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FALL NEWSLETTER 2004

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to another year at Caulfield School of Dance!

Never in our history have we had such a year of schedule adjustments and we thank all of you for your patience. To those of you who registered in June we thank you for trying to make life easier for all of us. It is impossible to predict how many students we will have in each level of our ten disciplines. Until we can get everyone to register in June we are vulnerable to schedule shuffling.

We welcome **Van "the Man" Porter** to our staff. Van will be working with our Advanced Tap group, with the Company Kids as well as doing private instruction. Van is a legend in the tap world. He has worked with Sammy Davis Jr., Gregory Hines and appeared in the Hollywood Motion Picture "Tap". He joins our staff: **Cori Caulfield**, our studio owner and jazz and modern teacher; **Isabel Yuan** our senior ballet, senior R.A.D., and Chinese Dance teacher; **Jennifer Green** who teaches the junior R.A.D. programme as well as adult, jazz, and junior tap classes; **Sommer Thome** who teaches ballet, jazz, modern, hip hop and tap; **Ken Kajiwara** who not only takes our fabulous photos, but teaches our ballroom courses as well; **Robin (Roby) Caulfield** teaches adult jazz technique; and **Raymond Firer**, who not only

makes many of our costumes, but also is a former South African gymnast and coach, is teaching our acro programme. We are very proud of our hard working and accomplished staff. We welcome **Krista Adamic**, a former student of ours, and now a graduate in Fine Arts (Dance) from Simon Fraser University, to our office staff and we welcome **the lovely Leslie McIntyre** to our office staff.

There are still openings in some courses such as: Adult Ballet/Lyrical Jazz, Ballroom, Adult Hip Hop, and Teen Jazz.

Performance News

Thank you to all who participated in our show for Golden Spike Days in July. You were awesome! Thank you to all who danced at the cancer fundraiser at the Westwood Plateau Golf Course in August. Our summer school programs were full and fun-filled as many new and many regular students attended Miss Jennifer's Dance Samplers and Cori's summer long technique classes. It is so very important to make time to dance during our long summer break. Good for all of you who did so.

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In October, Cori was asked once again to choreograph “An Evening of Artful Elegance” Fashion Show fundraiser for the Port Moody Arts Centre. Cori was asked at this same time to be “artist in residence” at the Banff Centre for the Arts. She was unable to take the fashion show on, so Sommer Thome stepped in, and the show was a great success as usual. Our many young and senior students took part in this wonderful show and we thank them and their parents for getting them to fittings, rehearsals and the show. Thank you all for giving to your community.

Alumni News

Last spring, student **Shaye Firer** auditioned for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet Summer School and was accepted to attend. At the end of her course she was asked to stay and live and train at the school. She accepted this offer and is now in Winnipeg studying dance. We wish her every success and we miss her.

Former dancer **Crystal Wills** has been asked to continue her mentor program with Vancouver’s Ballet B.C. Many of you will remember **Alex Wong**. Last spring Alex won the Prix de Lusanne gold medal and is now dancing with American Ballet Theatre in New York. Our congratulations to Alex and Crystal.

We hope you have noticed the new magazine in our lobby *Beauty Magazine*. This fine publication has as its founding editor, **Lori Henry** also a former dancer at the Caulfield School of Dance. Lori has also published a book of poetry, “Silent Screams.” We think you will find the information in *Beauty* magazine of great value to girls and boys in the dance world, in particular. Our congratulations to Lori.



The Show

The theme of our year-end production this year, is “Food, Glorious Food.” Please note that your “Important Dates” sheet is attached to this newsletter. Please, *please* mark these dates on your calendar for your information, and to avoid conflicts!!!!!!

Practice Books And Tapes

Just 10 minutes a day set aside to practice can make a world of difference. Keep a notebook to write in after class. Please bring in a blank tape, labeled with your name and your class, and teacher’s name and your teacher will make a tape for you. Remember to ask for your tape back. (R.A.D. students can pick up a CD with their syllabus music for a \$5.00 deposit). Please ask at the office.

A Note About the Arts

We believe that children’s training in the arts, especially the physical pursuit of dance should be tax deductible — not taxed! If you agree, please write to your local representative. As the arts are suffering drastic cuts, please prove to our governments that the arts are important to you and your family. Go to see live theatre and dance. You may end up in the art world one day! Young dancers should see DANCE! Young actors should see THEATRE!

Lost and Found

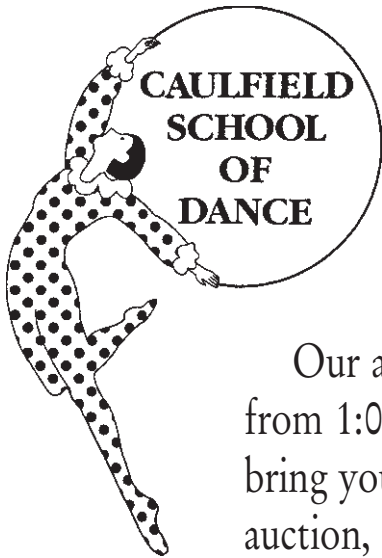
Please check our lost and found for missing articles. We are always amazed at the things never claimed.

Change Room

Please remember that our change room is for changing, warming up and doing homework. **It is not for eating and drinking** (which must be done in the lobby only) or for sitting around. *Dancers must always warm up before class*. Please tell your children to get in the habit of doing this, so that when they attend auditions, competitions and seminars they will know how to prepare themselves.

Please Note: There are **no classes** Thursday, November 11 for the **Remembrance Day Holiday**. This year it is not a long weekend. Classes will run as usual on Friday, November 12 and Saturday, November 13. The last day of classes before the Christmas Break is Friday, December 17.

If you have any questions, please refer to your handbook and if you cannot find an answer in your book, please leave a message at the office or ask Hilary. We hope your year with us is very enjoyable and successful. Thank you.



Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party and Open House will be held at the studio from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Sunday, December 5. Please plan to attend and bring your family and friends to a fun filled afternoon. We will have a silent auction, entertainment, food and drink and the raffle.

Raffle

In September when you signed up, you purchased a book of ten raffle tickets. These tickets will be available in the week following Remembrance Day for you to pick up at the office. If you wish to sell more tickets, please ask at the office. There are prizes for selling the most tickets and for selling the Grand Prize winning ticket. Remember, all proceeds go to our scholarship fund.

At the Christmas party, we raffle off a gourmet hamper along with other great prizes such as tickets to Ballet B.C. We ask that each family **bring a non-perishable, gourmet food item** to the studio in the weeks prior to the party. Watch for the box to put your items into. Thank you.



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Silent Auction

We hold a silent auction at the Christmas Open House and if you or your company has anything you wish to donate, please contact the office at 469-9366. If you know of a company or individual who you think might donate to us, please ask at the office for a letter to give them. Thank you. All donations are acknowledged at the auction and in the program at the year-end production.

Could we please count on help to set up and clean up for the Christmas Party? It takes a lot of people a short time to get this done and hours if there is no help. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby for volunteers and for bringing goodies to the open house.

We hope you all enjoy this day and we thank you in advance for your support of our young performers.

Scholarship Fundraising

This year you may have already seen our fundraising notice board in the school's lobby. We have already started our fundraising efforts with the sale of 2005 Entertainment Books and our ongoing Penny Drive. Thank you to all those students and parents who have volunteered their time so far with these and upcoming activities.


We have a number of fundraising initiatives this year including the following:

- September 2004–2005 **Entertainment Books**
cheques for your books are due NOW
- September 2004 Penny Drive (ongoing until June 2005)
- November 2004 Bottle Drive
- January 2005 Christmas Tree Drop Off
- March 2005 Pub Night
- May 2005 Car Wash
- May 2005 Pancake Breakfast

Our next fundraising activity is our Bottle Drive. We will have a pickup at the school on Saturday, November 27. Our goal is to receive 1 garbage bag full of refundable cans/bottles/tetras from each student. So please ask friends, neighbors, family members and even local restaurants for their contributions. **REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYLCE!!!!** We will be looking for volunteers to help with sorting and counting from the bottle drive. If you can donate any time on November 27, please contact your fundraising coordinator below.

All profits from our fundraising activities go towards the school's scholarship fund. Scholarships are an integral part of our children's achievements as young performing artists. We need support from ALL students and parents. If you can contribute any ideas and/or time to any of these upcoming events, please contact Tami McNeil at 604-833-6229 or enter your name on the fundraising notice board. A little time will go a long way towards achieving our goals.

Please watch for details on all upcoming fundraising events posted in the school's lobby. Dates are subject to change!!!



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