



Carlson's School of Dance

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A
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Season

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The last day of classes before the
holidays Friday, December 19.

Classes will resume
Saturday, January 3, 2009.

ENVELOPES....

It's that Envelope time of year again. Your child may have recently received an envelope for Cowichan Music Festival Fees. We have organized to have the amount for all of his/her group dances written on one envelope. Please put that amount in the envelope and return it to any teacher at your child's next class or to the Studio Office.

MORE ENVELOPES...

*After Christmas you will receive envelopes for **RAD exams** and **Victoria Dance Arts Performance Festival** that happens in April. The school cannot enter students for these activities unless the money is received in advance so please adhere to the stated deadlines. The deadline for these comes up within the first 2 weeks after the start of the year so we're on a bit of a tight time-line.*

Dates to Remember

- ◆ A new session of **Three-Year-Old Dance** starts on **January 6, 2009** at Studio B. Class starts at 1:15 p.m. but please arrive at 1 p.m for the first class to Register. The cost is \$50 for 10-weeks.
- ◆ **Cowichan Dance Connection:** Workshops (9 am-4:30 pm) and Performances (7:30 pm) at the T. Gil Bunch Centre in Mill Bay, Saturday, **January 10, 2009**.
- ◆ **Group dances** that are entered in the Music Festival will practise on the Cowichan Theatre Stage on Sunday, **February 15** from noon—4 pm.
- ◆ **Duncan Cowichan Music Festival Dance Section: Feb. 27-March 2.** Classes are not held during the week of the festival unless your teacher calls for an extra practice.
- ◆ **Don Juan** with the Atlantic Ballet of Canada will be on Friday, **February 20** at 8 pm.

TRIPLE THREAT DANCE CONVENTION

This year the dancers said their favourite class was with Hip Hop Artist, L'il C. He made all the dancers look like Hip Hoppers—even the ballet dancers. Another highlight was the Ballroom dance class with Louis Van Amstel. Onlookers commented that the dancers looked just like the Ballroom soloists on SYTYCD. Eve-

ryone had fun in Bart Doerfler's jazz classes including the one for the Moms.

Thirty-three dancers, 8 teachers and 20 parents attended this year and the Senior Free Jazz Class represented Carlson's by performing "Threatened" at the Triple Threats Performance on Saturday night.

COWICHAN MUSIC FESTIVAL UPDATE

The deadline for entries for the Cowichan Festival is Saturday, December 13. Remember to get all of your solo, small group and Masterclass entries in by that day. If you leave the entries in the studio Office before Friday, we will deliver them with our group entries. Include a cheque for your entries (made out to "Cowichan Music Festival") In case you miss the Friday deadline, the address for entries is: 3016 George St.

TAX CREDIT FORMS

Here is one last reminder to complete and submit tax credit forms for each of your dancers (forms are available on the website under downloads or in the Studio dressing rooms). This a service we provide for your convenience and we ask that you leave it with us before the end of the year. This can be at the last class or through the mail slot at Studio A during the holidays.

THANK-YOU to all of you who have paid your costume fees. Providing costumes for our 80+ classes is much easier when the teacher and costumer don't have the added worry of collecting money before they can distribute costumes.

DRESS CODE

Carlson's School of Dance requires that students follow our dress code as laid out in our School Brochure (available from the office or on the website). This means no jeans in Hip Hop Classes, proper jazz pants and a tank top or body suit in Jazz and proper ballet attire (including a bun in your hair) in ballet classes.