



March 2006

REMEMBER

**NO CLASSES
during
Spring Break
March 13-18**

**and
Mrs. Scott's
Classes will
be cancelled
March 20-24
as well**

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Carlson's School of Dance

COWICHAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Our Festival participation this year was a big success. Watching all of the dance entries was so enjoyable. The Stage adjudicator, Mary Lou Brien said she has enjoyed coming to Duncan for the past 2 years and called it "a little pocket of creativity".

Festival is a great place to learn good sportsmanship. In a small festival like Duncan's this is sometimes difficult but even more important because your competitors are also your friends. We want to extend a special thank-you to our older dancers who set a wonderful example of how competition and friendship can mix together into an incredible, supportive atmosphere.

This year 24 group dances were entered in the Festival, as well as 11 duets, and 39 solos. Forty-nine students attended master classes in Ballet, Jazz and Tap. **Krista Johnny and Michelle Modeste, Rachel Paish and Dominique Chiasson and Asha Prout** participated in the young choreography section by creating their own dances and submitting detailed written notes that include the steps, the costume and motivation for the dance. Special mention should also be made of 4 brave dancers who entered the Music Interpretation class where they are given music by the adjudicator and must then go on stage and dance to it. These were **Tanna Rutzebeck, Jessica Scott, Alexandra Smith and Krista Schmidt.**

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READY TO PERFORM

COWICHAN MUSIC FESTIVAL continued:

Solo and duet performances were by: **Sage Webb, Danielle Nuttgens, Emelie Wilcsek, Tiernan Schneider, Alexandra Smith, Krista Schmidt, Prestlee Cooper, Sara Winter, Kennedy Thomson, Kate Philippon, Melissa Iannidinardo, Kendall Kloosterman, Sarah Archer, Hannah Schneider, Arianna Augustine, Kimberly Patterson, Siobhan Barnard, Devon Travers, Jessica Wilcsek, Stephanie Wilson, Chelsea Manhas, Kelsey Crerar, Jessica Scott, Heather Campbell, Tanna Rutzebeck, Caitlin Bailey, Kenzie Janzen, Carly Holt, Marla Hamilton, Brittany Pears, Sarah Oevering, Krista Johnny, Fallon Young, Asha Prout, Ricki-Lee Bronson and Rosanna Dawn.**

At the Vocal and Dance Gala, **The Mickey Mouse Parade (Jr Musical Theatre), Feel the Vibes (Sr Free Jazz 2), Passage of Time (Int Foundation Ballet), Spring (Gr 4 Ballet), Switch (Hip Hop duet by Jessica Scott and Kenzie Janzen) and Singing in the Rain (Musical Theatre Solo by Heather Campbell)** were invited to perform. **For the Highlights Concert** on Wednesday March 8, they have asked **The Phantom of the Opera (Sr Pointe Ballet and Sr Free Jazz 2), Libertango (Sr Open Ballet) and Mama I'm a Big Girl Now (Musical Theatre Solo by Kelsey Crerar).** Please note that "Spring" was invited, but was not performed because some dancers were not available and Kelsey performed her solo on Sunday.

At the Gala, Scholarships and Bursaries were presented to: **Krista Schmidt, Kate Philippon, Jessica Wilcsek, Siobhan Barnard, Ricki-Lee Bronson, Tanna Rutzebeck, Jessica Scott, Heather Campbell, Rachel Paish and Dominique Chiasson.** Kelsey Crerar was also presented with a scholarship and chosen as the Cowichan Festival's representative to the Provincial Festival for Senior Stage. More winners will be announced at the Highlights Concert on Wednesday evening. These will be included in next month's Newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. The Messiah at the Cowichan Theatre.

March 29 - April 7. Carlson's students participating in the Upper Island Musical Festival in Nanaimo. See the Website Bulletin for details of Group dances.

April 5 - May 7. The third session for the **3 year-old parent and tot class.** Registration will take place 30 minutes before the class on April 5. Cost is \$50. for 10 half-hour classes. The classes will be at 1:15 and 2:00 p.m. Please call the Studio Office (746-6456) or email (info@carlsons.ca) if you are planning to join the class.

May 7 - 13. Carlson's students participating in the Victoria DanceArts Festival. Schedule not available.

PICTURE DAY MAY 13

Keep May 13 marked on your calendar. This is the day we will have pictures taken at the CC: Class groups gather in the Studio while pictures are taken by LifeTouch Photography in the Somenos Room. We are planning to run from 9:30-3:30 (approx). Schedule in May Newsletter

RECITALS AND REHEARSALS

Monday, June 5 will be the rehearsal for the Friday Night Show (7:00 p.m., June 9)

Tuesday, June 6 will be the rehearsal for the Saturday Matinee (2:00 p.m., June 10)

Wednesday, June 7 will be the rehearsal for the Saturday Evening Show (7:00 p.m., June 10) **Rehearsals run 4:00-8:00 p.m.**

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