



Carlson's School of Dance

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**A
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Holiday
Season**

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COMING IN JANUARY 07

3 Year Old Parent/Tot Class and Pilates for Adults will run in 10-week sessions starting from January 9 to March 12.

The Parent/Tot class for 3 Year Olds (and an accompanying adult) costs \$50 for ten 30-minute classes with Mrs. Joyce Scott. Pilates with Miss Chantelle Norris will cost \$100 for ten 1-hour sessions. Both are priced to be in line with other similar programs in the community.

*Call the Studio Office to show your interest in either of these programs. You can register during regular office hours **or come 20 minutes early on January 9 to register and pay your fee before the start of Class.***

Pilates is at 9:30 on Tuesday mornings in Studio A. The 3 Year Olds will meet in Studio B at 1:15 on Tuesdays.

FESTIVAL PRACTICES

Class groups who will be participating in the Cowichan Festival will rehearse on the CC Stage on Sunday, Feb. 11 from 12 noon-4:00 pm

Solos etc will have an opportunity to practice with an audience at the Heritage Hall on Sun, Feb. 18 at 1:00

CLASS PHOTOS TAKEN IN MAY

We have re-scheduled our Picture Day this year to Saturday, May 26th. Last year's date, 2 weeks earlier, was too soon for some to complete their costumes in time. The week before that is the May long weekend so we have to chosen May 26th. This doesn't allow us to have the pictures back in time to distribute them at the Rehearsals as we have in the past.

Pictures will be available for pick-up during the last week of classes.

If your child is missing class during the week after the Recital, please call the office to make an arrangement to pick them up. We hate to see photos of beautiful dancers forgotten at the Studio. The pictures will be kept until 2007/08 Registration in August.

LAST DAY OF CLASSES 2006

Monday, December 18th

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES 2007

Saturday, January 6

WHY TAKE DANCE EXAMS?

At Carlson's School of Dance, exams are offered in Ballet, Tap, Modern Jazz and Hip Hop. Not every dance school offers exams but we choose to because we feel that exams benefit dancers in a number of ways. Exams give the children a goal to set for themselves and they work hard to achieve it. As they grow in dance they learn to work on their own technique without comparison to other students; exams help them measure their progress. When a student passes an exam she has demonstrated a standard that is recognized all over the world. If she moves to a new dance school, her level of dance is immediately and clearly known. In B.C., Secondary School Fine Arts credits are given for RAD Grades 5 and up (and for similar levels in the ISTD and AIDT). Exams also give parents a standard of measurement as their children move through the dance syllabus.

The School also benefits from using Exams in that there is a technical standard set for the school; it gives us a valid credential that is measurable internationally. Our teachers always have a high standard and work hard for and with the children but the exam program adds another dimension. The impending exam forces the teacher to require a certain standard from every child taking the exam. She can't let the child enter the exam underprepared. Even the dancers who do not take the exam are benefiting from this preparation because the standard of the



whole class is rising.

The fees for exams are paid to the international associations. No money is retained by the School except that which pays for the pianist who plays for the exams.

More Information about Exams For 2007

1. **Envelopes with exam fee information will be given out for RAD (ballet) exams during the week before the Xmas break. Fees will be due back to your teacher by January 13. (Exam dates are usually in mid-May but the RAD decides on the examiners' tours after receiving all entries so we won't have confirmed dates until April.)**
2. **ISTD (Modern Jazz) letters will go out during early February to be returned by the end of February. (We are asking for exam dates in April)**
3. **AIDT. We will not be entering any students for exams in 2007. The next Tap and Hip Hop exams will be held in January 2008.**

International Dance Associations

Ballet: Royal Academy of Dance
(RAD)

Tap & Hip Hop: Association of International
Dance Teachers (AIDT)

Modern Jazz: Imperial Society of Teachers of
Dance (ISTD)