



Carlson's School of Dance

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Newsletter On the Web

The Carlson's Newsletter will not be available in hard copy every month. You can find it on the first of every month on the Carlson's website. We will print a small number of copies to be posted in the Studio Dressing Rooms and to be available for those of you who don't have web access.

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WELCOME EVERYONE

Welcome to every dancer at Carlson's School of Dance for the new 2009/2010 season. If you're coming back for your 5th or 12th year of dancing or just trying it out for the first time, if you're coming for a hip hop class, for jazz, ballet, tap or musical theatre, if you're an adult or a 3 year old, we hope you will enjoy being part of the Carlson's Family.

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

For this term

Thanksgiving (Mon. Oct. 12):

Classes in Studio C at the Island Savings Centre will be cancelled unless otherwise notified as the Centre is closed for the holiday.

Classes in Studio A and B will run but the times will be earlier in the day. Studio A will start at 12:30 and B will start at 12:00 noon. Details of your class time will be available from your teacher.

Remembrance Day (Wed. Nov. 11):

All classes will run as usual **except at Chemainus where the school is closed, there will be no classes.**

Christmas: The last day of classes will be Monday, December 14. This helps make up for Mondays and Saturdays that might be missed during the year. Monday, January 4 is the start date for 2010.

Spring Break will be 2 weeks long this year, from March 8-19 but we will not cancel classes during the Cowichan Music Festival week unless it is necessary for performance.

INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED:

- There are still some **pre-purchased DVDs** of the June Recital in the Studio A Office. If you ordered and paid for a DVD, you can pick it up during Office Hours. You can still order DVDs from Mike or Karen at 748.0702.
- **Recital dates** for 2010 are June 18 and 19. The rehearsals will be held during the week of June 14-17. **Picture Day** will be May 29.
- The **3 Year-Old Parent/Tot Class** is full but a new session will start on January 5. Call the studio if you want to join this class in Jan.
- **Office Hours.**

Joyce Scott
Tuesday 2:00-3:00
Thursday 1:30-2:30

Reija Best
Tuesday 5:00-6:30
Cherie Nicholas
Tuesday 6:30-8:00
Friday 3:30-5:00
- **Attendance:** Regular attendance at all classes is an integral part of a student's development and is essential in preparing for both exams and participation in festivals and our year-end recitals. Missed classes can result in a student being withdrawn from participation in exams, festivals and the recitals. Please advise either the studio or your child's teacher if a class must be missed. We cannot guarantee a student's participation in performances and/or exams if too many classes are missed.

CHILDREN'S FITNESS TAX CREDIT

The Government of Canada has implemented a non-refundable tax credit on amounts of up to \$500 paid by parents to register a child in a program of physical activity. More information is available at www.cra-arc.gc.ca/fitness/.

For students new to the school this year your Registration receipt contains the info that you will need for both 2009 and 2010 tax year. The same is true **for returning students** for the 2010 tax year so make sure you keep this year's yellow registration receipt in a safe place. For those who were here from Jan-June, most of you have already filled out the usual form. If you haven't please download the form from the website (click on [Downloads](#)) or pick it up at the Studio and **return the completed form before December 31, 2009**. We will mail it back to you in February.

Other Money Matters

Thank-you to all of you who have completed all of your post-dated cheque payments and your costume deposits. Many of you have already handed in your Children's Fitness Tax Credit Receipts as well! All cheques are due at the beginning of the dance year so please bring your cheques to your teacher or to the Studio Office asap. **Starting in October any payments will include a 5% surcharge.**

NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS

Information is posted on the bulletin boards in Studios A and B for Auditions for the Nutcracker Ballet with the Alberta Ballet to take place in Victoria. You will notice that there are specific heights required for various parts. The Audition is on Sat, Oct 3 and Performances are Nov 27-29. Audition Questionnaires and more details of the rehearsal schedule are available at the studio office.

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Breaking News...The Cowichan Music Festival now has a website. Very soon the Syllabus, including the Entry Form will be online at www.cowichanmusicfestival.com, making it easier for everyone to get their entry forms and Syllabus information. The deadline for entries this year is Saturday, December 12. Remember that you have to send an entry form by this date if you want to attend any of the Master classes with the Adjudicators. The tentative dates for the local festival will be Saturday, February 26 until Thursday, March 4. Watch the website as the various sections and adjudicators are finalized.

Envelopes will go out in November to all students who are entered in a class number. Watch the next Newsletter for more details. **Solo and small group participants are responsible for their own entries to the Cowichan Music Festival** but they can be left at the Studio before Friday, December 11 to be sent in with Carlson's Group entries.

You may be aware that the **Provincial Festival** will be hosted by Cowichan this year from May 23-May 27. We will let you know more details about the Festival and about volunteer opportunities.

The Victoria DANCEWORKS Festival will have both its Competition (Feb 8-11) and its Performance (April 6-12) sections at the Charlie White Theatre in Sidney this year. The Deadlines are Nov 15 for the Competition and Jan 15 for the Performance. Guidebooks and Entry forms are available at www.victoriadanceworks.ca/

The Upper Island Musical Festival Dance Section in Nanaimo will be from Mar 18-April 1, 2010. The deadline for entries is January 15 and information is at www.nanaimomusicfestival.com.

Both of these out of town festivals require us to send our entries with one cheque from Carlson's rather than personal cheques so cheques must be made payable to Carlson's when entering.