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Carlson's School of Dance

AWARDS AT THE FESTIVAL

Two of our dancers were chosen to represent the Cowichan Music Festival at the B.C. Association of the Performing Arts Festival. **Kelsey Crerar** was chosen for Senior Stage and **Alexandra Smith**, for Junior Stage. Both girls also received Scholarships and Bursaries in recognition of this achievement and to help them with their travel expenses to Prince George. Good luck to Kelsey and Alexandra and congratulations to all festival participants.

PICTURE DAY UPDATE

Remember that **Class Pictures in the Recital Costumes** will be taken on Saturday, May 13 from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Individual Pictures will also be taken of those who order them. Both types of pictures must be pre-ordered and pre-paid on picture day and will be available for pick-up at the Recital Rehearsals. There will be 2 photographers and a schedule for the day will appear in the May Newsletter. Order forms with pricing information will be attached.

The pictures are by LifeTouch Photography and are like school or team pictures. They run from \$6.00 for a group photo, \$7.00 for a group and 1 individual picture, to \$10.00 for a "combo" of 4 individuals sized 2"x3"—5"x7".

DANCERS IN NANAIMO

Several solo and duet numbers and our **Free Jazz** and **Junior and Senior Hip Hop Classes** are competing in the Upper Island Musical Festival in Nanaimo. At the time of writing not all of the performances had been completed but overall we are pleased with the showing our dancers are making. Many have placed and all have put in creditable performances.

The Upper Island Festival is a much larger and more competitive festival than our local festival. The adjudicators give a percentage score for each entry, which is not done in Duncan. Dancers come from studios all over the island, including Victoria. The fact that our dancers and groups often place in the top three in this much larger field indicates that Carlson's can compete at this level. Reija Best said she found the adjudicator's comments useful and was "thrilled" with the results so far.

Every time we travel to a festival we hear another skilled dance professional's opinion of what the dancer or the group looks like on that day. We don't always agree with that opinion but over time it gives you a pretty realistic picture of your abilities.

RECITAL NEWS

Plans are underway for our Recitals in June. The **May Newsletter** will include schedules of all 3 Shows so you will know which tickets to buy. Full dress rehearsals will run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the week leading up to the performances:

Monday, June 5 will be the rehearsal for the Friday Night Show (7:00 p.m., June 9)

Tuesday, June 6 will be the rehearsal for the Saturday Afternoon Show (2:00 p.m. June 10)

Wednesday, June 7 will be the rehearsal for the Saturday Night Show (7:00 p.m., June 10)

Rehearsals run from 4:00-8:00 p.m..
All rehearsals and recitals are held at the **Cowichan Theatre** .

Please make sure your dancer is available for the week of June 5-10.

The **rehearsals** are essential for a successful show and also give each dancer the chance to do her very best. Dancers are placed properly on the stage, costumes are checked, lighting is organized and the experience of practising on the stage makes for a much smoother performance on Recital day. The **Recital Schedule is developed** keeping the following in mind:

1) a dancer (or 2 siblings) with 2 dances should (as much as possible) be in one show so families can see both at once

2) class dances are distributed so that the show is varied and entertaining (ex. one 4-yr -old class in each show, one Sr. Jazz class in each, etc.

3) dancers with more than one class have to have time to change costumes. **You can see why it is impossible to make changes in the schedule once it is complete.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

DANCESTREAMS

Vancouver Island's Premier
Youth Dance Company.

20th Anniversary Show
Friday, April 21
7:30 p.m.

Exams :

ISTD Modern Jazz Exams. Monday, May 1 (to be confirmed)

RAD Ballet Exams. Monday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 9.

AIDT Tap and Hip Hop Exams. Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17.

Victoria DanceArts Festival.

Sunday, May 7 until Monday, May 15. There is still room in the **masterclasses** with the adjudicators. Call the studio for information if you are interested in attending.

Picture Day.

Saturday, May 13, 9:30-4:00.
Costumes must be ready.

Websites:

<http://chefmom.com/recipebox/recipes/223.htm> for a great recipe for **Granola Bars**. Makes a good portable snack.

www.Dance-Kids.org A site linked to the ISTD site—for kids who love to dance.

www.answers4dancers.com

www.triplethreatdance.com

www.groovestreet.net Another convention like Triple Threat.