



Bradford Dance Academy
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September 07 Newsletter

Notice to all Ballet Students (Blacktown and Manly Vale)

There will be two **compulsory** FULL rehearsals to ensure we are polished for our end of year concert. This will also be a costume fitting session. Cost will be \$12 per rehearsal and held at Blacktown studio.

Dates: Tuesday 13th November 2007 5-7.30pm

Tuesday 20th November 2007 5-7.30pm

BDA "HEROES" Concert (IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

- **Concert Date:** Thursday 22nd November 2007 6.30pm Showtime
- **Concert Venue:** Riverside Theatre Parramatta. cnr Church and Market st, Parramatta
- **Tickets and Prices:** Purchase from the Riverside box office Ph: 8839 3399 (date of sale TBA)
 - Individual \$25+GST+2.75 (booking fee)
 - Child (11 and under) \$15+GST+2.75 (booking fee)
 - Senior \$20+GST+2.75 (booking fee)
 - Family (4 people inc concert DVD) \$120+GST+2.75 (booking fee)
- **Costume hire:** \$33 per costume (an invoice will be sent out soon) – PS: by now everyone should have paid their \$50 deposit. If you still have this outstanding please pay this amount ASAP to Mr Richard.
- **Concert helpers:** Helpers will be required on the day – please see Miss Ann / Miss Rhonda if you can assist. Please note helpers must remain backstage for the entire concert.
- **Rehearsal information:** Arrival time for rehearsals at the Parramatta Riverside (please have your name marked off at the stage door upon arrival). Mobile phones to be switched off during rehearsal times.
Please be warmed up and ready to perform at these times;
 - **Blacktown Seniors and Stage Class – 12 noon**
 - **Blacktown Juniors - 1pm**
 - **Manly Vale (all students) – 3pm** (PS: we will be organising a bus for Manly Vale juniors if parents find it difficult to get their child to the rehearsals. This will be a one way service and your child will need to be picked up after the concert).
 - **Rehearsal fee:** \$12 (all students) – note: this fee has been included in your costume invoice.
 - **Rehearsal clothes:** full BDA dancewear (red / black / white), clearly label all belongings including shoes, clothes, bags, lunch box, underwear, etc. Appropriate shoes, tights, socks, skin colour bras, underwear, body stocking, etc are to be worn – please see Miss Nicole if unsure.
 - **Ballet students:** primary and grade 1 wear ballet pink socks and grade 2 and above wear seamless ballet pink tights for the performance.
 - **Hair and make up:** please bring hair nets, bobby pins, elastics, hairspray, safety pins only. Leave all jewellery and valuables at home. We will have a hair and make up person there to assist.
 - **Meals and Meal breaks:** please pack healthy snacks for lunch and dinner and have plenty of bottled water (labelled). There is a quiet / rest time between 5pm – 6pm to ensure the students are rested, settled, fed and preparing for their exciting performance.
 - **Filming of students:** the Bradford Dance Academy would like to film the students rehearsing their concert pieces in class time as a fun way to show our preparations taking place for the concert. If you **do not** wish your son/daughter to be part of this filming please advise Miss Nicole/Mr Richard ASAP
- **Performance details:** Have an early night prior to concert day. Happy faces and a positive attitude on the night.
- **Costume returns:** At the end of the concert all costumes will be collected and remain at the Parramatta riverside (no costumes are to be taken home). Please be patient as this is a huge task following which your child can be collected at the stage door.
- **Concert DVDs:** The Concert DVD will only be available to those who have purchased a family ticket or have pre-ordered. A separate order form will be distributed ASAP.

- **Photography:** Cyko photography (father of Ella) has kindly agreed to take photos at the concert this year. We will try to have a photo shoot in full costume at the Blacktown and Manly Vale studios just prior to the concert. More details on this later.

BDA Inhouse Competition (IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

- **Date / Time/ Location:** Sunday 9th December 10am Blacktown Studio – 2 Warrick lane, Blacktown
- **Awards:** There will be gold, silver, bronze, highly commended medals for both tap and jazz plus a junior and senior scholarship for 2008. All students will receive a certificate of completion for the year. There will also be lucky door prizes.

4th Term Fees for Manly Vale

Please note the Manly Vale term finishes on Thursday 27th September and will recommence **Monday 15th October** or **Thursday 18th October** depending on your child's class. Separate invoices will be emailed / posted out to all students during the break. Payment details are now more flexible and we would appreciate prompt settlement. As in previous years we will be offering the "**Introduce a friend discount**" – please refer to the website for details. There has also been a few timetable changes so please refer to http://www.bradforddanceacademy.com.au/doc/BDA_Timetable_updated_Sept_07.pdf

Cheerleading and Pilates at Manly Vale!

Cheerleading classes are now in full swing **Mondays at 3.30pm**. Pilates classes will be held **Mondays at 7.15pm** with Miss Diana from term 4. Pilates exercises teach awareness of breath and alignment of the spine, and strengthen the deep torso muscles, which are important to help alleviate and prevent back pain – great for dancers! Call Miss Nicole 0418 7000 69 to reserve a spot in either of these classes.

Eisteddfod Students

Congratulations to the following eisteddfod students

- Emily Cunningham – 1st place
- Cassie Simaitis and Ivana Marchetta – 1st place
- Renee Culbert – Highly commended and 2nd place
- Simon Plant – 1st place

Billy Elliot "The Musical" – Group Booking

We have now finalised the group for the show on **Wed 19th Dec 2007 at 1.30pm** at the Capitol Theatre. Tickets are \$57.90 each and due now. Details at http://www.bradforddanceacademy.com.au/doc/Billy_elliot.pdf

Dance around the World! In 2008/09

We are planning an OS trip to the US either LA (performing at Disneyland) or Orlando (performing at Disneyworld). Other options include London, France or Asia. Min 20 performers + staff and family. An audition tape is required – prices from \$2600 – express your interest to Miss Nicole for next year.

TUCKSHOP NEWS! We have introduced fruit salads for just \$2 and some new cakes. See prices at http://www.bradforddanceacademy.com.au/prices_tuckshop.htm If you can assist on sat mornings with running the tuckshop please see Miss Ann.