

PROJECT DANCE

Competitive Student Newsletter

December 2011

A Word from the Director:

Can it be December already? It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around the studio, and no doubt around your house as well.

Thanks to all the company dancers who are taking advantage of the Master Classes being offered. It is important for competitive dancers to challenge themselves with new routines from a variety of professional dance teachers, and the feedback from the guest teachers so far has been great!

After Christmas break, the teachers will be concentrating on perfecting the dances for the competition season, which starts in February. Attendance at all classes and solo lessons is absolutely imperative at this time, with the exception of course of severe illness or family emergencies.

To all of our PD students and families - best wishes for a restful and happy Christmas break, and much happiness in 2012.

Amanda Quinton

Owner/Director - Project Dance

ACCOUNT BALANCES!

All accounts **must be paid up to date before Christmas Break December 19th** - 1st and 2nd payment competition fees for groups, solos, duos, trios and costume deposits.

We appreciate that this is a difficult time of year with so many expenses, but with each competition, Project Dance pays over \$15,000 upfront and we simply cannot support these expenditures that are in arrears. Competitive costs are outlined early in the dance year.

If accounts are not paid by the deadline, dancers may be asked to leave the competitive program.

Important Dates

Sat., Dec. 10: Christmas Party

Evergreen Hall 2:00 - 4:00 pm
(while largely for mini and rec, some competitive dance numbers will be featured)



Dec. 19 - Jan. 2 - Winter Vacation
Studio closed.

Sun., Jan. 29 - Pre-Competition Show - Chilliwack Cultural Centre.

March - Competitive Student Pictures
Exact time and date to be announced

March 19-23 - Spring Break. Studio closed.

Fri., Apr. 6 - Good Friday. Studio closed.

Sat., Apr. 7 - Studio open.

Mon., Apr. 9 - Easter Monday. Studio closed.

Mon., May 21 - Victoria Day. Studio open

June - Year-End Competition Show
Thurs., June 14, 7:00 pm
Chilliwack Cultural Centre

**GT Video FX
On Board
for Video/
Stills!**

Project Dance is very excited to have secured a contract with GT Video FX for production of the year-end show video and the option of action shots. This Lower Mainland video/photography firm is well-known for its expertise in the shooting of dance videos, and PD has arranged for the filming of both competitive shows and the mini/recreational shows. Watch for further details in future newsletters.

Costume Balances Posted

Costume balances have now been posted in your accounts. If unable to access your account online, please check with the office staff to find out your balance.

As you know, the competitive costumes have all been either ordered or are being sewn, so the up-front charges to the studio are large.

Thanks so much to those who have been diligent in submitting their costume deposits on time and to those who are still owing, your deposits are overdue, and the balance is now due.

NEW LINE OF PD LOGOWEAR!

Be sure to check out the new line of Project Dance logowear!

Now available for pre-order are hoodies, sweatpants, tanks and shorts. Not only will you get an opportunity to show pride in your studio, but hoodies are a great item to take along to competitions to wear prior to and after appearances on stage.

STAY HEALTHY!

It's cold and flu season, and while we will do our best at the studio to ensure that high touch point surfaces are cleaned often and the soap and hand sanitizer containers are topped up, please be sure to remind your children, no matter what age, about the importance of washing their hands with soap and water, and to not share drinking cups etc..

Ballet Corner



Jan 12 - All Ballet Exam Forms and Fees Due

Jan. 22 - 1st Ballet Mock Exam Classes, Gr 1-5, Intermediate

March 4 - 2nd Ballet Mock Exam Classes, Gr. 1-5

March 8-9 - Ballet Exam Dates

March 12, 14, 15 - Ballet Viewing Week

Info on Recital Details for the Ballet Department and Costume Fees will come out in January.

Instructor Profile

Rebecca Goritsas

Rebecca Goritsas is a certified Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Ballet teacher. Her experience goes back almost 30 years, starting in her home town of Abbotsford, and branching out to Greater Vancouver, the U.S. and eventually Spain. Although Ballet is her main area of training, she also has experience in Tap, Jazz, Lyrical and Musical Theatre. She also dedicated a large amount of her training time to Spanish Classical Dance, Flamenco, and Folkloric Spanish and has performed professionally in this art form through out Vancouver and Washington.

Among her best known teachers are Deborah Cameron, Rod Schultz, Bonnie Jean Anderson, Dolores Kirkwood, Bonnie Lee Haus, Rosario Ancer, Teo Morca (USA), Nancy Sedgewick (USA), and Maite Galan (Spain). Rebecca graduated as a drama major from Langley Fine Arts School and studied piano and music theory under the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM). Rebecca received her RAD Certificate in 2000 and her RAD Diploma in 2002, but has been teaching almost 15 years now.

Rebecca chooses choreography of classical and lyrical Ballet pieces for competitions and recitals and has had students successfully win medals in the Lower Mainland, Toronto and the 2007 Worlds competition in New York City. Currently, she is working towards her Spanish Dance teachers' certification under the Spanish Dance

Society (SDS).

Since she started teaching, Rebecca has been sharing her love and enthusiasm for Ballet and Spanish Dance, and for dance in general, to form a well rounded dancer who can express the artistic self and connect fully with the audience. She also thrives to create healthy dancers who will love the art of dance and become future performers, teachers and spectators of dance.



In her personal life, Rebecca has been married for 8 years to her husband, Ron, who recently finished his PhD in English Literature and is currently working as an English Professor at UFV. They have two energetic and beautiful girls, Alexandra and Rosalina, who keep their parents very busy.

Rebecca loves being a part of such a great studio such as Project Dance and hopes she can impart the love of Ballet to everyone she teaches!