



NEWSLETTER *April 2010*

Congratulations

We would like to wish all the best to Faye Rauw. Faye was married before the Winter holidays. We would also like to congratulate Shannon Nedza, who will be having her 2nd child at the end of May.

Web Site & Emails

A reminder to all parents and students to check our web site, www.interplay-dance.ca frequently as all our information given in class and posted on our school boards is available on the web. We also ask that all parents check with our office to make sure we have your correct email address. This is important as Interplay is now sending upcoming events and important dates by email. Hopefully this will help make information more accessible to all students and parents.

Intensive R.A.D. Exams

The R.A.D children's examination session will be held in studio 1 at the Davisville location in April. The exam schedule will be posted on the school board as soon as it is available. All students must have the correct footwear and uniform for the exam. If you are having trouble acquiring the correct outfit, please let your teacher know as soon as possible. Students need to arrive to the studio, one hour prior to the scheduled exam time.

Intensive Students

Swan Lake rehearsals have begun as of March and each child will have a wonderful role in this exciting ballet. Closer to recital time, we may need to overlap classes in order to amalgamate all the sections of the ballet together. Please also contact Karen Davies Thomas by email if your child has other activities on the same day as ballet. All costumes will be on a rental basis and will be given to the students just before the performance week.

Ballet Training

Interplay is pleased to inform all ballet students that you now have the possibility in the senior levels to train in both the RAD and Cecchetti syllabus. This will allow our dancers to be more versatile if they wish to have a career in dance. Some students have already had the chance to learn the Cecchetti method as well as RAD and will try an exam next year. Let us know if you are interested in this program. Please watch for next year's schedule in early May 2010.

Summer School

Interplay is now offering an exciting summer camp with very talented teachers, dancers and choreographers. Interplay Summer School will run from July 5 to Aug 13, 2010. Students may enroll in as many sessions as they wish throughout the summer. The senior summer program will be offered to students age 9 and up and a junior summer school will be offered to students, 5-8 years. Both programs are full day

programs. We will also be offering a mini half-day morning program to 3&4 year olds.

Please register early so that you are not disappointed as there will be a limited spacing. Early registration prior to April 15 will receive a discount. Please see our information shelf or our web site for all summer brochures.

For your convenience, we have now added a summer camp tab on our web site, interplay-dance.ca, where you are able to fill out the registration form and then print and fax it into our office.

Lateness

Please ensure that your child arrives to class at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time. **It is imperative that students are on time for class.** It is very disruptive to the teacher and students who are already in class. Please note that if your child is continually late for class, he or she will not be allowed to participate and will be expected to sit and watch the rest of the class. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Uniform & Jewellery

Students are asked not to wear jewelry to the school. Students leave their jewelry in various places, forget it after class and their jewelry has gone missing. Jewelry is not permitted in the dance class due to injury. Please leave it at home. Interplay is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform for class and their hair is either in a bun for ballet or ponytail and off the face for all other dance forms. A reminder that **no hair bands** are permitted in ballet class. If a student has been asked more than 3 times about proper attire, they will not participate in class.

Shoes and Boots

Please remove outside shoes and boots prior to entering the dance studio. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Holiday Closings & School Closings

Victoria Day – May 24 – school closed
Interplay senior school closes May 29. Interplay Junior school closes Saturday June 5th.

Interplay Dance Company & Intensive Program

If you would like to audition for the Interplay Dance Company performing group (ages 7-up) or our intensive program (ages 7-up), please see our office staff for an application. Auditions will be held in during regular classes in May for the 2010-2011 season.

Dance requirements per week are as follows:

Intensive 1 – 2 ballet, modern

Intensive 2-3 – 2 ballet classes, jazz or modern

Intensive 4-6 - 2 ballet classes, jazz, modern/lyrical and 1 repertoire/pointe class.

If you would like to join our Interplay Dance Company and competitive group, please let us know and we will set up an audition. All current IDC members must audition for the competitive program as of next year, 2010. The competitive group will rehearse on Friday nights for one and a half hours and the IDC Performing group will continue to rehearse on Saturdays. Those wishing to compete must be a part of our IDC Performing group.

Costumes

All costumes have been ordered since December and will arrive in April. You will be notified once the costumes arrive to our studio. All junior show students will wear their class uniform. An information letter will be given in class to each student prior to their show date. This letter will inform students of how they should wear their hair, make-up and their performance attire for each dance.

Year End DVD/Photography

Interplay will have a professional DVD and stage photographs available for purchase. DVD forms will be distributed as of April 15. This year, each student will have their very own copy of the performance of their choice. If you would like multiple show DVD's, an extra charge will apply. Photographs may be purchased on the performance nights at the theatre. These shots will be taken on rehearsal and performance nights.

Year End Performance

Please note that some students who are involved in multiple dance forms may be dancing in more than one show. We will try our best to have their dances be in the same show but it is difficult for some of our dancers as they are in many pieces. Those parents who have siblings may be in the same situation. We apologize in advance and appreciate your understanding.

Senior Intensive Show A – May 13, 8 p.m.

Swan Lake/Intensive – Cast 2

Senior Recreational Show B – May 14, 8 p.m.

Senior Intensive Show C – May 15, 6 p.m.

Swan Lake/IDC only – Cast 1

(Approx. ages 7 & up)

*The listing of dances will be out asap.

Junior Shows – June 6, 11:00 a.m.

Held at the Betty Oliphant Theatre, Toronto
Students in Creative Movement to
RAD Primary

Rehearsal Week will begin May 10-12 for all students involved in the **Senior Show**. Specific rehearsal times will be given in April. The **Junior school** students will be notified of their specific rehearsal times in the near future. These rehearsals will be just prior to the performance on June 6.

If you are unsure of where the Betty Oliphant Theatre is located, visit their website at www.nbs-enb.ca, 404 Jarvis St. (Jarvis/Wellesley) Street parking and lot parking is available.

Year End Tickets

All tickets will be general seating. All students will be guaranteed 2 tickets to any of the shows. You may choose which show you would like to attend on the ticket order form distributed to your child during their classes as of April 6th. The deadline for these forms to return to our office with full payment will be April 30th, 2010. If the

forms do not return to our office by the deadline, then please be aware that you have forfeited your guaranteed tickets. The remaining tickets will be on sale as of Monday May 3 during office hours. Senior Show \$26, Junior Show \$22. Taxes will apply. Tickets will be available for pick up as of May 3.

If there are any disabled friends or family members attending our performance, please let our office staff know when you purchase your tickets, as it will be too late on the day of the performance. The theatre doors will open approximately 30 min. prior to performance time. All special needs people will need to be by the theatre doors 45 min. prior to performance time.

Please make sure your account is not in arrears as you will be unable to purchase yearend performance tickets. Please call Felicia from Mon-Thurs 4:00-8:30 p.m. or Sat 9-2 p.m. if you have any concerns. You may check your account any time during these office hours.

Please note that all ticket pricing will be \$10.00 more per ticket after May 6. Please get your tickets early. This enables us to be prepared for any shows that are sold out.

Early Registration - September 2010

Early registration for next year will be held during our regular business hours after May 1st. Registration will be taken on a first come first serve basis. Please register early if you would like specific classes for your child. New students to the school may register after June 1. Early registration days will be held on June 7 & 9 from 4-8 p.m. Discounts will not be offered to new students. A reminder that HST will be applicable on all fees as of July 1st. Parents may wish to pay the full year to avoid paying both taxes on lesson fees. Please note that if you pay the full year and your child drops out of classes, you will lose your fees for the year. Make sure ahead if your child really will be committed for the full year. You may also fax in your registration forms with a credit card payment on these 2 days if you wish to receive a discount. Classes are now filling quickly in our school so please do not wait until the fall to register. We don't want any disappointments. Each child will receive a recommendation form for each of their current classes so that you know where to register them.

Teaching Staff

I am pleased to inform parents and students that our current staff will be returning in our 2010-2011 season. Mr. Glenn Gilmour will be returning on staff and Mr. Andrew Parker will be a part of our summer school and hope for the next season. We are very lucky to have these talented men at our school. If you would like to know more about their credentials, please visit our web site.

Interplay will now be capping enrollment each year so that we can raise the standard of our training. New students will only be able to join if a space comes available. Please enroll as soon as you are able as we don't want any disappointments. All ballet classes will be capped at 13 and all other classes at 18.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation and enjoy the rest of the year.

Karen Davies Thomas
Artistic Director