



Carlson's School of Dance

Date February, 2007

FESTIVAL REHEARSALS

For class groups, solos and duets who are in the Festival

Group Numbers
Noon-4 pm
Sunday, Feb. 11
Cowichan Theatre Stage

Solos & Duets
Noon-4 pm
Sunday, Feb. 18
Heritage Hall

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Cowichan Musical Society Offer for Students

Dance and Music students in the Cowichan Valley can attend the Musical Society's Opening Night production of *"The Champagne Ball"* for only \$8.00. This offer allowing dance students a reduced price is for Friday, February 2 only. If you are interested in attending this performance buy an \$8.00 voucher from Joyce Scott sometime this week and take it to the Ticket Centre to trade it for a reserved seat. Mrs. Scott can be reached at 746.7761 or leave a message at the Studio. \$5.00 tickets from eyeGO.org are available for this event as well for students in Grades 8-12.

"The Champagne Ball" has been choreographed by Joyce Scott. Included in the cast is a group from Carlson's imported to help with the dance portion of this Strauss Operetta. **Sarah and Caitlin Archer, Siobhan Barnard, Kendall Kloosterman, Chelsea Manhas, Hannah Schneider, Jessica Wilcsek and Stephanie Wilson** will perform 2 numbers in the "Ball" scene—a pointe ballet and a Hungarian National. The whole Operetta goes on the road the following week, taking it to the Port Theatre in Nanaimo.



PLEASE NOTE THESE FEBRUARY/MARCH CLASS CHANGES

There will be **no classes during the Cowichan Festival Week starting on Saturday, February 24 until Friday, March 2.** Also **from March 17 to March 23 there won't be classes** to coincide with the School District Spring Break.

Chemainus students will miss 3 **Wednesdays:** February 28, March 21 and 28. (All of these missed classes, in Duncan and Chemainus, are taken into account when class prices are calculated.)

FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION

We have 23 class groups participating in the Festival, as well as 36 solos and 11 duets. We hope many of our students will come and watch and lend support to those participating. It only costs \$2.00 to come and watch a session and don't forget there's also the Voice/Choral, Speech Arts and Instrumental sections of the Festival happening throughout the Valley.

February 24-March 1. **Dance events** at the Cowichan Theatre

Sunday, March 4 at 1:30 pm, **Vocal and Dance Gala**, Cowichan Theatre. Tickets available at the door—Adults \$8.00; Children \$5.00 (cash is best)

Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 pm. **Festival Highlights Concert**, Cowichan Theatre. Reserved Tickets available in advance at the Ticket Centre.

TRIPLE THREAT

An update on Triple Threat seems in order as interest seems to grow every year. Last November we had 38 dancers (7 juniors, 12 intermediates and 10 seniors) along with 8 teachers and 18 parents/observers travel to Vancouver to attend the dance convention. It's a "dance from 9-4:30" two day experience with instructors/mentors from today's dance world. We stayed at the Carmanah Plaza, within 2 blocks walking distance of the convention and we enjoyed the suites that include room for 6, 2 bathrooms and a full kitchen as well as close proximity to Robson Street and Pacific Centre.

If you are interested in joining in next year's trek to Triple Threat, look for sign up sheets at the Rehearsals and Recitals in June to sign up dancers and parents. The hotel reservation has to be tentatively booked in August and it gets a little harder each year so we need a pretty good idea of how many are going. Expect to pay \$300. for Seniors and Intermediates, \$280 for Juniors and \$150 for Observers (This covers convention fees, travel and hotel but not food.) The total amount will be required by October 1.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 3, Port Theatre, Nanaimo

DanceStreams—Dance Odyssey

A collection of dance pieces from Dance Schools on Vancouver Island with appearances by the DanceStreams senior and junior companies. Pam Hicks' *Hungaria* (including dancers from the Grade 5 (old) and Senior Open Ballet classes) has been invited to perform. Call the Port Box Office at 250.754.8550 for tickets

Wednesday, March 28, Cowichan Theatre

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet's

DRACULA

Ask for the Group Rate at the Ticket Centre. And Grade 8-12 students check out eyeGo.org for \$5 tickets.

DANCE CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Each year Carlson's arranges for pictures to be taken of every dance class wearing their recital costumes. Individual photos are also available. The photos are similar to those taken for sports teams and are taken by LifeTouch Photography from Parksville.

Pre-Pay Envelopes will be distributed in class in the weeks before picture day. You can decide which pictures you would like for each class—a group, an individual, a page of 5 individuals—fill out the envelope, put your payment inside and hand it to the photographer just before the pictures are taken. More details about picture choices, the pre-pay envelopes and a schedule for the day will be available in the **May Newsletter**.

Picture day will be on Saturday, May 26 starting at 9:30 a.m. and will continue throughout the day. **Costumes must be ready for Picture Day** and you may notice that it is 2 weeks later than last year so the pictures will not be ready for pick up at the rehearsals in June. Instead they will be available during the last week of classes and at Registration in August.

EXAM Thank-yous

A big thank-you to all of the ballet exam students who brought their fees in to the studio in time to be sent to the RAD. The deadline comes up so quickly after the winter break, making it hard for the teachers to make decisions and get letters out to potential candidates. We appreciate your cooperation.

*ISTD Modern Jazz Exams are being given out now, to be returned by **February 17th**.*