

The Dancing Times

The official newsletter of Connie Parsons School of Dance

Easter Break

The studio will be closed for one week only during Easter. There will be no classes from **Good Friday, April 6 to Thursday, April 12** inclusive. Regular classes resume on Friday, April 13, 2007.



Showtime 2007

Our annual dance recital will be held on **Friday & Saturday, May 4th & 5th** at the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre. Please see pages 2 & 3 of this newsletter for more details.

New A&C Entrance

There have been some changes to the Arts & Culture Centre drop-off/pick-up regulations for Showtime 2007. We will NOT be permitted to use the backstage entrance as in previous years. Please see page 4 of this newsletter for details and new instructions.

Exam Program

The examination program here at Connie Parsons School of Dance continues to grow and provide serious dance students with the opportunity to be tested in various dance disciplines and receive helpful and knowledgeable corrections from international examiners from throughout the world. This year, Tap exams will be held during the first week of May and Ballet exams will be held near the end of May.



Costume Fees

Costume balance bills are presently being prepared for distribution. They will show the total amount remaining for all costumes. Any accessories such as colored tights, shoes etc. that may be required to complete the outfit will also be listed on that notice. All required items should be available at The Dance Spectrum Specialty Dancewear Store. You will only receive one costume bill, even if you are in more than one dance. Anyone who wishes to see a detailed breakdown of individual costume costs may contact the studio office at 754-2290.

Fall Registration

Pre-Registration for our 2007-2008 Dance Season will begin May 7-26. Classes fill up quickly, so we like to give our returning students first opportunity to reserve your place in the class of your choice for next September. Current students of Connie Parsons School of Dance who register in May, guarantee themselves priority placement for the Fall. Fall Registration will continue in mid-August 2007.

Dance Collage '07

The Dance Teachers Association of Newfoundland held it's bi-annual fundraising show at the Arts & Culture Centre on Wednesday, February 28, 2007. The funds raised help provide a dance scholarship for local dancers wishing to pursue further training in their field. Connie Parsons School of Dance gave an enthusiastic performance and received tremendous applause. Congratulations to Erika's Sunday and Monday Hip Hop groups and to the senior pointe girls on an awesome job!



Showtime 2007



The Main Event

On, **Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.** *Connie Parsons School of Dance* will present our annual dance recital. The theme of this year's show is "*Rhythm & Rhyme - Poetry in Motion*".

The recital will be held on main stage at the Arts and Culture Centre and will showcase a great deal of talent and many new steps the students have had fun working hard to perfect throughout the year in their regular dance classes.

The purpose of our show is to provide the 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.

There will be two performance nights. Please be advised that children in the 3-4 yr.old, 4-6 yr.old, & 5-7 yr.old groups will perform in one show night only.

Please check the **Class**

Performance Schedule

in this newsletter to see which night your child's class will be performing so you get your tickets for the correct show! Both shows will have the same dances, but different groups will perform them. Those students in the 6-9 yr. old classes and above will be involved in both shows.

Tickets can be purchased at the Arts and Culture Centre box office starting **April 3rd**. There are many exciting and artistic treats in store so we hope to see you there!



Costumes

One of the most exciting aspects of the dance performance for the kids is what they will wear.

Most of the costumes are being made locally, while some are ordered from out of province. At present, seamstresses are busy at work completing the outfits and packages from Canada and the U.S.A. are arriving daily. Costumes will be distributed in late April.

Completed costume costs vary from approximately \$45 - \$85 + HST each and the balance of the **cost must be paid before the costume is given to the student.** Costume bills are presently being prepared and will be distributed after the Easter break.

For some of the combination classes where the children are in two or more dances I am trying to keep costs down by having one number require a relatively simple costume. If that is not possible I try to have the costume consist of clothing that can be worn again.

Backstage Volunteers

We are always looking for backstage volunteers to help out at the dance recital. The most important job is ensuring that the children in the dressing rooms are safe, happy, and well taken care of. If any parents are interested in volunteering their time to help during dress rehearsals and a show night there is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the dressing room. We will have a meeting ahead of time to discuss details with all those involved.

Program Advertising

Each year we contact local businesses to place ads in our recital program in support of *Connie Parsons School of Dance*. This year we want to make sure that we do not overlook any small businesses, especially those who are owned by students of our school or their parents. So, if you or any one you know would like to place an ad in our program please contact the studio office ASAP. Advertising in our school recital program is a wonderful opportunity to get your business noticed as over 2000 people usually attend our show. The advertising prices are very reasonable and we really appreciate any and all support that we receive.



Showtime 2007



Rehearsals

We have now begun rehearsing dances for the show during our regular classes. In May, it will be necessary to have the students practice their dances on the main stage at the Arts and Culture Centre. This gives them a chance to adjust to the difference in atmosphere and amount of space and is especially important for the younger students. Therefore, parents are asked to please check the **REHEARSAL SCHEDULE** below and write these important dates on their calendars.

Arts and Culture Centre REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Thurs., April 26th ... Staging rehearsal
 Mon., April 30th ... Staging rehearsal
 Tues., May 1st ... Staging rehearsal
 Wed., May 2nd ... Dress I Rehearsal
 Thurs., May 3rd ... Dress II Rehearsal
 Friday & Saturday,
 May 4th & 5th ... Showtime 2007
 **Young children only attend one staging rehearsal
 and one dress rehearsal. Your group's day &
 exact time will be distributed in the next notice.

CLASS PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Friday Night Show

3:30 Monday Ballet I
 5:15 Tuesday Pre-Ballet
 1:15 Wednesday Pre-Ballet
 3:30 Wednesday Ballet/Tap
 1:15 Thursday Pre-Ballet

Saturday Night Show

9:15 Saturday Pre-Ballet
 10:15 Saturday Ballet/Tap
 1:00 Saturday Ballet/Tap
 3:45 Saturday Pre-Ballet

Note: All class fees for term 3 and costume fees must be paid in full before costumes can be taken home.

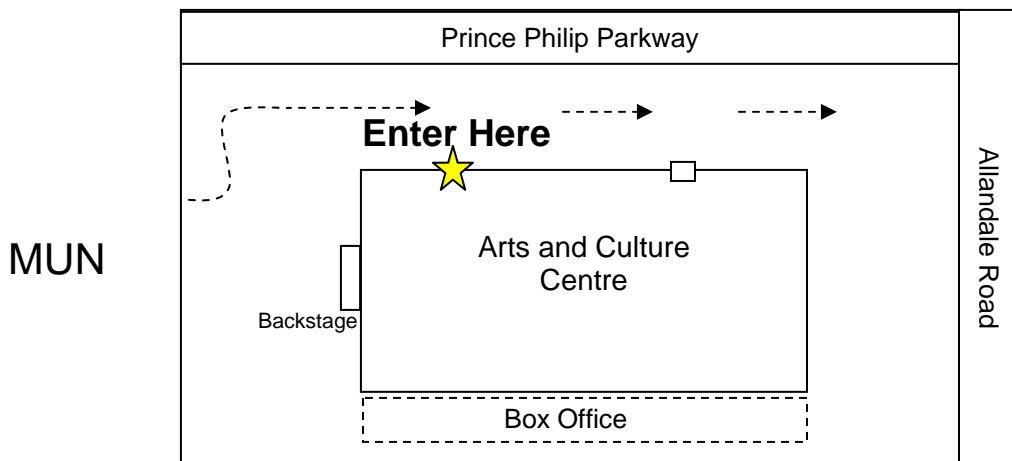
The last day of classes at the studio before the show is Sunday, April 29th. But, there are no classes at the studio on Thursday, April 26th. There are NO regular classes at the studio the week of the show. Stage rehearsals begin on Monday, April 30th at The Arts and Culture Centre. Regular classes resume after the show on MONDAY, May 7th and continue until Monday, May 28th.

A detailed rehearsal schedule for classes at the Arts and Culture Centre will be prepared for that week. Further information regarding the recital will be distributed nearer to the actual show date.

**Recital Tickets
 go on Sale
 April 3rd.**

Drop-off & Pick-up Instructions for Showtime 2007 at the Arts & Culture Centre

In past years we have always had concerns about child safety due to traffic congestion and general confusion when dropping off and picking up children at the backstage entrance of the Arts & Culture Centre. For this reason, we have decided to try something new to see if we can improve the logistics of the situation. This year, we will NOT be permitted to use the backstage entrance of the Arts & Culture Centre. Instead, students are to be dropped off and picked up at the first door on the North side of the building adjacent to the Prince Philip Parkway. Please see the map below for clarification:



During staging rehearsals, children will use 'Irwin's Court' (a room just inside the new entrance) to store their belongings and get ready for their practice. They will then be escorted to the backstage area by a school representative. Sorry, but we can not accommodate parents in the audience or backstage during practices due to fire regulations. On show night, your child will be met at this same door by a school representative and escorted to their proper dressing room.

More Information regarding Showtime 2007 will be distributed in a detailed note in late April. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the studio office at 754-2290.

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