

THE GRADUATE COLLEGE OF DANCE NEWSLETTER

The Graduate College of Dance
Term 3 July 2003

*The beginning of Semester Two
heralds yet another busy
and exciting time for
The Graduate College of Dance.*



Among the many activities planned for Terms Three and Four are the Ballet Support Group's annual Family and Friends Fun Night, the Year 12 Choreographic Night 'Dare to Dance', Junior School auditions, preparations for our end-of-year production of 'The Nutcracker' and the continuation of our fundraising efforts through the Appeal Fund.

We have been greatly encouraged by the tremendous support given to our inaugural Appeal Fund, which has received both donations and plaudits as a fundraising initiative. In only a few weeks we are one-fifth of the way towards our goal.

Now it is important for supporters of the College to help us maintain this momentum, because the aim is to have our students participating in classes accompanied by a baby grand piano, by 2004!

Chavaune Francis
Editor



DR SCOGINGS SCHOLARSHIP

Year 11 student Julie-Anne Taylor has been awarded the 2003 Dr A Scogings Scholarship for achieving outstanding results in the Term One assessments.

The monetary component of the Scholarship will go towards Julie-Anne's travel, accommodation and registration costs for SODA.

The College extends its thanks to Dr Scogings for making this wonderful opportunity available to our students.

TREMENDOUS START TO INAUGURAL APPEAL FUND

The Graduate College of Dance thanks the following individuals and organisations for their generous contributions to our inaugural Appeal Fund. To date, \$4,000 of the \$20,000 target has been raised and we will continue to keep you informed of our progress.

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Dr and Mrs Scogings

Richard and Anna Taylor

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Plus all anonymous donors

NEW COLLEGE TRACKSUIT UNVEILED



It is wonderful to see students proudly wearing the latest addition to the College uniform. Although the new College tracksuit is optional, students should wear this when representing The Graduate College of Dance at events or competitions and, because the tracksuit is considered part of the official uniform of the College, we request that students refrain from adding badges or embroidery.

CHOREOGRAPHIC NIGHT 'DARE TO DANCE'

Each year our Year 12 students are given the opportunity to choreograph, coordinate and stage a performance by students from Years 6 to 11. The performance allows students to explore their creativity and gain an insight into the art of Choreography. On Friday August 8, 2003 our Year 12s will present 'Dare to Dance' in the Perth Modern School auditorium. For further information please contact 9380 0551.

PERTH MODERN SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

On Friday 30 May, The Graduate College of Dance presented an innovative performance of La Sylphide to staff and students of Perth Modern School. Set in Scotland, La Sylphide is in the repertoire of many leading dance companies around the world. The Graduate College of Dance performance was an entertaining precis of the full-length ballet with narration greatly enhancing the audience's understanding of the dance choreography.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME

One of the goals of The Graduate College of Dance is to identify and develop opportunities for the College to work with the broader community to showcase and promote the great art of Dance and provide vital stage experience and audience exposure for our students. In line with this, the College has developed a special School Performance Program with a strong focus on repertoire. Already, students have performed at Penrhos College and a performance is scheduled for Presbyterian Ladies' College in September. Our vision is to increase our School performances to 10 per year.

DANCES AROUND THE WORLD

Recently, students from The Graduate College of Dance participated in Perth Modern School's annual Perth Concert Hall Senior Concert. The theme this year was 'Dances Around the World', with the highlight a performance by the Perth Modern School Chorale, consisting of over 300 Music students, accompanied by our dance students. Congratulations to Year 10 students Ashleigh Berry, Madeline Myson, Jessica Roberts, Ashley Smallwood, Rozelle Surman and Nicole Ward.

STUDENTS IN ACTION DURING TERM 2 ASSESSMENTS

TERM 2 ASSESSMENT PHOTOGRAPHS

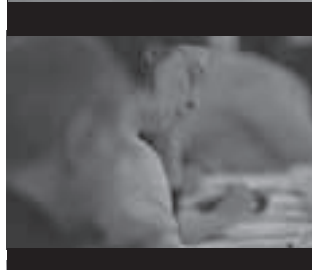
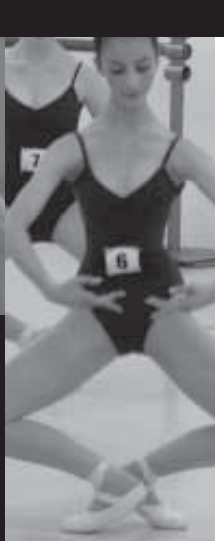
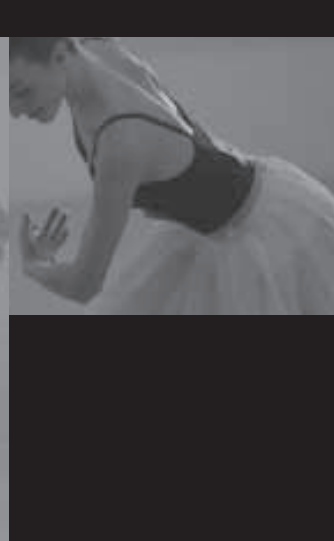


Photographs of Term 2 assessments are now available to view on-line and to purchase, with part proceeds going to the College.

Some examples are shown here and to view more images go to www.picsinaninstant.com.

If you would like to order photographs please contact:

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GUEST TEACHERS



In Term Two students at The Graduate College of Dance again had the unique opportunity to work with professionals from the world of Dance.

Kim McCarthy and Jane Tucker (pictured above) returned as guest teachers to give classes to Years 10, 11 and 12, while Natasha Middleton took classes with our Year 11 and 12s.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE'S BOARD

At the June meeting of the Board of Management Lynn Fisher formally stood down as Chairperson but will continue to support the College as a Board member. All at the College owe Lynn an enormous debt of gratitude. For many years she has worked tirelessly for the College, striving to make it the best learning and vocational training institution for primary and secondary Dance students in Western Australia. In her two and a half years as Chairperson, Lynn has guided the College through some significant changes and achievements, including a new constitution, strengthening of the Board through parent representation, rationalisation of administrative functions, and the appointment of our Director, Ms Dawn Weller.

At the same Board meeting, Chavaune Francis was elected Deputy Chairperson and I was elected Chairperson, to fill the casual vacancies created by Lynn's resignation. As the Board's newly elected Deputy Chairperson Chavaune is no stranger to the College, having been responsible for marketing and promotion for the past few years, and a major contributor to raising the profile and image of the College, particularly the end-of-year performances at His Majesty's Theatre. Apart from her work with The Graduate College, Chavaune is Director of Community Relations at Presbyterian Ladies' College.

A warm welcome is extended to new Board members elected earlier this year. They are Simon Dow, Artistic Director of WA Ballet; Rodney Phillips, General Manager of His Majesty's Theatre; Jacquie Kubacz, Associate with Minter Ellison and Jim Gray (our Treasurer), Management Accountant for MPL Health Safety and Environmental Solutions. Welcome also to our three parent representatives; Bill Coleman, Chief Commissioner of WA Industrial Relations Commission; Michele Toner, Executive Officer of Learning and Attentional Disorders Society; and Eng Kong, Design Consultant. Other Board members, (making up a baker's dozen), are Dawn Weller, Director of The Graduate College of Dance; John Scotland (our Secretary), Manager of Contracts and Relationships at Silver Chain; and Robyn White the Principal of Perth Modern School. The College is extremely fortunate to have such a wealth of talent on the Board.

I consider my new role as Chairperson a great honour and hope to continue Lynn's excellent work. I have been a Board member since 1997 and previously chaired the Ballet Support Group. At that time my daughter was a student at the College, then located at Swanbourne Senior High School. The College has continued to grow in strength and stature, but there is always much work to do to make it an even better learning environment for the talented students of Dance in Western Australia. I look forward to an exciting future for the College.

I would like to extend my best wishes to all students and parents during the second Semester. If there are any questions you would like to raise at any time please do not hesitate to email me on hilditch@bigpond.net.au

David Hilditch

Chairperson

HONOUR FOR PATRON'S SON

Congratulations to our Patron, Sir Charles Court, whose son became a Companion of the Order of Australia in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours. Former WA Premier Richard Court was one of only eight Australians and the only West Australian to be honoured in this way.

COLLEGE HOUSEKEEPING

Outside Training / Extra-curricular Activities

In the event that a student trains with a private teacher outside The Graduate College of Dance, the Director must be informed in writing. The Director must also be informed in writing if a Junior School student intends to perform with any group outside The Graduate College of Dance. It should be noted that only Junior School students are permitted to do this.

Adult Ballet Classes

Adult ballet classes will resume on Tuesday July 29, 2003. Classes are held at The Graduate College of Dance on selected Tuesdays from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm. The cost is \$10 per class and all proceeds go towards the College for the benefit of the students. The classes are a wonderful way of gaining first-hand understanding of what students are studying at the College.

July	29
August	5, 12, 19, 26
September	2, 9, 16
October	21, 28 (last for year)

Auditions

On Saturday 21 June auditions were held for entry to the Senior School. The number of students wishing to audition far exceeded our expectations and in 2004 a full compliment of students will undertake dance studies in the Senior School. Junior School auditions for entry in 2004 will be held on Saturday October 18, 2003.

Advertising

If you are interested in promoting your business through The Graduate College of Dance newsletter and would like to obtain further information and advertising rates, please contact Chavaune Francis at glide@inet.net.au or on 0408 982890. The booking deadline for advertising in the Term Four newsletter is Monday 22 September 2003.

BALLET SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

On 26th July commencing at 7pm, the annual Family Social Night will be held at the Loftus Centre in Leederville. Each year, this night is the BSG's main social event and it would be great if all students and their families could attend. This year we have a new DJ and a 'Special Entertainment Act'. We will again have a Silent Auction, including items such as weekends away in the South West and at the Vines. Remember to bring your own nibbles. Soft drinks, beer and 'bottled' wine (courtesy of Body Active) will be available for sale on the night. Let's make this night a real success!

As a number of our committee members are also on the College Board of Management, the monthly BSG meetings will now be held on the first Wednesday of each month, making our last three meetings for the year on 6th August, 3rd September and 5th November at the Ballet Studios at 5.45pm.

The Frankland Estate Winery has made some of their premium wines available to The Graduate College of Dance at only a fraction of their normal retail price. These wines will have Graduate College labels and are a fantastic opportunity to purchase award winning wines and help the college at the same time. Parents will be able to sample and order the Frankland Estate wines at the Family Social Night.

Many thanks to the numerous people who have assisted with the running of the coffee and cake sales during the lecture meetings, assessments and auditions. Your work has been very much appreciated.

Bruno Romeo

Chairperson, Ballet Support Group

STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM ALL MALE WINTER SCHOOL

During the July school holidays, a number of our male students joined other young male dancers from across Australia for a week of intensive training at the Australian Ballet School in Melbourne.

The All Male Intensive Winter School was designed to give boys a taste of dancing and learning alongside other males and an idea of what to expect if they pursue careers as professional dancers. The students participated in Classical, Contemporary, Character and Jazz classes all taught by male teachers, with additional lectures on Nutrition, Anatomy and Psychology.

WA BALLET DANCER TO COACH STUDENTS

We are fortunate to have WA Ballet's Jayne Cooper to coach our Year 11 students in a solo she has choreographed for the stage exams. Jayne will also be working with students who are entering AICD and SODA competitions, creating a work especially for them.

Originally from Dampier, Jayne trained at The Graduate College of Dance and then at the Hamburgische Staatsoper GmbH Ballettschule in Germany. From 1995 to 1999 she danced with the Netherlands Dance Theatre II in Holland.

YEAR PLANNER - TERM 3 (JULY / AUGUST 2003)

(information is correct at time of printing however subject to change without notice)

DATE	THE GRADUATE COLLEGE OF DANCE
Mon 21st July	TERM 3 - Junior School resumes 1.00 - 2.00pm - Faculty Meeting
Tues 22nd July	TERM 3 - Senior School resumes
Sat 26th July	Performance Studies + Full run Choreographic Night 12.00 - 1.00pm - Year 11 Competition Solo Variation Rehearsal (AICD/SODA) BSG Family Fun Night
Mon 28th July	10.15-11.15am - Directors' Meeting (DW/MJ) 4.00 - 6.00pm - Meetings with parents - Junior & Senior School
Tue 29th July	5.30 - 6.30pm - Adult Class (DW/GDD - STD 2)
Wed 30th July	4.00 - 6.00pm - Meetings with parents - Junior & Senior School
Thu 31st July	4.40 - 5.55pm - Pas de deux Years 11 & 12 (STD 2 - AA/GDD)
Fri 1st Aug	Term 3 Fees - full payment due Students not participating in The Nutcracker to notify TGCD by today 4.00 - 6.00pm - Meetings with parents - Junior & Senior School
Sat 2nd Aug	Performance Studies + Full run Choreographic Night 9.00 - 11.30pm - Lost Property
Mon 4th Aug	10.15 - 11.15am - Faculty Meeting 3.10 - 3.30pm - Year 12 Meeting 3.45 - 4.00pm - Fitness Program - Ian Lowther/ Year 10/11/12 5.00 - 5.30pm - Coaching Class
Tue 5th Aug	5.30 - 6.30pm - Adult Class (DW/GDD - STD 2)
Wed 6th Aug	5.45pm - Ballet Support Group Meeting
Thu 7th Aug	No pas de deux class Choreographic Night
Fri 8th Aug	9.00am - 9.00pm - Choreographic Night (Performance from approx 7.30-9.30 pm)
Sat 9th Aug	Free Day 12.00 - 1.00pm - Year 11 Competition Solo Variation Rehearsal (AICD/SODA)
Mon 11th Aug	12.00-1.00pm - Pianists' Meeting (DW/MJ/DdV/Pianists) 3.45 - 4.00pm - Fitness Program - Ian Lowther/ Year 10/11/12 5.00 - 5.30pm - Coaching Class
Tue 12th Aug	5.30 - 6.30pm - Adult Class (DW/GDD - STD 2)
Thu 14th Aug	4.40 - 5.55pm - Pas de deux - Years 11 & 12 (AA/GDD - STD 2) 6.15 - 7.00pm - Year 11 Solo Variation for Stage Exam Rehearsal - Jayne Cooper/Year 11 Group A
Sat 16th Aug	12.00 - 1.00pm - Year 11 Competition Solo Variation Rehearsal (AICD/SODA) Performance Studies Rehearsals - see schedule on notice board
Tue 19th Aug	5.30 - 6.30pm - Adult Class (DW/GDD - STD 2)
Wed 20th Aug	9.15 - 11.00am - WAB Open Class (\$5 per person) 10.30 - 11.30am - Pilates Class - Years 11/12 - SP
Thu 21st Aug	4.40 - 5.55pm - Pas de deux - Years 11 & 12 (AA/GDD - STD 2) 6.15 - 7.00pm - Year 11 Solo Variation for Stage Exam Rehearsal - Jayne Cooper/Year 11 Group B
Fri 22nd Aug	9.15 - 11.00am - WAB Open Class (\$5 per person)
Sat 23rd Aug	Performance Studies Rehearsals - see schedule on notice board 12.00 - 1.00pm - Year 11 Competition Solo Variation Rehearsal (AICD/SODA)
Mon 25th Aug	10.15-11.15am - Faculty Meeting 3.45 - 4.00pm - Fitness Program - Ian Lowther/ Year 10/11/12 5.00 - 5.30pm - Coaching Class
Tue 26th Aug	5.30 - 6.30pm - Adult Class (DW/GDD - STD 2)

YEAR PLANNER - TERM 3 (AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2003)

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DATE	THE GRADUATE COLLEGE OF DANCE
Wed 27th Aug	10.30 - 11.30am - Pilates Class - Years 11/12 - SP
Thu 28th Aug	4.40 - 5.55pm - Pas de deux - Years 11 & 12 (AA/GDD - STD 2) 6.15 - 7.00pm - Year 11 Solo Variation for Stage Exam Rehearsal - Jayne Cooper/Year 11 Group A
Sat 30th Aug	12.00 - 1.00pm - Year 11 Competition Solo Variation Rehearsal (AICD/SODA) Performance Studies Rehearsals - see schedule on notice board WAB Auditions
Mon 1st Sept	3.10 - 3.30pm - Year 12 Meeting 3.45 - 4.00pm - Fitness Program - Ian Lowther/ Year 10/11/12 5.00 - 5.30pm - Coaching Class The Nutcracker - Rehearsals to commence during classes
Tue 2nd Sept	2.00 - 3.00pm - School Performance PLC 5.30 - 6.30pm - Adult Class (DW/GDD - STD 2)
Thu 4th Sept	4.40 - 5.55pm - Pas de deux - Years 11 & 12 (AA/GDD - STD 2) 6.15 - 7.00pm - Year 11 Solo Variation for Stage Exam Rehearsal - Jayne Cooper/Year 11 Group B
Fri 5th Sept	9.30am - 6.30pm - Stage Exam Rehearsals - Junior & Senior School - start with Senior School
Sat 6th Sept	9.30am - 6.30pm - Stage Exams - Years 7-12
Sun 7th Sept	10.00am - 12.00 - Stage Exams - Years 5 & 6
Mon 8th Sept	10.15 - 11.15am - Faculty Meeting 3.45 - 4.00pm - Fitness Program - Ian Lowther/ Year 10/11/12 5.00 - 5.30pm - Coaching Class
Tue 9th Sept	5.30 - 6.30pm - Adult Class (DW/GDD - STD 2)
Thu 11th Sept	4.40 - 5.55pm - Pas de deux - Years 11 & 12 (AA/GDD - STD 2)
Sat 13th Sept	9.00 - 11.30am - Lost Property 12.00 - 1.00pm - Year 11 Competition Solo Variation Rehearsal (AICD/SODA)
Mon 15th Sept	3.10 - 3.30pm - Year 12 Meeting 3.45 - 4.00pm - Fitness Program - Ian Lowther/ Year 10/11/12 5.00 - 5.30pm - Coaching Class
Tue 16th Sept	5.30-6.30pm - Adult Class (DW/GDD - STD 2)
Thu 18th Sept	3.30 - 4.30pm - Character Assessment - Year 8 4.45 - 5.45pm - Character Assessment - Year 9 5.15 - 6.30pm - Pas de deux - Years 11 & 12 (AA/GDD - STD 2) - last for 2003
Sat 20th Sept	SODA - Group 1/MJ depart for Sydney
Sun 21st Sept	AICD Scholarship 2003 - International Award - WAAPA booked - Group 2 in competition Victorian College of the Arts Audition - King Street Art Centre
Mon 22nd Sept	SODA - Group 2/DW depart for Sydney SODA - Year 10/11 in Sydney
Wed 24th Sept	Last Day Junior School - Years 5-7 (classes will be held) 12.00 - WAB Performance
Thu 25th Sept	Last Day Senior School - Years 8-12 (classes will be held)
Fri 26th Sept to Sun 12th Oct	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS * (no classes)
Mon 13th Oct	TERM 4 COMMENCES

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Please note that students are required to attend rehearsals for The Nutcracker the first week of the school holidays (Tuesday 30th September to Friday 4th October). See noticeboard for full schedule.



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