



# The Dancing Times

*The official newsletter of Connie Parsons School of Dance*

## WELCOME

Welcome to Connie Parsons School of Dance. We offer classes and programs in dance and pilates from ages 3 to adult for beginners and experienced students. Our staff are enthusiastic and educated and want to do their best for you. We want you to learn and improve and most importantly have fun! At CPSOD we believe "It's about more than dance...It's about motivating young people to be the best they can be."

## WWW.CPSOD.COM

Connie Parsons School of dance has its own website. Visit us out on-line at [www.cpsod.com](http://www.cpsod.com) to learn more about our dance programs, classes, teachers and our school. You can use our website to keep up to date on newsletter publications and important information throughout the year. You may even see pictures of yourself and your dancing friends in the photo gallery!

## FEEDBACK

We appreciate and consider all feedback we receive. If ever you have a concern about anything, please let us know. The only way we can fix it, is if we know there is a problem!

## R.A.D. VS. CECCHETTI

Did you know there is more than one type of Ballet? In fact, there are several different styles throughout the world. Here in the east coast of Canada the Cecchetti method is very popular. It was developed by an Italian dancer named Enrico Cecchetti. The Royal Academy of Dance in London, England developed it's own syllabus of study which is used throughout the world. Canada's National Ballet School has adapted the use of both methods to train its dancers and teachers in training. Here at CPSOD we are thrilled to have the opportunity to expose our ballet students to both styles as well. Our new ballet teacher Miss Andrea Young who has joined us from the U.K. teaches R.A.D. ballet, and Miss Connie and her junior teachers instruct classes based on the Cecchetti method.

## A DECADE OF DANCE T-SHIRT

This past year we celebrated our 10 year anniversary here at Connie Parsons School of Dance. To commemorate the occasion, we printed decade of dance t-shirts for our students. These CPSOD dancer T-shirts are now on sale and selling at ½ price! Now, you can own one for just \$10.00 while quantities last!! They are available in pink and black, child and adult sizes.

Visit The Dance Spectrum for details.

## PILATES PROGRAM

Pilates classes are held four times per week, and our students are seeing results! Pilates is a fantastic exercise program for everyone. You'll feel strong, streamlined and invigorated after this workout! Classes are offered on Wednesday mornings and three evenings a week, including an advanced 'Ball' class. Do something for yourself in the New Year...join Pilates in 2007.

## STREET FUNK

FINALLY! A dance class for BOYS ONLY ages 6-11 years old. This totally awesome event happens on Sunday afternoons and is taught by our breakdancing teacher, John Laite. To get involved, contact the studio office. We want to see more boys enjoying the many benefits of dance!

## TERM II

Term II for all regular students begins on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Bills are now being distributed and fees are accepted at the studio office. If the office is closed you may slip your payment under the door, or give it to your teacher in a marked envelope. The current adult term continues until the week before Christmas. The next adult term will begin in January 2007.



## Showtime 2007



### DANCE RECITAL AND COSTUMES

Our year-end Dance Recital is scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, May 4th and 5th, 2007** at the Arts and Culture Centre main stage. Tickets will go on sale at the Arts and Culture Centre box office in April 2007. Rehearsals at the theatre will take place from Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are no regular classes at the studio the week of the show. A new rehearsal schedule for classes at the Arts and Culture Centre will be prepared for that week.

We are aware that last year's show was too long and too involved for many people. Therefore, to accommodate the requests of numerous parents, every effort will be made to condense and simplify things this year. It is our objective to make the show and enjoyable event for everyone involved.

The purpose of our show is to provide an opportunity for all the young dancers to be on stage and experience the satisfaction and self-confidence that result from an enjoyable performance for family, friends, and relatives. It is a chance to show improvement and new skills acquired throughout the year. The experience of preparing for and performing on stage is a rewarding and valuable part of a young dancer's development.

There will be two performance nights. However, children in the **3-4yr. old, 4-6 yr. old and 5-7 yr. old groups** will perform in **one show night only**. These same children will participate in one staging rehearsal and one costume rehearsal only. Every effort will be made to shorten these rehearsal lengths as well. Children in the 6-9 yr. old groups and above will be involved in both shows.

*\*\*If for any reason your child can not be a part of this important event I ask to be notified as soon as possible as costumes and accessories will be ordered and arranged starting early in January. Without notification it is assumed that all students are participating in the show and parents will be held responsible for all related costs.*

We spend numerous hours choosing themes and suitable costumes and try to make our choices cost effective, practical and convenient for parents. We aim to make costumes re-usable where possible, but this can not always be accomplished. Please understand that costumes are intended for stage use only and should not be expected to be wearable for any other purpose. A non-refundable costume deposit will be due the week of January 8<sup>th</sup> at a cost of **\$45.00 per costume**. Costumes will then be ordered on your behalf and the remaining balance will be due in early April 2007.

Please be advised that the safety and security of children backstage is always our #1 priority. To ensure this, we do require and depend on the help of many parent volunteers both on show nights and at rehearsals. Please look for the sign up sheet which will be posted in the studio dressing room in March/April and help us to keep your kids safe!

More information regarding the show, rehearsals, costumes, etc. will be distributed at a later date.



# Christmas 2006

## CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Christmas is fast approaching. Did you know that CPSOD offers gift certificates for dance lessons? We also have a full line of studio apparel including bags, t-shirts, windsuits, and sweatshirts. The CPSOD 'Decade of Dance' T-shirts are now ½ price & selling at just \$10.00 each. The Dance Spectrum Specialty Dance & Activewear Store has some wonderful gift ideas and unique stocking stuffers too. Be sure to include The Dance Spectrum in your holiday shopping this season.



## SANTA CLAUS PARADE

This year's downtown Santa Claus parade will be held on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Our Saturday Teen Jazz class will be representing our school dressed as Toy Soldiers. We hope you can go to cheer them on!

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Christmas holidays are fast approaching. The last day of regular student classes will be **Friday, December 22, 2006**. Classes commence in the New Year on **Saturday, January 6, 2007**. The adult term which started in September will finish up the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>.



## EXCITING ADULT CLASSES

Our next **Adult Dance Session** begins in January 2007. There are classes available on Sunday evenings for total beginners and experienced dancers. Dancing is a great way to enjoy a fun night out and get a great workout while having a fun! It is never too late to learn to dance! Adult classes are offered in Pilates, Hip Hop/Jazz, Ballet, and Tap Dancing (Waltz, Jive, Foxtrot, Latin).

## WEATHER REPORTS



In the case of stormy weather this winter please listen to local radio stations for cancellation announcements and/or check the studio voicemail for a message. A decision will be made based on the safety and best interest of the students. In the event that classes are cancelled they will not be rescheduled. However, students are invited to attend a similar class in the schedule at their convenience.

## OUTSIDE FOOTWEAR



This winter things could get messy! To help keep our studio clean and dry, please remove street shoes and boots before entering the carpeted area. If students or parents wear outside footwear in our change area, students will get their dance slippers wet and possibly slip in the studio. Remember to remove your shoes in the porch area for the comfort and safety of everyone.



## Special Dates to Remember

December 1, 2006	Term 2 fees due
December 23 <sup>rd</sup> – January 5 <sup>th</sup> inclusive	Christmas holidays
Re-Opening January 6, 2007	
January 6 - 12, 2007	Non-refundable Costume Deposits Due - \$45 per costume
January 14 – April 15	Term II ADULTS
Friday, April 6- Thursday, April 12 inclusive	Easter break - one week only
Re-Opening April 13, 2007	
April 15-May 20	Term III ADULTS (6 weeks)
April 30 – May 3, 2007	Show rehearsals @ the Arts and Culture Centre
May 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup>	SHOWTIME 2007 - year end recital
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Regular classes resume at the studio until the end of May 2007
May 14-26	Pre-Register for Fall 2007 classes
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Victoria Day Holiday
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of classes for the season
Summer 2007	Possibility of summer dance program



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