

# IMPORTANT YEAR END INFORMATION

## Dance Work Shops

Mon. May 31st to Thurs. June 3rd.

### Masabo Dance

(complete with live band).



These workshops are open to all students, friends and invited guests to experience other forms of dance. There is no cost to VDC students, and schedules and sign-up sheets will be posted next week. Class sizes will be limited, sign-up soon and don't miss out!

Hey everyone we have organized an exciting week for you. After all the hard work of preparing for festival and year-end show, we have some really fabulous people coming to the VDC!

They will be sure to get you excited about dance. So, do not put your dance shoes away!  
During this week, we will be featuring

some dance work shops in Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Musical Theatre, Modern, Lyrical Jazz, Hip Hop, and West African dance.

### Dress Rehearsal

Thursday May 27th- Starting at 5:00pm.

See posted rehearsal schedule at VDC for your times.

Dress rehearsal is closed, except for dancers and back stage assistants. Sorry, due to theatre restrictions, no public is aloud. Your children will be well looked after by our back stage assistants. Escort your child to the stage door of the Royal Theatre (located on Blanchard st.) Young children (under 6) will finish first around 7pm, and be available for pick-up. Please check- in and out with your child's back stage assistant. The rest of the children will be dismissed around 9pm. This is your child's opportunity to watch their fellow students on stage  
\*Note: bring snacks and drinks.

### Year End Show

**Celebration of Dance 2004**  
Sunday May 30th- 7pm- Royal Theatre.

Tickets: \$17.00 available at the McPherson Box Office.

The tickets are going fast, pick up your tickets soon, for they are now

being released to the general public. You may now go directly to the Mac Box office to purchase your tickets. We have a great venue, and show line up, for our 1<sup>st</sup> year. Please invite the whole family and friends, and support your child and the arts.

All dancers are to enter via the stage door, and go to their posted dressing area. All dancers to arrive by 6:30pm.

Only dancers and back stage assistants are aloud in the dressing area, after 6:40pm. Arrive with hair and make-up done, ready for their first dance.  
Please make sure your child's costume(s), and belongings are well labeled.

Once your child has completed their dance, they will be escorted by their back stage assistant to the designated upper balcony seats to watch the show.

At the end of the show, dancers under the age of 8 may be picked up directly from the stage. All other dancers will go back to their dressing area, to be picked up there (rear stage door).

We will have another newsletter out before the end of May, to let you know about the Dance Workshop Week, Summer Program, Next Year, and Registration information.



VICTORIA DANCE CONNECTION

# NEWSLETTER

MAY 2004

## Summer Dance Intensive- August, 04.

Also sign-up for our fabulous summer dance intensive! We are having **Merek, Stephanie, Alex plus Liz, Lisa, Connie, Sandra, Febe** and more!

For a week of fun filled dance, dance, and dance! Expanding your horizons, exploring new styles, and learning more about dance, from the people who have dedicated their life to the art. Our goal is to **connect** you with the professionals in dance.

## Want More!!!

Victoria Dance Connection is hosting the **Groove Street Dance Convention!** It will be held at the end of **October, 04** at the VDC.

We are committed to bringing the professionals to you. Stay tuned for more information.

## May Long weekend

The studio will be closed on the long weekend, no classes, Sat. to Mon. May 22- 24th.

## Volunteers Needed for Dress Rehearsal and Year-End Show

We still need back stage assistants for the show and dress rehearsal. Assistants will be required to: Be responsible for their group to be ready, and organize hair and make-up, etc.

You will be able to see their child perform from stage. You will receive a free ticket to the show for a guest. Further information will be provided to volunteers.

Sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the bulletin board at VDC. Please give your name, phone #, and class you can volunteer for. You will receive a call from us.

## Costumes

There are still some costumes that have to be pick-up and paid for. Please clear-up any out standing balances owing as soon as possible.

## Pictures

The studio pictures, both group and individual shots turned out fabulous! You will be much impressed and for those who missed out, will be jealous. We apologize for the length of time it took for the sitting, but the wait was well worth it. You may pick-up your pictures at the rehearsal and/or year-end show.

## Video Orders

The year-end show is being professionally video taped by Huzzah Video. You may still order videos either at the studio or at the show. Cost \$25. Pay able to Huzzah Video.

## Pre-registration of Next Year

May 31st to June 3rd. at VDC.

## Next Year

The VDC has some fabulous plans and has arranged for some great teachers for next season. We realize that a first year business is not without its growing pains and therefore, we are very excited about what we will be able to offer our students for next year.

1. There are plans in place to set-up an on-site office and telephone, to be staffed by our new office administrator, **Mona-Lisa Filipovic**.

2. Improved direct communication, up dated regularly via emails,

newsletters and web page information, starting with this newsletter, being sent out via email. Please let us know of any new email address.

3. New Instructors! – Summer/ Fall Season:  
**Merek Fiertek-** (trained with Poland National and Kirov Ballet).

**Alex Pesusich-** (Hip Hop- worked with Britney Spears, Toni Braxton, Co-founder of Groove Street Productions)

**Connie Cooke-** (Modern- acclaimed Canadian Choreographer)

**Stephanie Sy-** (Jazz & Lyrical-from Harbour Dance Vancouver)

**Fana-** (West African Dance & Music-from Vancouver)

**Febe Ramsey-** (Jazz, Lyrical, Musical Theatre- from Las Vegas)

**Sandra Walton-** (Musical Theatre, Tap, Palates, Jazz)

Plus returning faculty,  
**Karyn Dietrich-** Tap, and  
**Lisa Mellett-** Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop.

More detailed bios and information to follow soon.

**Lisa Mellett**

**Owner / Creative Director**