



Carlson's School of Dance

Summer 2009

Carlson's BACK TO DANCE CAMP

For dancers 12
years and older

Aug 24-28
Studio B
Cost: \$150

Register with
Pam Thomson at
Fun Pacific by
Aug 21

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Choreography

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WHAT NEWSLETTER?!?

Carlson's publishes a monthly news-
letter starting in October. It appears
during the first week of each month. We
make some copies available in the Stu-
dio and post one on each Dressing
Room Bulletin Board but most of you
access it on-line on our [website](#). It con-
tains very useful information about up-
coming events. For example, in May we
try to give a printed copy to each family
with important Recital information and
Photo orders attached. Please help us
make new dance families aware of the
Newsletter because once we publish in-
formation we expect that everyone
knows about it.

CHILD FITNESS TAX CREDIT

Receipts that you can use with your In-
come Tax Return to access the Child Fit-
ness Tax Credit will be available at the Stu-
dio and on our [website](#) again this year .
Fill in the top half of the receipt, return it
to the studio and we will mail the receipt
to you in February.

We are expecting **the forms to be re-
turned 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 dur-
ing the busy festival and exam months that
follow. The forms will be available at Reg-
istration and are very simple to fill in.

To be eligible for this Tax Credit the
dancer must be under 16 on January 1,
2009.

REGISTRATION CHANGES

Fee Changes:

In order to keep costs down in these difficult
economic times, we are not raising fees at
this time. Instead, we are introducing a **5%
surcharge for any dance fees that don't
come in at Registration.** This means pay-
ing the whole amount for your dance fees
and costume fees—post-dated cheques are
acceptable. **All fees will be the same as
last year if they are paid before Septem-
ber 30.** Any registration, including a por-
tion of your dance fees or costume deposit,
received after that date will incur this 5%
surcharge. Collecting fees after registration
costs the Studio time and therefore money.
This is an effort to keep costs down for eve-
ryone.

Registration Day Info:

Please check to see that you have **enough
cheques** on hand (or order more now) and
be planning how to pay your dance fees at
Registration so you won't have the extra
charge. (Typically, 10 cheques plus the cos-
tume cheques are needed)

To make the **Registration Days run more
efficiently** we are trying a new procedure.
We will begin by having 3 separate stations:
one for filling out the forms and deciding on
classes; a second for writing post-dated
cheques and a third for handing in the
cheques and receiving a receipt. It is hoped
that if we help sort out what your child is
taking and how much you need to pay but
don't sit and wait while you write the
cheques, that the process will be speeded
up. There will also be a revised Registra-
tion Form this year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BURSARY WINNERS

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

Jr Ballet	Julia Brockley
Int Ballet	Rebecca Vale
Sr Ballet	Sarah Archer
Jr Jazz	Jenna Ellison Giuliana Mansueti
Int Jazz	Prestlee Cooper
Sr Jazz	Christina Jeeves
Jr Tap	Gracie Kennedy
Int Tap	Emma Oxman
Jr Mus Th	Ali Platt
Int Mus Th	Alyssa Elliott
Sr Mus Th	Alyssa Coogan
Jr Hip Hop	Olivia Bass
Int Hip Hop	Christie Jones
Sr Hip Hop	Meara Mulholland

The **Margaret Carlson Memorial Trophy**, awarded for commitment to and for a love of dance, was presented to **Siobhan Barnard**.

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

Awards in memory of Kim Robb's mother, Bobbie Holly, were given to **Hannah Schneider and Loni Titus** for their special dedication to dance.

Solos, Duets, Trios for the Music Festival

Music Festival work is well underway with many students working on their solos and duets during the summer break. Contact any of the teachers for choreography for the Festival by calling or emailing the Studio to leave a message. The cost is \$110 for Juniors (10-12), \$130 for Intermediates (13-15) and \$150 for Seniors (16-20), payable directly to the Teacher before she starts the choreography with your child.

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING

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

UPDATES

- **Recital DVDs** will be available for pick-up at Registration. If you haven't ordered yours, call Mike or Karen of Heart & Soul Images at 250.748.0702.
- Thank-you to everyone for **picking up all of your Lifetouch Photos** at the Rehearsals. To order more: 1.877.738.0983
- We are **not raising the Costume Deposit** this year. It will remain \$60 for those at the Gr 3 Ballet level and older and \$40 for the younger students. The prices do keep going up, as you know, so you can expect that you may be asked to pay more for some costumes.
- We have noticed that our Recitals have had fuller audiences for the past 2 years, with some problems getting last-minute seats. **Please purchase your tickets as soon after May 1 as you can to avoid disappointment.**
- **Lost and Found** items will be at the Studio at Registration. After that they will be donated to the Salvation Army.
- **The 2009/10 Schedule** is posted on the [website](#). One change involves the order of the Boys' Hip Hop classes on Friday. Remember, **some changes** will be made when we have our final numbers at the end of September.

Registration Dates

1-7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2

Tuesday, September 8

3272 Sherman Rd. Studio A

Swap'n Shop Table available

Extra date for Chemainus

2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16

This is the first day of classes in Chemainus