



# ***Carlson's School of Dance***

**April 2005**

**Watch for the May Newsletter and check the website.**

**Both will include Schedules for the Recitals and Picture Day and pre-order envelopes for pictures**

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## **AWARDS AT THE FESTIVAL**

At this year's Music Festival 3 of our dancers were chosen to represent Cowichan at the B.C. Association of the Performing Arts to be held this year in Vernon. **Felicity Conrad** for Senior Ballet, **Tanna Rutzebeck** for Senior Stage and **Jessica Scott** for Intermediate Stage also received scholarships and bursaries to recognize their achievements and to help them with travel expenses. Other Carlson's dancers also received bursaries: **Ann Cooper** for ballet, **Heather Campbell, Krista Schmidt and Alexandra Smith** for Stage, **Chelsea Altice** for Young Choreography and **Tiernan Schneider and Natalie Pollock** for Highland. Congratulations to all of the winners and good luck to the Provincial Representatives.

## **Master Class with EVELYN HART**

Five for our senior ballet students took advantage of an opportunity to attend a master class with Prima Ballerina, Evelyn Hart. **Ballet Victoria** sponsored the class and invited pre-professional students on Vancouver Island to attend. **Tanna Rutzebeck, Lauren Forbes, Aryana Naddelin, Ann Cooper and Jessica Scott** traveled to Victoria to join with other talented dancers to be taught by the ballet legend.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**April 10—12.** Carlson's Students in the Upper Island Music Festival at Beban Park in Nanaimo.

**May 1.** The **NewsLeader/Pictorial** is celebrating their 100th Anniversary at the Forest Discovery Centre. Some Carlson's dancers are participating.

**May 6.** The ISTD Modern Jazz Exams.

**May 13—20.** DanceArts Festival at the UVic Auditorium in Victoria.

**May 15/16.** RAD Ballet Exams.

**Saturday, May 28.** Carlson's School Pictures being taken at the CC from 9:00 a.m. —3:30 p.m. Schedule for pictures will be available with May Newsletter.

### **Recitals:**

Friday, June 17, 7:00 pm  
Saturday, June 18, 2:00 pm  
Saturday, June 18, 7:00 pm

### **Rehearsals:**

Monday, June 13, 4-8 pm  
Tuesday, June 14, 4-8 pm  
Thursday, June 16, 4-8 pm

Program for the Recitals will also be available with the May Newsletter.

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### **REMEMBER**

You can read the Newsletter and other news on our website. And send information and questions to our email address. (See addresses on the left on this page)

## **50th Anniversary News**

### **SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY DANCE NUMBERS**

At all 3 of our Recital Shows this year we will be celebrating our 50 Years of Dance. However, our Saturday Afternoon Performance will be the "Official" Anniversary Show featuring some dance numbers prepared for the celebration and an Open House Reception prior to the show in the Cowichan Theatre Lobby. You might be interested in the special pieces being developed for the shows.

Two numbers are being reprised by Joyce Scott from years past. ***Northern Lights*** from Joyce's first year with Carlson's in 1995 and ***The Dance of the Siamese Children*** from 1997 were both performed originally by classes that included Heather Campbell, Tanja Johnsson, Caitlin Bailey and Allison Caldicott-Levett who are dancing this year in the Senior Ballet classes. This year the numbers are being performed by the Grades 2 and 3 Ballet classes.

**All of the tap dancers in the school**, along with some adult tappers from the past will be on stage for a tap extravaganza to honor Margaret Carlson. Mrs. C envisioned joining a crowd of tap dancers who came out to dance on Broadway in New York City during National Tap Dance Week in the U.S. Every year she said to her Adult Tap Class, "We should go." Some of Mrs. C's tappers, including her daughter, Debra, are rehearsing under the guidance of Lynda Allen who, has choreographed ***Tapping Down Broadway*** with the tap teachers adding parts for all the tap classes currently in the school.

Another big stage production inspired by our anniversary **brings together older and younger ballet students.**

Choreographed to Herbert's *La Fille mal Gardé* by Pam Hicks and Kim Robb, the number will include some dancers chosen from the Primary and Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 classes with the Grade 7 and 8 Senior Ballet Classes.

Reija Best and Kim Robb are combining the Intermediate Free Jazz and Grade 5 Modern Jazz classes to produce a demonstration of Jazz from the 1950's to the present. The Junior Free Jazz class will add a piece from the 1990's to complete this number called ***Jazz Decades.***

**Patricia Walton and Bonnie Nicholas will return to join Felicity Conrad, Anna Broadway, Caitlin Bailey and Ann Cooper** in a ballet-pointe choreography to *Clair de Lune*. Pam Hicks chose this favourite of Mrs. Carlson's to celebrate the golden anniversary of the school she started. Debra Carlson tells us that her Mom always loved this music that was played to her as a very young child by her own Mother. Imagine a 3-year-old Margaret dancing in her living room to this beautiful piano music as you watch ***Clair de Lune.***

### **HELP NEEDED FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY LOBBY DISPLAY**

- 1 At least one class is preparing a collage of their years at Carlson's to be displayed in the lobby. Any other parents who would like to organize a collage of your class let your teacher (or Cherie) know.
- 2 Work is continuing on the picture display so if you want to contribute picture s please do so in April. If you can spare a Sunday afternoon to help call Cherie.
- 3 We found the 1981 Program but found that 1997 has only a cover and is missing the inside pages. Anyone have 1997?
- 4 Does anyone have time to paste newspaper clippings into a scrap book? The clippings are in order but need to be arranged for display. Call Cherie.