



## THE COAST ACADEMY OF DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS

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### FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Students,

Our Academy welcomes you, both new and returning students, to our 2010-2011 season. We look forward to sharing our enthusiasm and pursuits with you and we ask that you read this newsletter thoroughly and keep it handy for future reference.

#### Calendar

Acrobatics Placement

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

Registration

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-5 pm (Thurs.-Sat.)

Used Dance Apparel Sale

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm-4 pm (Sat.)

#### Semester 1 ...19 September – 27 January

Thanksgiving

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – school closed, make-up Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

Remembrance Day

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – school closed, make-up Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

Watching Week

December 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

Winter Holidays

December 12<sup>th</sup> 2011 – January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

#### Semester 2 ... 30 January – 8 June

Watching Week

March 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

Spring Break

March 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

Easter Weekend

April 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> (School Closed)

Spring Exam Session

dates forthcoming for qualifying students

Victoria Day

May 21<sup>st</sup> – **School Open**

CAD Dress Rehearsal

1<sup>st</sup> Half – May 26<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

2<sup>nd</sup> half – May 27<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)

Theatre Dress Rehearsal

June 8<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

Year End Show

June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday & Sunday)

PLEASE NOTE: \* Academy is open for classes on all Academic Pro-D Days.

## Used Dance Apparel for Sale – Saturday, 10 September

If you have any outgrown dancewear or footwear that is still in good condition and you would like to sell, please bring it to the Academy during our registration days in a clear plastic bag in which you have also enclosed an envelope with your name, telephone number, item description and size, and price desired. We will have them on display for you on **Saturday, 10 September, from 1 pm – 4 pm** for any interested buyers. Those who have items which sell will be contacted by the office to arrange for payment collection and any items that remain unsold can be advertised on our bulletin board.

### Academy Fee Policies

- All registrants will pay a registration fee of \$15.
- Fees are to be paid for the entire year, either in two semester payments (Sept. and February) or 8 post-dated cheques for the 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of each month (Sept. Oct., Nov., Dec., Feb., March, April, May).
- Costume fees for June performances depend on the needs of the class, and are generally collected during Semester 2 by Class Mom volunteers. Every effort is made to keep these as low as possible.
- Should circumstances permit you to only pay for one semester, the second semester must be paid within the first month (February), or the student will not be permitted to return to class until account is up-to-date. ***Semester 2 fees must be paid in full for students to be permitted to participate in the year-end performances.***
- There will be a \$10 charge on all NSF cheques.
- One full month's notice is required for withdrawal from any class, otherwise one month's fees will be forfeited. **NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.**
- No refunds are given for missed classes unless there is a valid medical reason verified by a physician.

### Academy Etiquette

- Please strive to arrive punctually with proper dancewear, footwear, and hair grooming. Runners worn in Hip Hop must be clean, and Tap Shoe screws must be securely fastened and checked regularly. **All dance shoes must have student's name in them.**
- No jewelry is to be worn, and no chewing of gum permitted during class.
- Do not leave valuable belongings in the changing areas.
- Dressing areas and washrooms are to be kept tidy.
- No food or drink permitted in studios at any time.
- It is expected you will adhere to any rules and guidelines set out by your instructors, remembering that respect for all staff, fellow students, their belongings, and academy property, will be in place at all times.
- Please inform the office when you are absent.

### **Ballet Students take note ...**

Pre-School, Pre-Primary and Primary students must wear pink bodysuits, pink tights, and pink ballet slippers. A pink ballet skirt is preferred but not mandatory. Level one and up must wear black spaghetti or tank styled bodysuits with scoop or simple backs. Pink ballet tights, and slippers are also required. Convertible tights are preferred if available in your dancer's size. Hair must be in a bun, or if not long enough, pinned back off the face.

### **Parking Lot**

Please enter and exit the parking lot slowly and with extreme caution as it is a very busy area. This area is undergoing renovations which will be completed shortly. Please be aware of changes. There is to be no parking in front of the Community Services building at the back. Thank you.

### **Pre-Professional Program**

We are pleased to be able to continue our Pre-Professional Program which is unique in BC in that it encompasses many dance disciplines and leads to the dancers finishing with Advanced 2 Tap and/or Modern and the possibility of a teaching diploma. This year the Program will continue with classes being held during the evening and regular intense workshops on Pro-D Days. The students will be exposed to many different choreographers and will be given numerous performance opportunities.

### **Communication**

Those of you with internet access may keep current with the latest Academy news by visiting our website, ([www.coastdance.com](http://www.coastdance.com)). Our telephone answering machine is always available for you to leave messages, (604-885-2263).

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

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