

INTERPLAY



NEWSLETTER September 2011 CLASSES START SEPT 12TH

We are pleased to welcome new and returning students and parents to Interplay.

PROGRAMS

Bishop Strachan School Ballet Program

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

Daytime Programs

For those parents who like their children dancing during the weekdays, we have classes from 2-5yrs on Tuesday mornings. If you wish to enroll in these programs, please contact our main location. Drop in Adult classes are also available on Tuesday mornings. Please ask Miss Lucie for details.

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 Davies Thomas.

Interplay Professional Staff Members

We would like to welcome back to Interplay the following staff members.

Bretonie Burchell- Hip Hop, Contemporary

Flora Chen – Ballet Accompanist

Lisa Farrington – Junior Ballet

Felicia Gregory – Office Administration

Marcel Hoff - Ballet Accompanist

Julia Lifshine – Ballet Accompanist

Shannon Nedza– RAD/Intensive Ballet Program

John Ottman - Intensive Ballet, Repertoire & Pointe, Interplay Dance Company

Erin Poole – Intensive and Rec Contemporary, Musical Theatre, Jazz Programs
Interplay Dance Company

Faye Rauw –Intensive Jazz/Lyrical, Comp program
Recreational Jazz/Lyrical Program

Lucie Ward – RAD Intensive Ballet Program

- Junior Ballet Programs

Interplay Dance

Company/Competitive Program

Manager of Intensive, IDC and Comp Div.

Charissa Zoetmulder—Junior Ballet Program

We have an exceptionally talented staff at Interplay and we hope your children enjoy their classes.

PSB Teachers Announcements:

Faye Rauw, is expecting her first child at the end of October. Adam Sergison will be replacing Faye until Jan 2012. We wish her and her family all the best in their future.

John Ottman, artistic director of the Quinte Ballet School, John is joining us at Interplay for the upcoming year. John will be developing the intensive girls and boys divisions as well as working with the Interplay Dance Company.

Erin Poole, was accepted as an apprentice for the ballet and contemporary company, Proartdanza, Roberto Campanella's company. Erin's next performance will be held from October 5-8 at the Harbourfront centre. Congratulations to your new professional dance career.

Stephanie Landry, we bid farewell to a great artist, teacher and choreographer at Interplay for many years. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Suha Ozler, we also bid farewell to a wonderful teacher. We wish her all the best in her future career.

Interplay Office Hours

Monday - Thursday	4:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	8:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

Open House Week – SEPT 17-23rd MASTER CLASS AT INTERPLAY– MR JOHN OTTMAN

Sept 17 – 9:00-10:30 a.m. – INT 6-8 STUDENTS
During the weeks of **Sept 17 – 23rd**, 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 class. These slips are available in our office. Parents and students are able to also watch any classes in progress and browse around the studios.

Bring a Friend Week

During the week of **Sept 24 – Sept 30**, any student registered at Interplay 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.

Intensive Program

Auditions

Intensive Program audition will be held from **9-10:30 a.m. on Saturday Sept 17 for Int 6-8 during the master class with Mr. John Ottman**. All other intensive levels will hold their auditions within the class schedule. If you would like to audition and would like to be in our intensive division, please see our office for an application form.

Interplay's Dance Company & Competitive Division

Auditions

Auditions for our wonderful, talented, performing group, competitive team 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 8 years and up. All company members will be required to sign a contract on the teacher's expectations for the upcoming season. If you need to miss more than 3 rehearsals, please do not audition for the dance company or comp team. You must be able to make a commitment.

Auditions will be held on Saturday Sept 17th, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Our first performance will be held at the Orillia Opera House in Orillia from Oct 20-23rd. We will also perform a Nutcracker and Mixed Program at the Betty Oliphant Theatre on Sunday Dec 18th. Matinee times to be announced. Those Interplay students who would like to be a part of the Nutcracker, will need to rehearse for 6 weeks as well as commit to 8-10 performances in December.

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 on our shelves in the parent waiting area. Please be sure to regularly check this shelf for newsletters, notices and forms. Also be sure to regularly check the School Notice Boards located in our parent waiting area for holiday closings, schedule changes, important dates and recent news. A reminder for school closures, cancellations and class changes, please check our web site frequently as this will be altered first, www.interplay-dance.ca.

Regulations at Interplay

We would kindly ask that everyone cooperate in helping keep our facility and the common areas clean. We ask parents and students to remove all outdoor shoes prior to entering our unit and any studio. This avoids sand, dirt and grit from entering our studios. Carry your shoes or boots onto the boot trays in the parent lounge and then carry them back out of our unit and put them on in the hallway. The management of the building has advised us that we are not to leave any shoes or boots in the hallway at anytime. They will remove them if they are left there. Thank you for your cooperation.

The building management has asked for all students and parents to not sit, eat or change in the common areas, ie. washrooms, hallways, stairwells. You must be in our unit at all times. All students are to eat in the change room or the waiting area.

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.

Strollers and large carts should be parked in hallway and are not permitted in our unit as we do not have the space.

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.

Safety Arriving to and Leaving 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 7 p.m. Students, parents and others in the building are not able to use the alternate floors after this time.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Important Dates to Remember:

Interplay Dance Company –

Orillia Opera House – Oct 22-24

Year End Rehearsal Days – May 6-9

Recreational Senior Year End Show –

Friday May 11 – 8 p.m.

Intensive Year End Shows-

Thurs May 10 – 8 p.m.

Sat May 12 – 6 p.m.

Junior Year End Shows –

Sun May 13– 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Interplay will be closed on Mon Oct 10. We will be open on Fri Oct 7, Sat Oct 8 and Sun Oct 9 for regularly scheduled classes

RAD/Intensive Skirts and Character Shoes

All R.A.D./Intensive 1-6 Ballet Students will require a character skirt and character shoes. Levels 1 -3 will require a low-heeled character shoe and Levels 4 - 6 will require a Cuban heel character shoe. These shoes may be purchased from your nearby dance store. You may order character skirts at Malabar, 416-598-2581. All students are required to have character shoes and skirts by **October 1, 2011**.

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. 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." 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, 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 and enjoy your dance year.

Karen Davies Thomas

Director