



Carlson's School of Dance

Summer 2008

NEWSLETTERS

Carlson's publishes a monthly newsletter beginning in October. It appears during the first week of each month. We make a few copies available in the Studio but most of you access it on-line. It contains very useful information about upcoming events. Please be sure you get a copy every month.

Also watch for up-to-the minute bulletins on the website.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO BURSARY WINNERS

At the June Recital bursaries were presented to the following worthy students:

Jr Ballet **Madison Palmer**
Int Ballet **Megan Kueber**
Sr Ballet **Caitlin Archer**

Jr Jazz **Emma Oxman**
 Tia Williams

Int Jazz **Laura Findlay**
Sr Jazz **Kelsey Crerar**

Jr Tap **Jamie Johnstone**

Jr Mus Th **Kayleigh Morris**
Sr Mus Th **Josiah George**

Jr Hip Hop **Parker Schmidt**
Int Hip Hop **Malia McMullen**
Sr Hip Hop **Samantha Shields**
 Erica Swain

The **Margaret Carlson Memorial Trophy**, awarded for commitment to and for a love of dance, was presented to **Cody Ridley** and **Ricki-Lee Bronson**.

The **Junior Pointe Award**, donated by Pam Hicks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ferguson, was awarded to **Miranda Mykyta**.

A new award this year in honor of Kim Robb's Mum, Bobbie Holly, who recently passed away, was presented to **Laura Findlay** for displaying a special dedication to dance.

CHILD FITNESS TAX CREDIT

Receipts that you can use with your Income Tax Return to access the Child Fitness Tax Credit, will be available at the Studio and on our website again this year. We tried out our system last year and it seemed to work quite well: Fill in the top half of the receipt, return it to the studio and we will mail the receipt to you in February. A change for this year is that you only need **one form per child** for 2008.

We are expecting, this year, that everyone understands: **the forms have to be returned to the Studio by our December 31st deadline**. You can imagine that it is much more efficient for us to handle them all at once in early February and not during the busy festival and exam months that follow. The forms will be available at Registration and are very simple to fill in.

To be eligible for this Tax Credit the dancer must be under 16 on January 1, 2008.

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING

Thanks to all of the students who came out to the Summer Festival Parade. You were great!

Lost and Found items will be at the Studio at Registration. After that they will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Solos, Duets, Trios for the Music Festival

It's time to start planning your choreography for the Cowichan Music Festival 2009. As always, Pam Hicks, Reija Best, Joyce Scott and Kim Robb will be available for choreography for the Festival. Chantelle Norris, Ricki-Lee Bronson and Lisa Rittenhouse are eager to work with you on Solos as well, and would like to start during the summer months. Call the Studio and leave a message and it will be passed on to them.

The cost for a piece for the Festival is \$110 for Juniors, \$130 for Intermediates and \$150 for Seniors. This price entitles you to 6 hours of working with the choreographer—usually 3 hours to learn the dance and 3 hours for polishing. The polishing hours are often split into shorter periods of time shared with other dancers and can take place closer to Festival time. Once the first 3 hours have been completed it is up to the dancer and his/her parents to video-tape the dance, as learned, and practice it on your own. If it takes significantly longer than 3 hours to learn the dance, an extra cost may be added.

ODDS AND ENDS

Triple Threat. If you plan to attend but haven't signed up yet, please call or email the office and leave a message. Hotel reservations will be made soon so we need to know the numbers. Triple Threat will be Nov 22 and 23 this year and costs \$300 (due by Oct 1) More info: triplethreatdance.com

Schedule Changes. There are some changes to the schedule that was distributed at pre-registration. Please take a look at the website to confirm when your classes are.

Recital DVDs and Lifetouch Photos will be available for pick-up at Registration. Please remember to pick yours up as it's a shame to see pre-paid DVDs and beautiful pictures left in a box at the Studio.

REGISTRATION DATES

WED, AUG 27

TUE, SEP 2

Studio A at 3272 Sherman Road will be open for 2 days from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. for everyone to come and register for classes.

Registration consists of payment of a **registration fee** (some have paid in June) and payment for the entire year. This payment may be in a lump sum or by post-dated cheques. Class lists are made up of those who have made full payment so be sure to have **enough cheques with you** at registration. You will also need a cheque to pay for the costume deposit of \$60 for each class (or \$40 for classes up to Gr 2 and most Junior Classes). (At least 11 cheques are needed.) Boys will pay costume fees also.

IF YOU ARE ALREADY COMPLETELY REGISTERED.....

Some of our students completed their registration in June and may not need to attend the registration. You will not be contacted as to when your class starts. This is your notification that **classes start on Saturday, September 6 and the week following.** Look for our schedule on the website or call the studio and leave a message if you're not sure of your class(es).

Swap 'n Shop. Dancers bring your outgrown shoes and dance wear to Studio A on Registration Days. Those who need used shoes, etc can come and see if we have anything that fits.

Cheminus Classes will start the same week, on Wednesday, September 10. Register before the start of classes at our Registration in Duncan or at Chemainus Elementary on the 10th before your class. (We start at 2:00 p.m.)