

INTERPLAY



NEWSLETTER September 2009

We are pleased to welcome new and returning students and parents to Interplay. We are very excited for the new year.

NEW PROGRAMS

Bishop Strachan School Ballet Program

Interplay has expanded its Bishop Strachan Ballet Program (298 Lonsdale Rd) to Wednesday after school and Saturday mornings to help facilitate parents who are unable to come to our new location. If BSS is better for you, please contact our office or see the schedule on our web site. This program is open for anyone in the community, not just BSS students. Miss Charissa and Miss Stephanie will be running these programs.

Daytime Programs

For those parents who like their children dancing during the weekdays, we have opened up a Super Boy Class, Adult classes and 3-5 year old classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you wish to enroll in these programs, please contact our main location. Miss Charissa, Miss Lucie & Miss Flora would love to see you. If you would like our teachers to teach a workshop in any of your children's daytime schools for the JK & SK's, please email Karen.

Outreach In-School & After School Programs

We continue to offer our after school programs at both Branksome Hall and Mooredale House. If you wish to join these programs, email Karen

Interplay Professional Staff Members

We would like to welcome to Interplay the following new and current staff members.

Bretonie Burcell- Hip Hop Program

Flora Chen – Ballet Accompanist

Beena Rizvi – Office Staff/Admin

Lara Kelly – Intensive Modern/Lyrical
Musical Theatre

Stephanie Landry - Intensive Ballet,
Interplay Dance Company

Elizabeth Ferenc— Open/Teen Ballet

Tamara Mchedlishvili — Ballet Accompanist

Shannon Nedza— RAD/Intensive Ballet Program

Suha Ozler —Junior Ballet Program

Faye Rauw –Jazz/Tap Program, Intensive Jazz

Jannine Saarinen – Modern Program, Junior Ballet

Lucie Ward – RAD Intensive Ballet Program
Junior Youth Ensemble

Charissa Zoetmulder—Junior Ballet Program

Interplay Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 4:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Open House Week

During the week of **September 21-26**, any student enrolled at Interplay may participate in trial classes in any dance form within his or her age group and/or appropriate level of dance at no extra charge.

Students will need to take a trial class slip to the teacher when entering the studio. These slips are available in the office.

Bring a Friend Week

During the week of **September 28 - October 3**, all students enrolled in the school may bring a friend for a trial class. If the friend enrolls in the school during this week only, the current student will receive a \$20.00 bonus! Please note that the final decision for the friend to register in the class is at the teacher's discretion and availability of space in the class.

Interplay's Children's Performing Company/ Intensive Program

Auditions

Auditions for our wonderful, talented, performing group and the Intensive Program have now taken place. If you have missed the auditions, and would like to join these programs, please see our office staff for an audition application. Students need to be 7 years and up.

All company members will be required to sign a contract on the teacher's expectations for the upcoming season.

There will be a new link on our web site for all IDC members. This link will have the student's contracts as well as pertinent information regarding these students. You will need a password to enter the link. This will be given to all parents in the near future.

There will be a parent meeting on Sat Sept 26, 1-2 p.m. Please bring any questions that you may have.

For those parents and students who wish to come out to see these talented dancers, watch our web site for upcoming performance dates.

Information/ Notice Boards

As our location gets underway, all pertinent information will be posted on our board and also on the white shelving. Please be sure to regularly check for newsletters, notices and forms.

A reminder for school closures, cancellations and class changes, please check our web site, www.interplay-dance.ca.

If you have not yet done so, please notify our office of your current email address so that we can send important information pertaining to our upcoming events.

Regulations at Interplay

We would kindly ask that everyone cooperate in helping keep our facility clean. We ask parents and students to remove all outdoor shoes prior to entering any studio. This avoids sand, dirt and grit from entering our studios.

All students should arrive 15 min. prior to the class time. This is to avoid injuries during class and to keep our classes running on time.

Food and beverages are not permitted in the studios.

Please mark all dance clothing and shoes clearly with first and last name. Check the lost and found frequently, located in the change room.

Safe Arrival and Departure from the School

For your safety, students who are being picked up must remain inside our studio until their ride has arrived. Please remind your children of this. You may wish to have your child call you to make sure you are downstairs prior to them going down the elevator. If your child has a cell phone, you may call them when you are downstairs. All students should travel together when riding the elevator. The elevator is on a timer and only goes from the 1st directly to the 5th floor after 9 p.m. Students, parents and others in the building are not able to use the alternate floors after this time. We ask that all parents write a brief letter stating that you permit your child to go down the elevator on their own. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We are looking for students who need volunteer hours for their daytime school to help retrieve students as they enter and exit the building. This student will greet the children at the door of the building allowing the parents to drop them off and pick them up without having to park. These students being dropped off should already be wearing their dancewear.

We are fully aware that parking is an issue in the down town area. Having a volunteer at the door may help your children arrive to class and home safely.

RAD/Intensive Skirts and Character Shoes

All R.A.D./Intensive 1-4 Ballet Students will require a character skirt and character shoes. Levels 1 & 2 will require a low-heeled character shoe and Levels 3 & 4 will require a Cuban heel character shoe. These shoes may be purchased from your nearby dance store. You may order character skirts at Malabar. Please see our dress code for the address and phone number. All students are required to have character shoes and skirts by **October 4, 2008**.

Proper Dancewear

Interplay has standards set for appropriate clothing and hair requirements for all classes. All students are required to be properly attired before entering the studios for class. All Ballet students must have hair up in a bun with sufficient pins. **Thin hair bands** are not permitted in the ballet class. Students in all other dance forms must have hair pulled back off of the face and neck and in a ponytail. **Jewellery** is to be left at home to avoid loss. All Faye's recreational jazz/tap/lyrical students are to have their hair tied back in a ponytail and dressed properly. Please abide by these rules. Students will not be permitted into class without the proper attire. Parents who are having difficulty putting their young child's hair in a bun, please approach the teacher for guidance or see our office staff for a sheet called "How to make a bun". All students are required to wear the required footwear for all classes. This is for the safety of your child's soft metatarsals.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the studio at 416-972-1316 or see Office Staff during office hours. Your concerns and suggestions are very important during the year so please, do not hesitate to contact Karen directly at kdthomas@rogers.com. Our web site address is www.interplay-dance.ca. The web site will give you as much information on our school as possible. Schedules, programs and newsletters and important dates to remember will be listed on the web. Please check often to keep you informed at all times. This way you will not miss anything.

*Thank you.
Enjoy your dance year.*

**Karen Davies Thomas
Director**

**Interplay will be closed on
Monday, October 12**