



BUNTINGFORD  
SCHOOL of DANCE



## Newsletter – Summer Term 2015

*Dear Parents and Students,*

*A warm welcome to you all for the Summer Term.*

*WOW! What an end to last term with three performances for everyone involved to be extremely proud of. Students, teachers and parents all gave so much to make the performances so successful, and all*

*went ahead with a happy relaxed atmosphere. No 'Dance Moms' in sight I am pleased to say ;-)* The production company is putting the finish touches to the DVD and these will be available very soon I hope. Watch out for an email when they are ready for collection. Clearly the performances were inspiring, as we have lots of new students and many current students trying out classes in additional dance genres. We hope you have enjoyed your trial classes!

*We have lots planned for this term, Tap and Ballet exams in July, the Ballet Cymru workshop in June (for older pupils), and for the Summer Holiday a course which we hope will enable students to relive the buzz of the shows; **'3 Days, 3 Shows!'** A different show for parents to enjoy each day. Phew!... hard work but we hope it will be full of fun and very exciting. Be quick though as places are already being booked! (see below) – email Philippa to reserve your child's place – no payment needed yet.*

*Please to take a moment to read through this newsletter; there is lots of news - I hope you find it informative and useful. Here's to a happy successful Summer term!*

*As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have at;*  
[buntingforddance@btinternet.com](mailto:buntingforddance@btinternet.com)

*Philippa McMeechan, Principal*

### Summer Term 2015, Dates:

TERM STARTS: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015  
HALF TERM ENDS: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015

*Half Term Break = Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May – Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May inclusive*

TERM RESUMES: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015  
TERM ENDS: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015



**3 DAYS  
3 SHOWS!**

**LIKE THE BUZZ OF PERFORMING?  
Like to Dance and Act?**

**Come and join us in Buntingford in the Summer Holiday, venue TBC  
24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August @ 10am-5pm  
£30 per day, or £85 for 3 days**

**Yes - We are aiming to create 3 separate shows to perform for parents  
at the end of 3 separate days!  
Come and join the fun, creativity and the performances**

**Ages: 6 to 16yrs – performances will be tailor-made to age and ability  
Soloist & Ensemble roles in performances.**



## Next Exam Sessions:

**Ballet Exams:** Sat 11<sup>th</sup> & Sun 12<sup>th</sup> July

**Tap Exams:** Sun 19<sup>th</sup> July

Those students who we feel are ready, will be invited, in due course, to enter an exam/exams during the above sessions.

**\*Tap Exams (additional session): Sun 25<sup>th</sup> October\***



*All England Dance*

www.all-england-dance.org.uk

## All England Dance Competition

### Regional Finals... we need your support!!

We do hope you might be able to come and support the Buntingford School of Dance qualifiers as follows;

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Leanne Wong, Ballet Solo 12.20pm**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Orla Swann, Character Solo 3.50pm**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Josie McMeechan, Tap Solo 9am**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Character Group, 'Dog's Life' 2.10pm**

They would all be very grateful for your support if you can make it. The competition takes place at the Gordon Craig Theatre. Children are free of charge, adults are charged £5 approx on the door.

Well done also to all those who danced so beautifully at the North London Festival recently. Your reports were very promising – well done!



### STEVENAGE

**Audition date: Mon 8th June 2015 at Gordon Craig Theatre**

**Ballet: Sleeping Beauty**

**Performance dates: Fri 16th & Sat 17th Oct 2015**

<http://www.englishyouthballet.co.uk>

This is a fantastic opportunity for all budding ballet dancers. Many Buntingford School of Dance pupils have successfully auditioned and have thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

# WEST SIDE STORY

*Henry Eaglesfield is starring as Tony in West Side Story at the Hertford Theatre! Performances run from 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May. I am hoping to organise a group booking for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May. I do hope you will want to come and support Henry, whose ultimate aim to be a professional musical theatre performer – and he's well on his way!...*

*If anyone would like to join the group trip, please contact Philippa via the email address given above, by Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May. Please state how many tickets you require.*

*(You will need to organise your own transport)*

### **Congratulations to;**

- ★ **Chloe Hatton**
- ★ **Megan Eaglesfield**
- ★ **Amie Dobner**

**For performing like true professionals in 'Charlotte's Web' at the Gordon Craig Theatre over Easter. Well Done!**

The Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage stages an in-house performance each Easter and Summer holiday, and invariably looks for local children to take part – a great opportunity to perform. Watch out for future auditions on the theatre website.

Yes – back by popular demand!...

# 'Bring Mum or Dad to Ballet Day'

All Philippa's classes at Freman College on  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015

£3 each adult – all proceeds to East Anglian Air Ambulance

Please come along to your child's regular class, at the usual time.



Good Luck to India Jarman-Tew who has landed a role in 'Blitz' at Broxbourne Civic Hall, which is on between 6-9<sup>th</sup> May

Good Luck to Orla Swann in



with Rare Productions  
At Gordon Craig  
Theatre performances  
Thursday 2nd July 7.30pm  
Saturday 4th July 7.30 pm

The Chelmsford Ballet  
Company

The next auditions for dancing membership are scheduled for 21st June 2015 (closing date for applications 7th June)

  
CECCHETTI  
classical ballet



## Cecchetti Summer School for Young Dancers

Saturday 25th July - Friday 31st August 2015

An exciting week of dance classes for boys and girls aged from 10 – 18 years who are studying any method of classical ballet. The course offers daily classes in Ballet with introductory lessons in, for example, Jazz, Contemporary, Classical Greek, Spanish, National, Musical Theatre and Repertoire. Choreographic workshops result in a competition at the end of the week. The course is primarily fully residential, but a limited number of 'Day Pupil' places are available. The course is an ideal opportunity to meet new dance friends and enjoy the outstanding facilities of Tring Park School for the Performing Arts.

For More info download a leaflet from [http://www.cecchetti.co.uk/youngdancers/summer\\_school.php](http://www.cecchetti.co.uk/youngdancers/summer_school.php)

## Autumn Term 2015, Dates:

TERM STARTS: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015  
HALF TERM ENDS: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2015

*Half Term Break = Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Oct –  
Sat 31<sup>st</sup> May inclusive*

TERM RESUMES: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2015  
TERM ENDS: Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015

Provisional Date for your  
Diary:

## **The Choreography Competition 2015**

will take place on  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### The boring but necessary bits...

Please note that if your child waits at the school/halls in between classes, they are not our responsibility. Although it goes without saying that we do our best to keep an eye out for all children attending classes, we cannot be held responsible for any child who is on the premises on their own waiting for classes.

*Fees for all classes are due prior to, or on the first day of the term/half term. Please either pay on-line or hand payments to Judith Tokely who is at Freman College on a Saturday morning or Zoe Eaglesfield who will be at The URC Hall on a Saturday morning (for the first week of each half-term). We cannot accept cash unless it is the correct money in an envelope with the pupils name and class/es attended clearly written on the front. All fees and classes are listed on the website; [www.buntingforddancingschool.co.uk](http://www.buntingforddancingschool.co.uk) Many thanks!*

### **Modern Classes - Uniform**

Girls in Grades 1 - 3 may now wear the black footless tights (as for the exams) with their plum leotards for their modern classes. Girls can continue to wear the black leggings until they have been grown out of, after which they should purchase the black footless tights via Lynn. **Those in Grade 4 and above should wear the red velvet and black cotton-lycra unitards for their regular Modern classes** (there is no rush to get these). If anyone would like further information about any of the above, please contact me. Thank you, Philippa.

### Fees Policy

A BIG BIG thank you to all of you who make your fee payments in a timely manner prior to, or on the first day of a term or half-term. This is the vast majority of you and it is very much appreciated – thank you! I should be grateful if everyone could remind themselves of the fees policy by reading below – many thanks!

1. All fees should be paid on, or prior to, the first class of term/ ½ term – details of how to make payment are given in the termly fees letter and on invoices.
2. Notice must be given, in writing, **prior to** the first day of a term/ ½ term (dates as given at top of newsletter) if a pupil wishes to stop classes. If no notice is given by 3pm on the final day of the holiday, then fees will become due on the first day of the term/ ½ term (as per dates given at top newsletter) and must be paid, regardless of whether your child returns to classes.
3. A fees letter is issued each term. Invoices are issued on the first day of each ½ term.
4. If fees are not paid by the end of the second week of the term / ½ term, a £5 admin fee may be charged
5. Refunds/Reductions will only be issued in exceptional circumstances, not for occasional illness or for family holidays etc.

### **Do we have up to date contact information for you?**

PLEASE tell us if you have change of address, contact telephone numbers, and VERY importantly EMAIL ADDRESS, as this is how most of our communication takes place. If you would like a new Registration form please contact Zoe Eaglesfield at [zoe.buntingforddance@gmail.com](mailto:zoe.buntingforddance@gmail.com)

**Thank you!!**