



AUTUMN



FALL NEWSLETTER

DOUGLAS BALLET ACADEMY

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Dear Parents:

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and welcome to the new dance season! I'm glad to have everyone back again and to welcome all the new students to our school. If you are new to the school and I have not already met you, please introduce yourself when you have a moment.

We have a new class - "Broadway Babies" which is musical theatre for the preschool set - if you have young children we hope you will check it out.

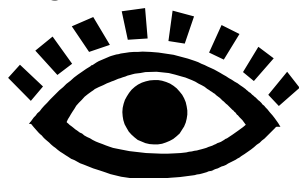
We are also delighted to welcome our new voice teacher Christine Turingia, but sad to say goodbye to Darren Burkett.

As our classes are quite full this year, especially on Saturdays, to avoid parking congestion and clamour in the hallways, please only arrive 5 or 10 minutes early to class, not half an hour.

Thank you and happy dancing!

KELLY DOUGLAS

A.R.A.D, R.T.S



Parent's observation weeks are every second month.

We encourage parents to try and attend the observation days and be involved in your child's class work.

First Parent's Observation Oct 19 – 24th

Parents Observation Dates for October & December 2009

October

Monday October 19 – Saturday October 24th

December

Monday December 7th – Saturday December 12th
No observation for Aladdin Production classes

**ANNUAL DBA CHRISTMAS
PERFORMANCE SUNDAY DECEMBER 13th
2:00 – 5:00pm**

Douglas Ballet Academy:

Voted Best Dance School in Burnaby by readers of the Burnaby Now and in the top three Best Places to Dance by readers of the Burnaby Newsleader. Thank you to all who voted for us.



**DBA OFFICE
HOURS
MON 12 – 8**

TUES 3 – 9

WED 10:30 – 6

THURS 3 – 9

FRI 3 – 7

SAT 9:00 – 3:15

Waiting room space in our studio is limited. While we encourage parents to take an active interest in their child's classes, things run more smoothly if, once your child is settled, you leave and come back to pick them up at the end of class.

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SUMMER NEWS

We are happy to welcome a new voice teacher this year, Christine Turingia. Christine is currently studying for a Masters in Operatic Performance at UBC.

DBA summer dance included senior level drop in ballet and jazz classes as well as vocational courses followed by exams for Intermediate Foundation through Advanced 1 levels. We also offered continuing classes in jazz & ballet for younger students as well as a week long dance and arts camp conducted by Miss Anita and Miss Angela. Missy Martin taught a fun Dance Sampler week in August. Performance Division students performed at the PNE in August as well as locally at Kensington Fair.

As your child's happiness and progression in his or her class is my personal concern, I hope you will stay in touch with your child's teacher or me with any concerns you might have throughout the year. If you should wish to contact me directly please call or come by the studio during the following hours

Monday 1:00 – 3:00pm

Tuesday 12:00 – 2:00pm

Thursday 1:00 – 3:00pm

Or email me at

kellydba@telus.net

NEW CLASS THIS YEAR!



BROADWAY BABIES – AN EXCITING NEW CLASS FOR YOUNG ONES. CHILDREN AGED 3 – 5 WILL LOVE TO TAKE PART IN THE SINGING DANCING AND IMAGINATION GAMES THIS CLASS HAS TO OFFER

Saturday mornings, 9:00 – 9:45 – call the school for details



MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION CLASS, MONDAYS 3:45 – 5:45, WILL BE IN REHEARSAL FOR ALADDIN THIS YEAR. PERFORMANCES WILL BE ON MAY 7TH & 8TH. STILL TIME TO JOIN IF YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THIS WONDERFUL SHOW!

email musicaltheatreproduction@live.com for info



Performance Division

Please have your contract & payment into the office by September 22nd. All payments should be made to DBA. Every family in performance division should have a handbook which will lay out guidelines for students and include a calendar of events. Make sure you get one.

PERFORMANCE DIVISION WILL BE PERFORMING SELECTED NUMBERS AT CIRCLE CRAFT ON NOVEMBER 14TH @ 4:00PM. MARK YOUR DIARY NOW

POST DATED CHEQUES OR VISA INFORMATION SHOULD BE IN TO THE STUDIO BY NOW FOR PAYMENTS. SEPTEMBER PAYMENT NOW OVERDUE.

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STATUTORY HOLIDAYS 2009-10

Thanksgiving Monday October 12th no classes

Hallowe'en: classes as usual on Saturday October 31st

Remembrance Day: Wednesday November 11 – no classes

Christmas Break: last day of classes Saturday Dec 19th First day back Monday Jan 4th

Spring Break: last day Sat March 6th Return Monday March 15th

Easter: Friday April 2nd– Monday 5th - no classes. Classes start Tuesday 6th April

NOTE THERE WILL BE REGULAR CLASSES ON VICTORIA DAY, MAY 24TH

YEAR END SHOW SUNDAY JUNE 13th MATINEE & EVENING PERFORMANCES

MONDAY JUNE 14TH TENTATIVE 3RD SHOW

JOIN DBA STUDENT COUNCIL - HAVE FUN!!

STUDENT COUNCIL IS OPEN TO ALL DBA STUDENTS 10 YEARS & OLDER. THEY ARE NOW ACTIVELY RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS. MEETINGS ARE ABOUT FIVE TIMES A YEAR AT THE DBA STUDIOS. IF YOU THINK YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING, PLEASE LET MISS DOUGLAS OR THE OFFICE KNOW. HELP PLAN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS, SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK ETC.



YEAR END SHOW rehearsal & show dates

Thurs May 20th – run through show 2 - 3:00 - 9:00pm at the studio

Sat & Sun May 22 & 23 – picture days – all students

Wed May 26th - run through show 1- 3:00 – 9:00pm at the studio

Mon June 7th – dress rehearsal show 2 – 4:00 – 10:30pm @ Michael J. Fox

Sat June 12 – dress rehearsal show 1 8:00 – 2:00pm @ Michael J. Fox

SHOW DAY SUN JUNE 13th - SHOW 1, 12:00pm, SHOW 2, 6:00pm

TICKETS ON SALE SAT MAY 1ST – 9:00AM - 4:00pm at the Studio

DBA IS PAPERLESS – MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL SO WE CAN KEEP IN TOUCH

Just in time for Christmas:

Musical Theatre Production class will be selling Innisbrook wrap to fundraise for props, scenery etc. for the great production of Aladdin. If you wish to support them please check out the catalogue when it is sent home.

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CALLING ALL “BUDDING BEETHOVENS” Orff music



The Orff approach includes singing in groups and performing

voice instrumental music, rhymes and playing instruments such as the met allophone, xylophone, glockenspiel (for the higher levels) and other percussive instruments like shakers, chimes, rattles, woodblocks and spoons (for the lower levels).

By teaching music literacy, the **Orff program encourages children to take up a formal instrument or vocal studies later.**

An Open House will be held at DBA studios on Sunday September 27th from 2:00 – 3:00pm

For information email Ruchika@buddingbeethovens.com or www.buddingbeethovens.com

DROP IN YOGA CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED AT DBA STUDIOS STARTING OCTOBER 7TH AT 7:30. ONLY \$10.00 FOR ONE AND A HALF HOURS – A DEAL FOR EXISTING DBA CLIENTS. TEACHER NATASHA KING SPECIALISES IN RAJA YOGA WHICH INCLUDES BREATHING, POSTURES AND MEDITATION. Yoga4you2@gmail.com

Neither yoga nor Orff music are offered directly through Douglas Ballet Academy. Please contact the individual teachers.

A FEW HOUSEKEEPING MATTERS

Parking: The lot is “efficiently” patrolled by Diamond parking. You may park in the section marked for Tim Horton’s or Office Depot for one hour. Pick up a “DBA Client Parking” slip from the front desk if you expect to exceed this time. Please try not to park directly in front of the Office Depot doors, as a courtesy to their customers. We have two 15 minute drop off stalls immediately in front of our doors. **Under no circumstances may you park your car and walk off the lot, even to Cactus Club – YOU WILL BE TICKETED.** These limitations should not cause undue inconvenience to anyone if we obey the signs.

Noise: Please respect the fact that the studio is a teaching environment and keep the noise levels in the hallway to a minimum and younger siblings under control. It is difficult for teachers to teach and students to learn if they are constantly distracted by loud noises from the hallway.

Lost property: As all dance clothing looks the same, please make sure you put names in all your child’s dance attire and double check before you leave the studio that not only are you taking away the things you came in with, but that they are your things. Please use the cubby holes and hooks for your clothes. If the changing room is tidy, it is easier to keep track of your possessions. The lost property box is located in the main changing room. Jewellery items are at the front desk.

Lockers: Student lockers are only for use when you are in the studio. Please take your belongings home when you leave so that someone else may use the locker

Food: If you bring food to the studio, please take it away with you, and if you drop stuff on the floor CLEAN IT UP!

WE ARE A PEANUT FREE ZONE



NO NUTS PLEASE