



Monday 16th May 2016

Dear Dance Academy Students and Parents

A special welcome to those of you new to the school this term and we hope you enjoy your classes this year. We trust you all had a relaxing holiday break and are dancing your way into term 2.

Our Term 1 focus has been on the teaching and learning of dance syllabus for all examination classes and movement repertoire pieces for our open classes. Term 2 we move into preparation for the syllabus examinations and for our open classes the focus is on refining performance for our Mid Year Presentation.

JUNE 10th MID TERM INFORMAL SHOWCASE

June 10th we will be holding our mid term showcase. This is an informal presentation of the works created in open classes so far and a presentation from some of our syllabus classes sharing exercises and sequences learnt in preparation for their exams. Tutors will share their term goals for the classes and processes / skills they have been working on.

June 10th, Charles Luney Auditorium, 6.30pm. Door sales only, available on the night - \$5.00

Students will be in class uniform for costumes for this presentation. Further information will be given to classes involved.

The following classes will present works in progress at the presentation:

Advanced Jazz, Junior and Intermediate Musical Theatre, Junior and Senior Hip Hop, Intro 1-2 Jazz, Pre School Ballet, Intermediate Contemporary, Senior Contemporary, Open Teens Jazz, Intermediate 1 Jazz, Adult Tap, Junior Tap, Commercial Dance, Senior Ballet (TBC).

2016 SYLLABUS EXAMINATIONS:

We are currently collating entries for our syllabus class examinations.

Please discuss with your tutor to confirm enrolment in your exams for the year before paying your fees. The fees for Jazz examination entries are due by June 10th please, these can be paid along with your term 2 fees .

The Ballet exam fees are due next term and can be charged with your term 3 fees.

Please be aware that these entry fees are non refundable unless you present a medical certificate.

We forward the fees as a studio entry to the affiliation and it is their decision whether a student can be refunded should they decide not to sit the exam.

A reminder to please ensure all students are wearing the correct uniform in syllabus classes.

Jazz students - Plain black muscle back singlet, black leggings and black jazz shoes. Good quality, long lasting dance wear can all be purchased from Dance Pacific (Love to Dance), Colombo Street.

A J D A : Proposed Jazz Examination - August 2016. Date TBC by the Jazz Affiliation.

Introductory Jazz	Levels One and Two:	\$60.00
Introductory Jazz	Levels Three and Four:	\$65.00
Introductory Jazz	Level Five:	\$70.00
Elementary Jazz	Level One:	\$81.00
Elementary Jazz	Level Two:	\$86.00
Elementary Jazz	Level Three:	\$91.00
Intermediate Jazz	Level One:	\$110.00
Intermediate Jazz	Level Two:	\$115.00
Intermediate Jazz	Level Three:	\$120.00
Advanced Jazz	Level One:	\$140.00
Advanced Jazz	Level Two:	\$150.00
Advanced Jazz	Solo:	\$155.00

B B O B A L L E T E X A M I N A T I O N S :

Proposed Exam Date - September 21st / 22nd 2016

Primary	\$62.00
Grade One	\$68.00
Grade Two	\$73.00
Grade Three	\$80.00
Grade Four	\$85.00
Grade Five	\$95.00
Inter Found	\$198.00 (\$114.00 for BBO members)
Inter	\$210.00 (\$ 125.00 for BBO members)
Advanced One	\$240.00 (\$146.00 for BBO members)

If you would like to become a BBO member to receive the discounted exam fee please see Kate.

TAP EXAMINATIONS - TBC

MOCK EXAMINATIONS :

This year we will be running 'mock exams' for all examination classes. These are compulsory for students sitting exams. The mock exams allow students to run through their work as they would in an exam scenario, to practise etiquette, work with the exact numbers of student in their group exam and within the time allowed for their exam.

Ballet Mock Exam Dates:

September, Saturday 10th / Sunday 11th

Kate Limuloa will run the mock exams. A class time schedule will be given out closer to the time.

Jazz Mock Exam Dates:

August, Sunday 14th.

Hyde will run the mock exams and times will be given closer to the time.

BBO BALLET CONCOURSE

The 2016 Ballet Concourse will be run in Christchurch the week of July 10th - July 15th. We are very lucky to have this course running in our dance studios at TDA.

The BBO course is a fantastic opportunity for Ballet students to meet new dance friends, polish syllabus grade work for their exams and to keep up to date with current Ballet trends and methodology. The Course is run by international BBO tutors and dancers.

If you would like to attend this course please discuss enrolment with Kate Limuloa. Enrolment is due by June 8th, prices range from \$290 - \$370 depending on the grade.

TDA STUDENT NEWS

A special congratulations to Meg Stuthridge who was awarded a Return Scholarship at the Phoenix International Dance Academy during the school holidays.

Meg attended the Phoenix dance workshops in Hamilton training in classes of Funk, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Jazz and Musical Theatre.

Meg was chosen to perform in the final show piece alongside the tutors in four dances.

Meg also participated in the Phoenix audition on the final day and was awarded her Return Scholarship. With over 300 students auditioning and 6 awards presented this is a fantastic achievement for Meg. Well done!

TDA END OF YEAR SHOWCASE

Our End of Year showcase will be presented on December 10th. This year all classes will participate in the same show. There will be two performances and students will dance in both of these, 2pm and 6.30pm. Further details will be shared in Term 3. The theme this year is Movies and Musicals.

This year there will be a \$25.00 production fee sent along with the Term 3 Charges. This production fee covers partial costuming and technical production costs. If you do not intend to perform in the end of year show - December 10th, please let us know via email so that you are not charged.

TDA IMPORTANT DATES

June 10th	TDA MID YEAR INFORMAL PRESENTATION
July 8th	Term 2 ends
July 10 - 15th	BBO Concourse. July 10 - 15th at TDA Studios
July 25th	Term 3 begins
July 2015	Ballet Syllabus Exam entries submitted
August 2015	Proposed Jazz Examinations. Date TBC
August 2015	Mock exams for Jazz will run the weekend before the exam.
September 10th / 11th	Ballet Mock Exams
September 23rd	Term 3 ends
September 21st / 22nd	Ballet examinations.
October 10th	Term 4 begins
December 9th	Classes end for 2015
December 9th	TDA Show rehearsals. 3 - 9pm. Class times TTBC
December 10th	TDA Show Date - Please keep the entire date free - details TBC

We would love to hear and share your dance news on the Academy news board in further newsletters, so please email and let us know what you are up to!

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to watching your progress in dance this year. If you have any queries please email alison.r@stmargarets.school.nz visit us on Face book or call 0275 895 375 during work hours.

The TDA office is open at school beside dance studio 2, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9.30 - 2.30pm should you need to call or visit.

Kind regards

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