founder, Mrs **Rosmarie Metzenthin**, feted her 75<sup>th</sup> 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 Internationale 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.



## **John Lam**

The young gifted ballet student, **John Lam**, 16 years old, is awarded with a Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation Scholarship to continue his studies at the **National Ballet School** in Toronto, Canada.

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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 especially for you, we wish you a

**Happy Christmas and every success in the New Year!!**

## **Pierino Ambrosoli Foundation**

Daniela Marcacci Ambrosoli, President - Michael Jürgens, Secretary