



December 2005

It's hard to believe that we are in the last few weeks of 2005. All students are well established in their classes, working hard and growing both artistically and technically. We hope everyone is having a great year so far. The VDC faculty wishes you and your family a great holiday season and a very happy new year. 2006 will be full of new and exciting opportunities for our dancers.

VDC OFFICE

VDC Office Hours: Monday to Friday.....2:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday.....11:00 to 2:00 p.m.
 The First Saturday of each Month9:00 to 2:00 p.m.
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NEW CLASSES

As our school continues to grow, we are finding it necessary to expand some of our programming. New classes for 2006, are as follows:

Tots and Folks (2,3 year olds)	Mondays	9:15am – 10:00am
Tots and Folks (2,3 year olds)	Wednesdays	1:30pm – 2:15pm
Creative Dance (3,4 year olds)	Mondays	10:00am – 10:45am
Creative Dance (3,4 year olds)	Wednesdays	2:30pm – 3:15pm
Adult Contemporary	Mondays	10:45am -12:15pm
Adult Jazz	Wednesdays	12:00pm – 1:00pm



***There are also some spaces still available in our existing classes

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Our 1st workshop of the year was lead by dancer and nutritionist Stacey Horton. She will be back in the spring to continue her nutrition series for dancers.
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VDC YOUTH COMPANY NEWS

Our Youth Company along with guests, performed six pieces for the gala. These pieces included the companies signature piece **Dream**, **Laura Jenkins** dancing a variation from **La Bayadere**, and **Celine Van Eeckhout** and **Amelia Mortimore** performing **Dang**. The Youth Company's 1st fundraiser for the year is a **2006 Dance Calendar**. Please pick them up in the office. They are only \$10 each. The calendar features all 10 company members. The VDC would like to congratulate **Marina Ma** on her role as Clara in the Nutcracker. Marina danced beautifully; many of us very much enjoyed her performance. **Marissa Monette** and **Candace Rissley** were also cast in the production. Congratulations to all. The Nutcracker was performed November 25th at the Royal Theatre.

LOGO WEAR (CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS)

The VDC has in stock for immediate purchase, the following items on sale:
 VDC logo t-shirts and tank-tops: Sale price = \$10 (Regular price = \$15)
 VDC dance bags: \$25
 VDC youth company calendars \$10

**To purchase, please see the VDC office for items and sizes.*



OUTSTANDING FEES & COSTUME DEPOSITS

Reminder – **Costume deposits were due November 1st**. We will not be ordering costumes for anyone with outstanding balances (fees or costumes). If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact the VDC office. We do not want anyone to miss out!

VDC LOST & FOUND

We are starting to collect quite an abundance of clothing and shoes that have been left here at the studio. Lost and found items will be on display in the lobby, and any jewelry can be identified and picked up in the office. Any items not claimed by winter break will be donated to the Salvation Army.

VDC SPECIAL EVENTS

We are looking into hosting a **Tap symposium**, offering a number of master classes and choreographic workshops featuring guest artist **Heather Cornell** from **Manhattan Tap**. There will also be continuing workshops in the new year, featuring instructors from **The Industry Dance Company**. Workshops will cover several different styles of dance, including, but not limited to hip hop, jazz, lyrical, modern, and stage.

VICTORIA ARTS CONNECTION NEWS

The **Children's Gala** was a huge success! With over 500 people in attendance, a lot of fun was had by all. From the exotic face painting, the giant walking puppets, and the traveling magic show, to the Victoria Symphony's music station and many wonderful performances by the VDC youth company and guest artists, there was never a dull moment. It was wonderful to see the children's faces as they discovered something new around every corner. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make this event possible. We look forward to next year, as this will be an annual event here at the VAC.

VICTORIA ARTS CONNECTION GALLERY NEWS

Along with our Children's Gala, a new exhibit opened (December 4), titled '**Artists and their Children**'. If you haven't had the chance to walk around lately, please come in and view the new works that will be on display into the new year. Special thanks to Heidi Bergstrom who curated the show. Our next official arts exhibit will feature some of the work of members of the **Victoria Sculpture Guild**.

FESTIVAL FEES

Festival forms will be handed out to those students to whom entry fees apply. Please double check that the information on the form is correct and submit the form with entry fees. Forms will be handed out in class the beginning of January.





OPEN HOUSE – VIEWING WEEK

Monday, Dec. 12th – Saturday, Dec. 17

Parents, family and friends are welcome to join us at the VDC to watch classes during this open-house week. Students have been working very hard; here’s a chance to see how everyone is progressing. *Cameras and video equipment are welcome.*

All our faculty are committed to excellence and strive to bring you the very best in the Performing Arts.

VDC and VAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 12 to 17	Open House	Class Viewing Week
Dec. 19 to Jan. 2	No Classes	Winter Break
January 3	Tuesday	Classes resume
March 19 to 26	No Classes	Spring Break
March	TBA	Victoria Sculpture Guild Art Show
March 26 to April 7		Nanaimo Festival
April 8		Nanaimo Festival Gala
April 8 -11		Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival
April 14 to 16	No Classes	Easter Break
April 30		Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival Dance Honours
May 7 to 15		Dance Works Festival
May 17		Dance Works Gala
June 1	TBA	VDC Dress Rehearsal (Royal Theatre)
June 3	TBA	Year End VDC Show (Royal Theatre)
June 5 to 9		Workshop Week

VDC CONTACT INFO



The Victoria Dance Connection's new entrance is at the front of the building on Quadra Street.

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Happy Holidays!