



VICTORIA DANCE CONNECTION

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2004

VDC Calendar

COSTUME PICK-UP
THURSDAY, MAY 6TH
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

PICTURE DAYS
FRIDAY, MAY 7TH
3:30 PM – 9:00 PM (9:30PM)

SATURDAY, MAY 8TH
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

FESTIVAL REHEARSAL
SATURDAY, MAY 8TH
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (UVIC)

DANCEWORKS FESTIVAL
MAY 14th to MAY 21ST
(see bulletin board for dates/times,
copies of the schedule in the
brochure rack.)

VDC CLOSED
MAY LONG WEEK-END
SAT/SUN/MON MAY 22/23/24

“Celebration of Dance 2004”
YEAR END DRESS REHEARSAL
THURSDAY, MAY 27TH
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

“Celebration of Dance 2004”
YEAR END SHOW
SUNDAY, MAY 30TH
7:00PM (Royal Theatre)

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This year has gone amazingly fast and we are approaching May and our last classes. It is extremely busy times of year so please read the newsletter carefully and check the bulletin board frequently as we don't want anyone to miss anything important. The Year End show is upon us. Tickets are available at the McPherson Box Office starting May 3rd for voucher holders. So get your vouchers soon to ensure great seats.

YEAR-END SHOW ROYAL THEATRE MAY 30TH, 7:00PM

This year to ensure family/ friends the quantity of tickets and seating selection the VDC will be selling ticket vouchers. Please fill out your order form requesting the # of tickets you will need for the show and hand it into the studio. (Drop off in the envelope attached to the bulletin board). You may pick up your vouchers from the VDC from **Monday May 3rd – May 7th from 4-7pm** in the studios' lobby.

Once you have your vouchers, you can from **May 3rd to May 14th**, purchase tickets at the McPherson Box Office. (These dates are for ticket sales exclusive to VDC voucher holders!!) VDC voucher holders will be able to take advantage of selecting prime seats for the show, **SO PICK UP YOUR VOUCHERS EARLY.**

After **May 14th**, ticket sales will be opened up the general public. Those who order vouchers will be eligible for a discount price on tickets. Show tickets are **\$15.00** with a voucher, without a voucher tickets will be **\$17.00.**

The year-end show is going to be spectacular! We have a lot of very talented dancers and an amazing

venue at the Royal Theatre! **DON'T MISS OUT!**

DANCEWORKS FESTIVAL - MAY 14TH to 21ST

A list of all groups and solo's participating in the festival can be found on the bulletin board. The times and dates are now confirmed. Please check the list on the bulletin board for any changes. (We will be handing out this list to students participating in the festival).

DANCEWORKS FESTIVAL REHEARSAL – SAT. MAY 8TH (1pm–5pm)

A spacing rehearsal for Danceworks is scheduled for **Saturday, May 8th, 1 pm to 5 pm.** The rehearsal will be held at the **UVIC Auditorium.** The order of rehearsal times will be posted on the bulletin board. Everyone participating in this festival must attend!

Everyone should arrive no later than **12:45** and meet in the lobby area of the Uvic Auditorium. Note: On that day there is another group ahead of us until 1:00 and immediately after us at 5:00, so it is a tight schedule! Please be there promptly so that we can start on time!
If time permits after the group run through, the stage will be available to any soloist who wishes to rehearse.



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MODERN EXAMS - THURSDAY, MAY 6th

Just a reminder that all students participating must wear blue velvet body suits, beige tights, black jazz shoes and have hair in a bun. (Please see bulletin board for individual exam schedules).

COSTUMES

The last of the costumes are now in the process of being finished and will be available for pick up on **Thursday, May 6th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm** at VDC. Invoices will either be mailed out or given to each student to take home. Most people have paid their \$50.00 costume deposit, which will be applied to the costume invoice. Any outstanding amounts must be paid in full before the costume can be taken home. Those students, who have a credit remaining on their account, at the end of the year, will receive a reimbursement cheque for the amount of the credit.

BALLET EXAMS

SPECIAL MENTION to Allysa Talley & Rebecca Jones who have both received a mark of distinction!! We are very proud of their achievements.

As well the Grade 2,3,5 Ballet just completed their exams, April 21st - 25th. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

CONGRATULATIONS to all R.A.D. ballet students who have just taken their graded exams!!



Photo by Jeanie Kwan

PICTURE DAYS

The VDC is very pleased to announce that we will be taking class photos on **Fri., May 7th and Sat., May 8th.** (See order form attached to this newsletter) Pictures will be taken in full costume and make-up. (Where applicable) The VDC is thrilled to able to offer pictures with **NATURAL TOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY.** They are exceptional photographers and well recognized. A variety of packages are offered and available for purchase. The attached picture order form must be filled out and payment made out to **NATURAL TOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY.** Picture forms and payments will be collected on the day of your child's photo. The VDC would like to encourage all students to attend, as we would like a picture of everyone in all of the dance groups. A group and solo shot will be taken of all the students, regardless of whether you order pictures or not.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! VOLUNTEERS FOR YEAR END SHOW - SUNDAY, MAY 30TH

The VDC is looking for a few volunteers back stage at the Royal Theater. Volunteers are needed for the rehearsal and show. The list of

volunteer positions will be posted on the bulletin board. We are looking for 1 to 2 moms' per class to help out, especially with the younger students. We will need moms to help with costume changes and supervision, etc. To volunteer to be a class dance mom, you must have a child in that class. Those who volunteer will receive a voucher for - 1 free show ticket. All students who have only one dance or are in only ½ of the show will be able to sit with their supervised class, in a designated balcony area to watch the other half of the show.

SHOW VIDEO

The VDC is pleased to announce that we will be having this years show professionally video taped by **HUZZAH VIDEO.** The video will be a great keep sake of those star studded moments from on stage as well as behind the scenes!!! Video order forms can be picked up from the brochure rack at the studio. The cost of the video will be \$25.00, taxes included.

Lisa Mellett
Owner/ Artistic Director

Dana Fry

2003

Gina Sinclair-Davis

2003

Su-Yin MacDonnell

2003

Karyn Dietrich

2003

Alton Simon

2003

Jenny Raine