



# Carlson's School of Dance

February 2009

Please note these February/ March Class Changes

**Regular classes will not be held**

**Thur Feb 26 – Wed Mar 4**  
for the festival

**Mon. Mar 16- Sat Mar 21**  
For Spring Break

**Chemainus**  
No classes on **March 4 or 18**

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## **COWICHAN MUSIC FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION**

*We have **48 class groups** (that's almost twice as many as last year) participating in the Festival, as well as **55 dancers in solos, duets and trios.** We hope that many of our students will come, watch and lend support to those participating. It only costs \$2.00 to 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. **The Programs are on sale this week at Duncan Music and Pioneer's Video at Beverly Corners.***

*The dance portion of the Festival will be at the Cowichan Theatre. **The adjudicator** will be seated at a table in the centre of the audience where she will watch the dance pieces and dictate notes on each dance. At intervals throughout the program she will go to the stage, speak to the dancers and hand out their certificates and written critiques. Seats around the adjudicator are cordoned off to ensure her privacy and access to the stage.*

*If your child is participating in a group in the Festival her/his teacher will provide information about when and where to meet.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be **no Regular Classes** from Thursday, Feb 26 until Wed, Mar 4 to allow students and teachers to attend the Festival. Some classes will be held for extra practice or to make up for snow days. Please watch for a notice from your teacher.

## **Cowichan Festival Events**

February 26, 27, 28, March 1, 2  
**Dance events**  
at the Cowichan Theatre

Sunday, March 8th at 7:00 pm  
**Vocal and Dance Gala**  
Cowichan Theatre.

Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30 pm.  
**Festival Highlights Concert**  
Cowichan Theatre.  
Reserved Tickets available in advance at the Ticket Centre.

## **EXAMS EXAMS EXAMS EXAMS**

*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 co-operation. The best course of action when you receive an envelope from your child's dance teacher is to return it at the next class to avoid missing out on any of the activities being offered. **The next envelope distributed to students this week is for the ISTD Modern Jazz Exam.***

### **WHEN YOU MUST WITHDRAW FROM YOUR DANCE CLASS**

Our policy, as stated in the brochure you received at registration, is that one month's **written notice** is required when you want to withdraw from a class. The best way to do this is to send a brief email message to the address you see on the side panel of this newsletter. Your next cheque that has not been deposited, the rest of your post-dated cheques, and a refund of your costume deposit (if it has not yet been used to pay for a costume) will be mailed back to you. This procedure helps us to return your payment in the most efficient fashion and we thank you for helping us keep things in order.

**A tip:** You may notice in this information, that we don't use the "one month's notice" unless the withdrawal is received on the 1st or 2nd of any month and your cheque is already deposited.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**February 15. Group Rehearsal** for all of the classes performing in the Cowichan Music Festival. It will run from 12:00 until 4:00 pm at the Cowichan Theatre. Your teacher will give you the information for your class.

**8:00 pm, Friday, February 20.**

**The Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada's**  
*Don Juan*

at the Cowichan Theatre.

**Tuesday, April 7.** The Spring Session of the **Three-Year-Old Parent/Tot Class** begins.

**February 9-12. DanceWorks Competition Festival**, Charlie White Theatre in Sidney. (Schedule at: [www.victoriadanceworks.ca](http://www.victoriadanceworks.ca))

**April 14-21. DanceWorks Festival in Performance**, McPherson Theatre in Victoria.

**March 20-April 2. Upper Island Music Festival** dance section in Nanaimo at Beban Park.

**Sat, May 23. Picture Day for Carlson's.** More information in the March Newsletter.

### **RECITALS AND REHEARSALS**

**Monday, June 15 to Thursday, June 18.** Rehearsals will be held every day for the Friday Night, Saturday Afternoon and Saturday Night Shows on **June 19 and 20.**

All rehearsals & recitals are held at the Cowichan Theatre and a program will be available in the May Newsletter so you will know the show in which your child will appear.