



Carlson's School of Dance

THE NEW WEBSITE IS LAUNCHED

At the beginning of October, we launched our new website. After a few months of brainstorming, modifying and revising, we were ready to share with the world our new look. Though the URL remains the same, www.carlsons.ca, the look is something new. Not only has the colour scheme changed utilizing the Carlson's colors, but the whole format has been revamped hopefully making it more user friendly. We have a calendar which makes important dates available at the click of your mouse. We have important reminders popping up and the Newsletter will be posted for your reference, plus many other fun things. We are hoping to use the website as a tool to communicate with the families of Carlson's as well as anyone who may be curious about our school. Make sure to add the website to your list of favorites and check back often to see what is going on in our world. We would also appreciate your feedback. If there is anything that we are missing, let us know. If you can think of something that may improve the website, we would love to hear it. If you have something you wish to share, perhaps we can post it on the site. The possibilities are endless.

KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED

WEBSITE TECH TIP

This month we will focus on the CALENDAR. When you visit www.carlsons.ca you will find a calendar of events on the right-hand side of the home page. You can toggle through the months at the top of the calendar by selecting the arrows on either side of the month. If there is something going on, the date will be highlighted in the calendar. Double click on any highlighted date to see what is happening that day. It will open a box with information about the day's event. If you double click the box that popped open, it will open a larger version of the information box. Often there will be a link to whatever is going on. Go to November and give it a try!

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Calendar

Sat. November 5th

Flash Mob @ Woodgrove Mall 1:00 pm

Fri. November 11th

Remembrance Day - **Class as usual**

November 14th - November 19th

Watching Week

Tues. November 15th

Costume ordering deadline!!!!!!!

Week of November 19th

Festival Entry Envelopes go home

Sat. December 3rd

Festival Entry Envelopes due back to teacher

Sat. December 10th

Festival Entry Deadline

Sun. December 11th

Christmas Family Party 1:30-4:30

Mon. December 12th

Last day of Class before Christmas break

Mon. January 2nd

Classes resume after Christmas break

Week of January 2nd

RAD Exam Registration Envelopes go home

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY: OFFICE CLOSED
 TUESDAY: 1-3 JOYCE SCOTT
 6-7:30 CHERIE NICHOLAS
 WEDNESDAY: 2-6 JOYCE SCOTT
 THURSDAY: 3-4:30 LEE ANNE MANSUETI
 FRIDAY: 3-5 CHERIE NICHOLAS

CONVENTION CONNECTION

These are links to some of the upcoming conventions. It is up to the student to register by the deadlines and make their own travel arrangements for the conventions. Simply click on the link for more information!

Triple Threat

Vancouver, Nov. 12/13th

www.triplethreatdance.com

Move: The Company

Nanaimo, Nov. 27th

www.movethecompany.com

Street Groove - Hip Hop Convention

Vancouver, Jan. 28/29, 2012

www.groovestreet.net

Coastal Dance Rage

Vancouver (date TBA)

www.coastaldancerage.com

CARLSON'S GEAR

UPDATE: An order went in and should be here by the end of November!!

Watching week

Watching Week is scheduled to start on November 14th and will run through until November 19th. As often the doors are closed during class time, this is an opportunity for parents to sit in on their child's class/ classes and see what they have been doing since September. Take advantage of this opportunity to watch.

Make a plan to be there!

TOUR DE ROCK

We are happy to announce that Joyce Scott and Kim Robb raised almost \$7000 for the Tour De Rock. The money they raised will be donated to Paediatric Cancer Research and Camp Goodtimes. Not very many people would be willing to shave their heads for a cause but they did without hesitation! And we have to say they look stunning!!! Ricki Lee Alison also got a terrific haircut from Lavinia Deleeuw this summer donating her hair to the cancer wig program. What amazing teachers we have! We would like to take this opportunity to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all the volunteers that helped with the hotdog sales, bake sale, and those that bought raffle tickets to support the cause. We could not have done it without you!



- * As we mentioned last month, it is important to be on time for pickup, especially when your child has the last class of the day. The teacher will not leave a child alone, in the dark but it is their personal time that you are infringing on by being late. Please, respect the studio. Respect the teachers!
- * We will be taking photos during watching week for the Newsletter and the website. ***If you do not wish to have your child photographed, please advise the office***

FLASH MOB

15 STUDENTS FROM CARLSON'S WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN A FLASH MOB AT WOODGROVE CENTER IN NANAIMO. THE BOYS HIP HOP TEACHER, PAUL KOEHLER, WILL BE SELECTING STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO, COME SUPPORT OUR FELLOW DANCERS AT THE MALL.

SATURDAY, NOV. 5TH 1:00

WOODGROVE CENTER

INJURY PREVENTION

Dancers work their bodies very hard during their classes. A growing body is more susceptible to injury as muscles, ligaments and tendons can become tight when catching up to growing bones. Preventing an injury can be as simple as coming to the studio 15 to 30 min before your class starts and doing some gentle stretching. There are mats in the studios that can be used for stretching but please remember to put them away when you are done!!!

Christmas Party

This year we will be having one **BIG** Christmas Party instead of individual parties.

DECEMBER 11TH
from 1:30 - 4:30

We will have a party for all the students in Studio A and Studio B. Planning is still in the works so keep an eye on the website for updates. More information will follow in December's Newsletter. Just make sure that you mark the date in your calendar. Come and share the Christmas Spirit with your Carlson's Family!!

Music Festival

As most students are well under way with their solos, we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of sportsmanship. Every student that learns a solo and performs it at festival has achieved something they should be proud of. Even though it is a competition, it is important that we support each other. A pat on the back goes a long way in making someone feel good while a snide remark can cut to the core. It is simple, treat others the way you would want to be treated.

You must also remember that any decisions regarding placement (1st, 2nd, 3rd) and Provincial selections have nothing to do with Carlson's or the teachers. It is completely up to the discretion of the Adjudicators and the Festival Committee. Please do not bring your personal issues with the festival into the dance studio.

REMEMBER . . .
in our hearts, you are all WINNERS!

FESTIVAL ENTRIES ARE DUE DECEMBER 10TH
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN ON TIME

SOLO COSTUMES

This year we would like to take advantage of bulk ordering when we can. As many teachers are ordering costumes online this year, you can take advantage of reduced shipping costs by submitting your orders for solo costumes no later than

November 15th!!!!!!

We will be using the following companies: Weissman, Kelle, Curtain Call, Art Stone and Algy. You will find the costume catalogues and price guides in the Office, Studio A and Studio B for your reference.

Once you have selected your costume, make sure you follow the manufactures suggestion for measuring and choose your costume based on your largest measurement (it is easy to take a costume in but very, very difficult to make it bigger). *Be precise in your measuring.* All sizing is done by the parent and the responsibility of the parent to ensure that it is correct. If there is a problem with your solo costume once you have received it, it will be up to you to sort it out with the costume company. If you have any questions regarding your costume, you can discuss it with your child's choreographer.

COSTUME WEBSITES

WEISSMAN:

www.weissmancostums.com

KELLE

www.kellecompany.com

ART STONE

www.artstonecostumes.com

CURTAIN CALL

www.curtaincallcostumes.com

ALGY

www.algyperforms.com

COSTUME PAYMENT

for Catalogue Orders

A deposit will be required before your costume can be ordered. Please calculate the cost of your costume based on the price guides for each company and submit a cheque with your order for the amount of your costume(s) in Canadian funds. Note that these companies are American and the pricing is in USD so you will need to calculate the cost in CDN dollars. There will also be additional costs once the costume arrives for such things as duty, brokerage fees, exchange, shipping and handling. You will be given an invoice amount for additional costs once we have calculated the final cost for each costume. You will be given your child's costume upon receipt of final payment.

MASQUE DANCEWEAR

Office Hours

Monday: 11-5:30

Tuesday 11-5:30

Wednesday 11-5:30

Thursday 11-5:30

Friday Closed

Saturday 9:30-3

Sunday Closed