

SPOTLIGHT DANCE CENTRE

Fall Newsletter

October 2009

Welcome to Spotlight Dance Centre.

It's wonderful to have so many students returning for another year. It's been a lovely, warm summer and we hope everyone took time to enjoy friends and family. It was great to unwind and relax after a long year of schedules and school! We also extend a huge welcome to all our new students and families. We hope your year at Spotlight will be fun, exciting and pleasantly challenging!

Thanksgiving Monday – October 12

The studio will be closed, however we will be open for regular classes on Saturday, October 10!

Please check out our website at

www.spotlightdancecentre.com for information on other holidays and upcoming events.

Welcome

Katrina Knauer - Ballet

A graduate (with distinction) from Canada's National Ballet School's Teacher Training Program, Katrina Knauer began her classical ballet training in Vancouver B.C. She has trained in both the RAD syllabus and the Cecchetti method.

Katrina has worked with dancers of all ages and levels, her love and passion of dance and teaching is evident when she is in the classroom. She believes that dancers should develop as artists and wishes to help them grow and explore the beauty of dance. We are thrilled to have Katrina join Spotlight as our new ballet teacher.

Encore 2009 DVDs & Photos

- We have a new shipment of Encore 2009 DVDs available for sale at the office. Cost is \$45. In case you're missing DVDs from previous years, we have several years of Encore performances available as well.
- If anyone wants pictures from the Saturday night performance of Encore 2009, go to gftotfx.com and request through e-mail to view the pictures. They will reply with a code name. At that point, you have one week to view and order pictures from them.

Bits and Pieces:

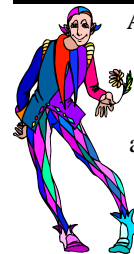
Please call the office when your child is ill or cannot make it to class. Teachers like to know why your child has missed a lesson.

The **Lost & Found Box** is located in the lounge at the top of the stairs. Please check for lost or missing items and remember to label all dance apparel! If you purchased a pair of used dance shoes, cross out the old name and put your child's name on the shoes. The box is cleared out monthly and items left will be donated to charity.

Helpful Hints For A Happy And Safe Year

- BE ON TIME! The warm-up is important for mental and physical preparation.
- DO NOT wear any jewellery to class. Students will be asked to remove watches, necklaces, bracelets etc. and often forget to pick them up after class.
- LEAVE ALL VALUABLES AT HOME! If it is absolutely necessary to have valuable items with you, please keep them in the studio while you dance. Do not forget them when you leave!
- LABEL ALL SHOES! Please put your child's name inside all shoes, skirts, etc. This makes it easier to find or return lost items!
- BE ON TIME getting your children after class. We recommend that children stay in the Studio while waiting to be picked up. You may also phone the studio and let us know. Older children can arrange to be picked up at **Cozmos** if you know you will be late.
- DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS OR HANDICAPPED ZONE! Every year some unfortunate parent gets a ticket for parking illegally. Note: the bus zone is now in front of our studio.
- You are your children's best advocate. If you have any concerns, please talk with their teacher.

Costume Fees



At Spotlight Dance Centre, all costumes are professionally made for each student. The cost includes design, fabric, fittings, execution and delivery. Costume fees start this year at \$70 and increase from there. Costumes are ordered in December and January, and are handed out in April and May. Costumes will not be given out to students unless their fees are paid in full.

- Invoices will be given out and full payment for each costume is due by Nov. 30th.
- Competitive students must pay a \$60 deposit per costume at this time with the balance due in March.

ENCORE 2010

This year our year-end show will be held at the Michael J. Fox Theatre at Burnaby South High School.

The dates for the **Encore 2010** performances are:

- June 24 – Thursday, Dress Rehearsal at the theatre, times to be announced in June
- June 25 – Friday, Encore 2010, 7:00 PM
- June 26 – Saturday, Encore 2010, 1:00 PM
- June 26 – Saturday, Encore 2010, 7:00 PM

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