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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2007

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope that you are enjoying this year so far. We are now into the most exciting time, when all of the hard work pays off! The following newsletter has information you need about the year-end show. If you do not have an "Important Dates" sheet from the Fall newsletter, please ask at the office. All of the dates of extra rehearsals, photo shoot/costume check, etc. are on this "Important Dates" sheet. (They are also on our website.) If you have not already done so, please transfer these dates to your calendar. Missing any of these "Important Dates" will likely result in exclusion from the year-end show (which would be devastating not only to you but to your group(s) as well!). **Please re-read the "Showtime" section of your registration booklet** too. Let's work together to create a great on-stage and back stage experience for everyone.

The Show

Our show, "5! 6! 7! 8!" will be 7pm Saturday, June 2, and 1pm and 7pm Sunday, June 3 at Terry Fox Theatre. Take everything you need with you for show days. No one will be at the School on June 2 or 3.

Performing groups will perform in at least one show. **Please set aside time each day for practice.** Please note that in the weeks prior to the show, teachers often run classes over time as they put the final polish on their numbers. We thank you in advance for your patience.

Our show is not a recital, but a production. Our students are the 'stars' so they **remain backstage during the show and never appear in costume in the lobby.** Please

note: as per the Student/Parent and School agreement, **missing a class or any compulsory rehearsal in the 4 weeks prior to show time may result in exclusion from "5! 6! 7! 8!"**. As per your Parent/Student and School Agreement, please note that a \$50 rehearsal deposit will be held until after the show. This deposit will be used to cover the cost of any extra rehearsals or stage time that may be required due to a student's lateness or absence for any reason. (Please understand how difficult it is for students to lose a member of their performance group just prior to performing). If you would prefer, you may leave a cheque for \$50 with us when you purchase your tickets for the show, in which case, your unused deposit cheque can be picked up at the School on the first registration day, June 23. Of course, the deposits can be used towards our summer programs or towards the cost of 2007/2008 programs. (If you will not be able to attend all rehearsals and/or the photo shoot/costume check, please inform us now. Thank you.)

The **first Finale rehearsal** is Saturday, May 5 at 9:30am at the school. All performers aged seven and over **must attend** this practice. Those under 7 years are welcome to attend.

Stage Make-up & Hair

It is important that all performers in all numbers present a clean, uniform look. We hope that you enjoyed learning small venue (appropriate for hospital shows and photo shoot) and large venue makeup for the show during the in-class make-up and hair seminars in February. While it was not essential to come to the seminars with



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correct make-up supplies, it is important that you have correct make-up and hair supplies by the photo shoot/costume check. We have diagrams in the lobby and a list of make-up required for junior and senior students is in the booklet you received at registration.

Ticket Sales

Tickets for the show will be reserved seating. The first opportunity to purchase is Saturday, May 5, 10am to 2pm at the Caulfield School. Cost of tickets is \$17.00 each. The shows are over two hours in length and therefore not recommended for very young children.

Please note: **ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE TICKETS ARE PURCHASED.** This includes: term fees, costume fees, festival fees, exam fees, etc. The program orders of all three shows will be posted in the lobby prior to May 5.

Your fundraising committee will be holding a **pancake breakfast** at the school Saturday, May 5, starting at 7am. If anyone wants to help flip pancakes, please sign-up on the volunteer notice as the date gets closer. Proceeds from this event will be allocated 25% to scholarships and 75% towards travel expenses for students attending the Disneyland event this summer. While many families prefer to line up early, there are no bad seats in the Terry Fox Theatre. Tickets will be available during regular office hours the following week too!

Dinner and Drink Night

This year the Dinner and Drink Night at the Two Parrots Pub & Restaurant, 170 Golden Drive, Coquitlam, (Telephone : 604-468-2828) will be Saturday, April 14 starting at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 and include a choice of dinner entrée and a drink. Tickets will go on sale the



The Show

“5! 6! 7! 8!”

7:00pm Saturday, June 2
and Sunday, June 3 at 1:00pm and 7:00pm
at the Terry Fox Theatre,
1260 Riverwood Gate, Port Coquitlam.
Tickets \$17

last week of March and can be purchased by signing up in the Fundraising section of the lobby board. Children are welcome at this event; however, space is limited so please purchase your tickets early. We will be organizing some activities during the evening and are asking for volunteers. Please contact the fundraising committee or sign-up on the volunteer sheet posted in the lobby; we could really use the help! Proceeds from this event will be allocated 25% to scholarships and 75% to participating student's accounts for school fees and/or Disneyland travel expenses.

Photo Shoot & Costume Check

On Sunday, May 6 we will have our photo shoot and costume check for all numbers in the show. We check costumes and hair at the photo shoot, so **all students and parents are required to attend.** As per your Parent/Student and School Agreement, remember you may be required to make small alterations/additions to your costumes.

- **Please keep your costumes wrinkle-free and clean!**
- **Do not launder before the shows are over!**
- **Clean your shoes!**

Photo times for each number will be posted in the lobby a week prior with important details about costumes, hair, and make-up for each number. If you will want **individual pictures** taken, you must **sign up on the sheet in the lobby** and pay a non-refundable sitting fee. It is not compulsory to purchase photos, but we ask you not to sign up for individual pictures unless you intend to purchase. Ken Kajiwara will be taking our photos again this year. Please arrive in your first costume 15 minutes ahead of your time, prepared, with your hair and small venue make-up done. If you need help with hair or make-up, please come half an hour before your call time and someone will assist you. Whether you need assistance or not, please bring **ALL** your own stage make-up and hair supplies.

Volunteering

First and foremost, we need a committee of parents willing to liaise with the Terry Fox Theatre for designating dressing rooms. This committee needs to be assembled as soon as possible, so please let the office know if you are able to help.

Those who wish to volunteer to help backstage, or in the lobby at the show, please see the sheet in the lobby listing the help we will need. Show volunteers will receive orientation in the lobby of the theatre at the Finale rehearsal on Saturday, June 2.

Program Advertising

You can advertise in the “5! 6! 7! 8!” program. Please drop your business card off with a \$50.00 cheque to the

office by Tuesday, May 1. If you are interested in placing a larger display ad, please contact the office.

Dancing Dads

If you wish to be a "Dancing Dad" in our show, please sign up in the lobby and come to practices **Wednesdays**, 7:00pm to 8:00pm, starting on May 2. We need a minimum of six Dads, or other adult relatives of Caulfield students to make a "Dancing Dads" number.

Class Placement 2007/2008

Parents interested in advancing their children's training, please attend an information meeting on Wednesday, June 13 at 7pm. The Royal Academy of Dance program will be discussed followed by information about the Performance Training Company program.

Performance Training Companies

Auditions for 2006/2007 will be at 12:15pm on Friday, July 6 (after the second Summer Technique Maintenance class). We will have a sign-up sheet in the lobby. (Yes, you must audition again even if you are a member this year.) All students aged 9–15 years are welcome to audition. Flexibility and performance presence will be the most important assessment criteria.

Students who plan to register at the early registration date, before knowing if they have been accepted to the company, should register for the courses they will take if not accepted with a note that P.T.C. membership is preferred.

Fall and Summer Registration

Registration periods for fall classes and summer programs will be held at the School...

- Saturday, June 23, from 11am to 3pm*
- Tuesday, July 3, 3:30pm to 7pm
- Wednesday, July 4, 10:30am to 1pm
- Monday, August 13 & Wednesday, August 15, 3:30pm to 7pm
...or call the school 604-469-9366 after Monday, June 25 and we can try to accommodate you by appointment.

*Returning students who fully register, that is, pay all registration fees and all course fees or, a minimum of full fees for 3 courses, Saturday, June 23 from 11am to 3pm only, will have their registration fee (\$30.00) waived.

Registering early helps us immensely in our scheduling.
Fall Programs Start Saturday, September 8.

News: Performing and Festivals

Some of our students entered solos in the Chilliwack Music and Dance Festival. If you walk down the hall of the School, you will see that Chilliwack was a very positive start to this year's competitions. Groups and solos/duos will compete in the Burnaby Peak Invitational

and the Surrey Festival of Dance starting March 26. These competitions go on until the first week in May.

Royal Academy of Dancing

Congratulations to Tianna Hernandez, Sammy Girard, and Alyssa Ramanzin who all received Distinction for their Majors exams in November. This spring break, Ms. Yuan's students Mara Lewis, Tianna Hernandez, and Kianna Wong attended the Vancouver Ballet Society's highly selective invitational Spring Seminar. April 2 and 3, Miss Crystal and Ms. Yuan's R.A.D. Grades examination candidates took their examinations. Isabel Yuan returns April 21 after her eastern Canadian assignment as a Majors Vocational Examiner for the Royal Academy of Dancing.

See Live Performance!

There are wonderful opportunities for students to see performances at incredibly discounted prices. Call 604-927-6555 or 604-732-5003 ext. 208 for details. There is always theatre and dance going on, both locally, and in Vancouver. We hope all of you will attend at least one professional production each year.

Our principal, Cori Caulfield, will perform a new solo in a mixed program with Sarah Brewer and Amber Funk Barton at the Scotiabank Dance Centre (Davie and Granville) in Vancouver on April 27 and 28, 2007. Visit www.ticketstonight.ca or see Cori for \$15 tickets.

Lost and Found

Pleeeeeeeeeease check our lost and found. (How do you leave without your shoes?) At the end of the year, all remaining articles will go to charity.

In Closing

Some courses have had extra instruction ("banked" classes). These courses may wrap early. Affected courses will be posted in the lobby prior to May 31. If your class is displaced due to rehearsals or any other reason, please ask at the office about an appropriate substitution class.

Our last day at the studio is Saturday, June 16, 2007.

We hope that everyone has enjoyed their year so far and enjoys the experience of being involved with "5! 6! 7! 8!". We take great pride in presenting the accomplishments of our fine students in a high quality production of family entertainment. For getting students to classes and rehearsals, supervising practice sessions, and all you do, we thank you.

