

# PROJECT DANCE

## Mini & Recreational 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 I'm sure that this is the case at your house as well.

While it is a busy time of year for families, the dance teachers are well into the year's choreography for the year-end dance show numbers, so it is important for you to ensure that your children attend class as regularly as possible. Repeated absences are unfair for other children who are then prevented from moving forward in their dance numbers.

Thank you so much for your diligence in ensuring that you park in the designated areas for Project Dance - in front of any of our four studios, and on the west side of the parking lot along the trees. It is making a difference.

Also - a reminder to keep checking the various notice boards in the studio for announcements on events and fund-raisers by the Parent Committee. And please read your emails!

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

**Amanda Quinton**

*Owner/Director - Project Dance*

### Some Costume Fees Still Outstanding

Thanks to all who have paid their costume deposits. If you haven't yet paid yours and are unsure of your amount, please check with the office. Due to the large volume of costumes to be ordered, they are being ordered now to allow adequate time for delivery.

The studio is unable to carry the costs for ordered costumes due to such a large volume, **so it is imperative that you provide your child's costume deposit(s) to ensure a costume is ordered in time for studio pictures and the year-end show.**

### Important Dates

#### Sat., Dec. 10: Christmas Party

Evergreen Hall 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Admission is free via tickets, but limited.

Sorry - tickets must be acquired ahead of time as there are no tickets available at the door. Due to fire regulations, every attendee must have a ticket.



#### Dec. 19 - Jan. 2 - Winter Vacation

Studio closed.

#### Sun., Jan. 29- Pre-Competition Show -

Chilliwack Cultural Centre.

Come support our competitive dancers!

#### 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.

#### May 2012 (Date TBA) Picture Day

#### Mon., May 21 - Victoria Day.

Studio open

#### June 8-9, 2012 - Year-End Shows

Chilliwack Cultural Centre

**GT Video FX  
On Board for  
Year-End  
Shows**

Project Dance is very excited to have secured a contract with GT Video FX for production of the year-end 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 all of the year-end shows.

Watch for further details in future newsletters.

## New PD Logo Wear Now Available for Pre-Order!

A new line of Project Dance logowear is now available for pre-order. Be sure to check out the clothing samples and the descriptors at the front desk. Available are pink hoodies and sweats for the younger dancers, grey hoodies and black for youths and young adults, and baggy shorts.

### 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..



### ????? Questions ?????

If you have a question about your child's dance program, be sure to talk to the right people. If it is about payments, schedules, or events, the office staff can likely help you. If it is about your child's dance number, please direct your question to your child's teacher via email at [projectdance@shaw.ca](mailto:projectdance@shaw.ca) (att: teacher's name). While the teachers run on a tight time schedule and don't have time to discuss things between classes, they can access your email later and email you back or call you.

### Instructor Profile

## Karen Mason-Albert

Karen Mason Albert is synonymous with the word "dance" in Chilliwack. Her own dance career began at a young age and her outstanding technique, style and showmanship brought home numerous awards as a dancer.

Amongst her other achievements were dancing with the world-acclaimed "Theatre Under the Stars", and as a performer with Shania Twain.

Karen's love of dance and of her community carried into owning her own dance studio. One of her young students was Amanda Quinton, Owner/Director of Project Dance. Amanda is so pleased to have her long-time mentor, Karen, on her faculty.

Amongst her many accomplishments as a dancer, choreographer and businesswoman, Karen's love of children shines through in all that she does.

A mother of three children and active in her community, Karen is committed to instilling proper dance technique and training, while nurturing the creativity and fun that dance offers.



Karen Mason-Albert