



**December
2004**

We Wish You

**A
Joyous
Holiday
Season**

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Carlson's School of Dance

IT'S OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR

Margaret Carlson (known to many in her school as "Mrs. C") started Carlson's School of Dance in the dance year of 1954-55. We are very excited to be celebrating 50 years of dance instruction in the Cowichan Valley.

Planning is underway for a special 50th Anniversary Show. As well, we intend to hold an Open House for anyone who has been connected with Carlson's over the years.

We are going to need some help from our current dance families if we are going to have a fitting celebration. Specifically, we would like to have a display of pictures at the Open House and would like to have some volunteers to help organize it for us. Please let us know if you can help.

ENVELOPES, ENVELOPES....

The best way of collecting money from our students is to send an envelope home with the details written on the envelope or in an enclosed letter. You then place the money into the envelope and return it to the teacher. We use this method to collect money for exam fees, for each dancer's share of the Music Festival entry fee and sometimes when a costume requires an extra payment.

In the weeks before the Christmas Holiday **you will receive an envelope if your child's class has been entered in the festival.** Festival fees for groups are \$35-\$45 depending on the age of the dancers and are divided among the members of the class. These fees come to 2 or 3 dollars each but add up to many hundreds when the entries are totalled. We would appreciate receiving these envelopes back before the holiday break.

Exam envelopes will be distributed to ballet and jazz students in their first class after the holiday if the teachers feel they are ready for an exam or presentation this year. The fee for the exam must be returned to the teacher by January 21 for both the Royal Academy of Dance (ballet) and the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance (jazz) Exams in order for your child to be entered. It would be helpful also if you would let the teacher know if your child will not be participating.

FRIENDS OF CARLSON'S

CARLSON'S WISHES TO EXTEND A SINCERE THANK-YOU TO THE DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO REALIZE THE GOAL OF THE FRIENDS OF CARLSON'S, WHICH IS TO GIVE EACH DANCER A SENSE OF BELONGING AND FAMILY. WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR TIME, THEIR EFFORT AND THEIR CONCERN FOR ALL OF THE KIDS AT CARLSON'S. **CLARICE IANNIDINARDO, SUSAN RIDLEY AND MARION MCKINNON—WE APPRECIATE YOU.**

For Your Information

The **Upper Island Music Festival** (Nanaimo) and the **DanceArts Festival** (Victoria) take place in April and May. Information and Entry Forms for both festivals are available in the Studio Office. The deadline is January 15 for both.

The Nutcracker

with the Royal City Youth Ballet

Sunday, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m.

Tickets \$15.00 or \$50.00 for a family of 4.

At the Cowichan Theatre

DECEMBER/JANUARY CHANGES

The last week of classes for this year is Dec. 13-18. All classes will run as usual this week.

Classes officially start on January 3, 2005.

***Reija Best's Monday Classes** at the CC Studio will run as usual.

*The **classes at Studios A and B** at Sherman Rd with Kim Robb and Anna Broadway will be **cancelled**. These classes will be made up at a later time: Gr 2 Ballet, Bronze Lower Tap, Gr 4 Ballet and Pre-Primary Dance

*Advanced 1 Ballet will run as usual unless otherwise notified.

*Classes at **Chemainus** are not scheduled to run on Monday, January 3.

*The rest of the week (Jan 4-8) will run as usual.

TRIPLE THREAT CONVENTION

Thirty-one dancers, 8 teachers and 14 parents attended a dance-packed weekend featuring Hip Hop, Jazz, tap and Musical Theatre classes in 3 ballrooms with instructors who are all professional dancers from the world of music videos, movies and commercials. The kids danced all day on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday night we enjoyed a "Future Threats" performance that included our own "Pegao" and a solo by Adam Mckinnon. Favourites this year included: the Senior Musical Theatre Class, Tina Landon (a well-known choreographer for such stars as Kelly Clarkson, Janet Jackson, Christina Aguilera and many more), and the audition class which simulates a real audition.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Primary Dance and Jr Musical Theatre classes at Chemainus Elementary performed a Christmas number, "Felice Navidad" at the school's Breakfast With Santa on December 4. Thanks to **Rachel Camp, Kerri Godkin, Natasha Hicks, Holly Marsh, Abbie Renyard, Lindsey Allenby, Kiera Boutilier, Kayla Carlson, Maleena Kozar-Shaw, Cassie McNulty, Sydnee Ogden-Moor, Chloe Scott, Taylor Shelton and Amy Thomson** for representing Carlson's and adding to the festivities of the day.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, 6:00--8:00 p.m.
Cherie Nicholas

Wednesday, 4:00--6:00 p.m.
Joyce Scott

Friday, 3:30--5:00 p.m.
Cherie Nicholas