



Carlson's School of Dance

November, 2009

**Costume
deadline is
approaching...
November 15**

A letter will be mailed this week to those who have not yet paid their costume deposit. Some costumes and fabrics are being purchased now, especially for festival pieces.

Most costumes will be covered by the \$40 or \$60 deposit but an extra amount may be requested for some. The costume is the property of the dancer.

Make cheques payable to "Carlson's Costumes".

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER

- **November 13, 7:30 p.m.**
Ballet Victoria's
The Secret Garden
Cowichan Theatre
- **November 11 classes** will all run as usual.

- **Watching Week** will be from Saturday, November 14 until Friday, November 20. Parents are invited to come and watch your child's class(es).
- Cowichan Music Festival Entry Fee Envelopes will be distributed to classes being entered & need to be returned to the Studio asap

DANCE FESTIVAL NEWS

The deadline for the Cowichan Music Festival is December 12.

The Cowichan Music Festival falls Feb 26-Mar 4 this year. Because we are closing for the 2 week School Break in March, Carlson's will run normal classes for those not involved during festival week.

Dancers in classes that will be performing in the festival **will receive an envelope in November detailing the fees required for their entries.** All Fees can be returned to any teacher or at the office by Dec 1 in order for the classes to be entered.

Solo and small group entries are the responsibility of the dancers and parents. Completed entry forms with fees (made payable to Cowichan Music Festival) if left at the Studio Office before December 11,

will be delivered with our Group Entries. Entry Forms can be downloaded from www.cowichanmusicfestival.com

Masterclasses are available with the adjudicators in Ballet, Jazz and Tap at a cost of \$15.00 per class. These classes are a great opportunity for dancers to work with a variety of talented teachers without the expense of travel and course fees that are usually involved. You must register on the festival entry form by December 12.

We will be holding a Group Practice at the Cowichan Theatre on Sunday, February 14 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Other Dance Festivals

For information about other dance festivals on the Island, please refer to their web sites.

Victoria DanceArts Festival: www.victoriadanceworks.ca Registration can be completed online. **Deadline for entries** is November 15 (Competitive) and January 15 (Performance)

The **Upper Island Musical Festival** in Nanaimo : www.nanaimomusicfestival.com

CARLSON'S NEWS



- The Intermediate Foundation Modern Jazz Class was honoured to perform at the **Olympic Torch ceremonies** at the ISC on Saturday, October 31. **Madeline Campagne, Hannah Carter, Ashley Eliason, Jessie Foster, Robin Jory, Meghan Kueber, Danielle Schmidt, Sarah St. Cyr, and Sage Webb** worked hard to prepare their new Lyrical Jazz piece, "**Diamonds**", for the event.
- Remember to fill in your **CRA Child Fitness Tax Credit Form** and bring it to the Studio before December 31. You can pick up the form at the Studios, the Office or download it from our website.
- The Royal City Youth Ballet's version of **The Nutcracker** will be at the Cowichan Theatre on Friday, December 18 at 7 p.m.

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO CARLSON'S COSTUME POLICY

When you enrol your child in one of our dance classes, you are committing your child not only to a weekly class, but to participation in our year-end dance recital and, possibly, participation in a performance for the Cowichan Music Festival.

Dance is a performance art and our goal for the annual recital or festival is to present a high quality dance performance. One integral part of all dance performances is "costume".

The cost of costumes is not factored into the monthly fees for dance classes. The cost of costumes will vary from year to year, dance class to dance class.

In an effort to assist the instructors in planning, and paying, for the costumes each year, a costume deposit for each of your child's dance classes is due at registration. The current costume deposit is \$40 or \$60, depending on your child's age and type of class. The costume deposit may be paid by cheque post-dated to October 15 (or Nov. 15 for those with 3 or more classes).

Please note that our collection of a costume deposit does not necessarily mean that the deposit will fully cover the cost of your child's costume. Sometimes the deposit may cover the cost of fabric but you may have to pay a seamstress to sew the costume together if you are not able to sew yourself. You may have to pay more to cover the full cost of the costume or you may have to purchase some items yourself (such as a certain colour of tights or accessories for the costumes).

In the event your child's costume costs less than the deposit, you will receive a refund.

Your child's teacher should be able to tell you the cost of each costume and whether any refund will be payable to you, or whether you will have to pay more for the costume. The instructors reserve the right to withhold a costume from a student if full payment for the costume is not made in a timely manner.

If your child quits dance and will not be performing, the costume deposits will not be refunded to you if the deposit has already been spent on your child's costume. However, if your deposit has not been spent on your child's costume, then you will receive a full refund.

CHANGES TO RECITAL DATES

Because Cow High has changed its Graduation Banquet **AGAIN** this year, we have had to reschedule our Recital to **June 11 and 12** with the corresponding Rehearsals during the week of June 7-10. **Please revise your calendar!**