



**November
2005**

WATCHING WEEK

Parents are invited to come and watch their child's dance class(es) during the week of

November 21-26

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MORE ACHIEVEMENTS

Jessica and Emelie Wilcsek auditioned and were chosen to take part in the **Alberta Ballet's** performance of ***The Nutcracker*** to take place at Victoria's Royal Theatre. Jessica will portray a soldier and Emelie, an angel. Congratulations girls.

We will keep you posted about times when our students will be performing.

COSTUME NEWS

There are some students for whom we have not received the costume deposit of \$40. This should be given to the teacher soon (**made payable to Carlson's Costumes and dated before December 15**). In the near future, some costume fabric will be purchased and we will need the fees from the whole class.

The \$40 fee will not necessarily cover the cost of some costumes. You may be asked for additional money or you may have a refund returned to you. The costumes are the property of the students.

NOVEMBER CLASS CHANGES

Saturday classes will be cancelled on November 19 as the teachers will be at Triple Threat.

November 11 and 18 Friday classes will run as normal.

MUSIC FESTIVAL EARLIER THIS YEAR

Deadline for Entries: December 3

Because Spring Break falls earlier this year, the Cowichan Music Festival is moved ahead to the week of Feb 26—Mar 3. Remember that Carlson's closes this week to allow for performances and for other students to attend the Festival.

*Dancers in classes that will be performing in the festival **will receive an envelope in November detailing the fees required for the entry.** We are including entries for Nanaimo, Victoria and Cowichan Festivals all at once, if they apply. The fees must be received by the teacher before the December 3 deadline so that the entries can be made.*

Masterclasses** are available with the adjudicators in **Ballet, Jazz and Tap** at a cost of \$15.00. These classes are a great opportunity for dancers to work with a variety of talented teachers without the expenses of travel and course fees that are usually involved. **You must register on the festival entry form by December 3.

***Solo and small group entries** are the responsibility of the dancers and parents. Completed entry forms with fees (made payable to the Cowichan Music Festival) left at the Studio Office will be forwarded to the Entries Chairperson by Dec 3 along with the Studio Entries.*

FUTURE THOUGHTS FOR DANCERS

Something that dancers may not be thinking of as they take their classes, travel to Festivals and Conventions, perform in the community etc., is that these experiences may turn out to be important at some future time. If you should decide to pursue dance in some way, many of the activities you participate in now will show well on your Resume or Curriculum Vitae.

If you aspire to be a dancer in the future, the CV you take to your auditions might include some of the people you have had classes with in your career so you would want to know the names of the adjudicators and examiners who taught at your Master Classes and Workshops. The same holds true if you were to pursue a degree at university with a Dance Major as they often require an audition.

When you apply for Scholarships and Bursaries in Grade 12 and at University, the experiences you've had in dance, even if you're not pursuing dance at a higher level, can help. Keep track of the performances you offer in the community at Churches, Care Homes and Service Clubs, etc. The Service clubs are the ones who provide many of the Scholarships and they like to see that you volunteer in your community.

Keep your Exam Certificates in a safe place. From Grade 5 and up in RAD (Ballet), ISTD (Modern Jazz) and AIDT (Tap) these certificates are needed so that you can receive Secondary School Fine Arts Credits. If you are in Grade 12, take your certificates to the Counsellor early enough in the year so that the credits will show up on your transcript. The Majors certificates are also needed for any applications you might submit for further dance training.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 14. Ballet Jazz Montreal (now bjm_danse) at the Cowichan Theatre

Nov 18-20. Triple Threat

Nov 21-26. **WATCHING WEEK**

Nov 26. Envelopes must be returned for all Festival Entries.

Dec 3. Deadline for **Cowichan Music Festival Entries**, including Masterclasses

Dec 17. Last day of classes of 2005

Jan 2. First day of classes for 2006 at Studio C

Jan 3. First day of classes at Studios A & B (Monday classes at Sherman Rd will be canceled)

Jan 15. Deadline for entries for the **Upper Island (Nanaimo) Music Festival** (takes place during the first week of April) and the **Victoria DanceArts Festival** (takes place May 6-15)

Jan 20. Envelopes must be returned for **RAD (Ballet) and ISTD (Modern) Exam** entries.

Feb 26-Mar 3. The Cowichan Music Festival

March 1. Envelopes must be returned for **AIDT (Tap) Exam** entries

May 13. Picture Day

Jun 5, 6, 7. Rehearsals for each Recital

Jun 9, 10. RECITALS.

USE THE WEBSITE

Be sure to check our website at www.carlsons.ca when you have a question such as, "It's snowing. Has my class been cancelled?" or when there's labour strife.

Suggestions for what else we should include on the website are always welcome. Send an email to info@carlsons.ca