



Carlson's School of Dance

April 2009

Pictures On-Line

Do you want to see some pictures of our dancers at the festival? Or at our Group Rehearsal?

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Thanks to Artist, **Cim MacDonald** for Rehearsal Photos and to **Deb Foster** for those taken at the Festival.

Watch for more pictures to be added soon.

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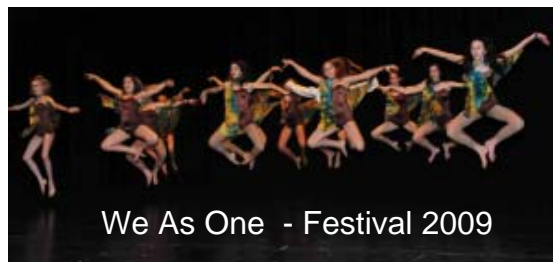
CONGRATULATIONS TO COWICHAN MUSIC FESTIVAL BURSARY WINNERS

Several Carlson's dancers were awarded bursaries at the Gala and Highlights performances of the Music Festival.

Congratulations go to **Giuliana Mansueti, Parker Schmidt, Robin Jory, Malia McMullen, Tiernan Schneider, Kennedy Thomson, Samantha Shields, Melissa Ianninardo, Loni Titus, Kendall Kloosterman, Jessica Wilcsek and Siobhan Barnard**. Group numbers, **Krumping and Havana** also received awards.

Chosen for the Provincials are: **Robin Jory**, Junior Stage, **Melissa Ianninardo**, Intermediate Stage, **Loni Titus**, Observer for Senior Stage, and **Siobhan Barnard**, Senior Ballet.

Just a reminder to all of these students who received awards to send a thank-you to the donor of your award. We've noticed that there are fewer dance awards than there were a few years ago and have been advised that some donors have withdrawn their bursaries when they have not received acknowledgement.



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Easter Class Changes

Pam Hick's Good Friday classes will be held earlier in the day:

11:30-12:45 Grade 6 Ballet
12:45-2:00 Grade 5 (Old) Ballet

All Boys' Hip Hop Classes will run at the usual times.

Reija Best's Easter Monday classes will be held in **Studio B** as follows:

11:00-12:00 Sr Free Jazz
12:00-1:00 Int Free Jazz 1
1:00-2:00 Int Free Jazz 2
2:00-3:00 Adult Jazz/Hip Hop

Ricki-Lee Bronson and Kim Robb will run their classes as usual on Monday.

COMING SOON.....

Tuesday, April 7. The Spring Session of the **3 Year Old Parent/ Tot Class** begins. Registration is at 1:00 p.m. at Studio B before the class starts. The cost is \$50.00 for the 10-week session.

Victoria DanceWorks Performance Festival. April 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, and 21. The MacPherson Playhouse. Dancers must have their ribbons for entry and the cost for everyone else is \$5.00 per session.

April 21, 22. ISTD Modern Jazz Exams.

May 12, 13. RAD Ballet Exams.

Saturday, May 23. Picture Day. Watch the May Newsletter for a Schedule.

Early June. AIDT Tap and Hip Hop Exams

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 15 will be the rehearsal for the Friday Night Show (7:00 p.m., June 19)

Tuesday, June 16 will be the rehearsal for the Saturday Afternoon Show (2:00 p.m., June 20)

Wednesday, June 17 will be the rehearsal for the Saturday Night Show (7:00 p.m., June 20)

Thursday, June 18 will be an extra rehearsal for very young dancers and for other groups who need extra time to get used to the stage.

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 15-20.

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.

SOME CHANGES COMING AT CARLSON'S

There are some major changes coming at Carlson's that everyone should be aware of.

The first is that there will **no longer be Pre-Registration**. All registration will take place at the Fall Registration. This year the dates are Wednesday, September 2 and Tuesday, September 8 from 1:00 –7:00 p.m. We are also rethinking the Registration process with the goal of making things run more efficiently. The **schedule for the 2009/10 dance year** will be available as usual in early June. If you need to talk to your teachers about your plans for next year, the best way is to email or call the Studio and your teacher will call you back. Talking to the teachers between classes is not advised because valuable time cannot be spared from classes, especially when everyone is getting ready for the Recital and the Tap and Hip Hop exams. Handing your teacher a note with your phone number and a request to phone is acceptable.

Right now we are working on the Schedule for next year so if you have some activities you know can't be changed you could let us know. We can't make the schedule work around every activity but we can try if we know about it.

The second change is that Carlson's will **no longer be organizing the trip to Triple Threat**. A number of factors have come together to make it look like a good time for a change: the financial situation; some people have asked about going to the SYTYCD convention instead and may want to change; some people may prefer to change hotels. These are just some of the reasons. There is nothing stopping a parent or group of parents from organizing the trip and we will help all we can with arrangements and information.

And...we will be **upgrading the website** this summer.