

# THE GRADUATE COLLEGE OF DANCE NEWSLETTER

The Graduate College of Dance  
**Term 2 April 2004**

## **SIR CHARLES COURT STUDIO**

*The Graduate College of Dance hosted a special event in March to pay tribute to Sir Charles Court, Patron of the College for the past twelve years, and welcome our new Patron, Hon Richard Court.*

Invited guests enjoyed a special performance by students from Year 5 to Year 12 and Board of Management Secretary, John Scotland, paid tribute to Sir Charles and the long links the Court family has had with the College. Following is an excerpt from a letter received from Sir Charles Court following the event.

"Congratulations on a wonderful function held at The Graduate College of Dance on Tuesday 9 March 2004 for the naming of 'The Sir Charles Court Studio' and for official recognition of the changeover of Patron from me to my son, Hon Richard Court AC.

You can be very proud of the function that was held and you must have been delighted with the performance of the students.

I know Richard will enjoy and value his time as Patron, especially as he now continues the unbroken line from his mother, through to me, to him."

## **NOTICE OF AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the Board of Management of The Graduate College of Dance will be held at 8.30am on Wednesday 9 June 2004 in Studio 3. All parents of the College are welcome to attend.



## **END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE**

We are pleased to announce that The Graduate College of Dance will present La Sylphide at the Quarry Amphitheatre as our end of year production for 2004. The season will run for three nights from Tuesday 14 December to Thursday 16 December and will provide students with the wonderful opportunity of performing this traditional classical ballet in a unique open air venue.

## **OPEN DAY FOR MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS**

The College will open its doors to our students' mothers and grandmothers on Saturday 8 May to help celebrate Mothers' Day and acknowledge the important role these women play in the lives of our students. Guests will be invited to view the normal running of classes, a unique opportunity as classes are generally not open to parents. For further information about Open Day for Mothers and Grandmothers please contact Suzan on 9380 0551.

### **WA BALLET MASTER CLASSES**

In April, Bianca Silcox, Lauren Romeo, Monique Eley, Jennifer Loth and Julie-Anne Taylor participated in a Master Class held by West Australian Ballet. Further classes will take place in July and November when alternative students from Year 12 will attend. The classes are for advanced level students who are well along in their training process and possess a knowledge of a wide variety of advanced level steps and combinations. All classes are taught by a member of WA Ballet's artistic staff.

### **REGIONAL OUTREACH**

Four students from the Dance School in Bunbury participated in the second Regional Community Outreach Program conducted by the College in March. The program benefits dance students in regional areas of Western Australia. Students participated in Classical, Character, Spanish and Repertoire classes over two days. At the conclusion of the program, students were interviewed regarding their work and presented with a certificate of attendance.

### **PERFORMANCE STUDIES**

On Friday 28 May, the College will present a performance of Coppelia Acts 1 + 2 to staff and students of Perth Modern School. Parents are invited to attend a 6.30pm performance in the Perth Modern School Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning Suzan on 9380 0551.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Anita Grafton for her very generous donation of a television. The television has been placed in the Lecture Room and will be of great assistance to students with their studies at the College.

Many thanks also to all parents who assisted with the Term 1 Assessments and the Sir Charles Court Studio naming.

### **JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS**

For safety reasons, the College requests that parents collect Junior School students at the end of class in a timely manner as there have been numerous occasions when students have been left waiting in Hamilton Street. For the same reason, please do not let students come and go from class in leotard and tights.



### **BABY GRAND PIANO APPEAL**

The Graduate College of Dance would like to sincerely thank the following individuals and organisations for their generous contributions to our inaugural Appeal Fund to raise funds for the purchase of a baby grand piano. The piano has now been purchased and is being enjoyed by staff and students alike. The College will continue its annual giving program in 2005 and looks forward to the ongoing support of the College community.

**Andrew Baird**  
**CJ + KR Baird**  
**Ballet Support Group**  
**Julie Bishop**  
**Clinton + Penny Charleston**  
**Costume and Ballet Centre**  
**Sir Charles Court**  
**Chavaune Francis**  
**Glidepath Consulting**  
**Helene Gowers**  
**Mr + Mrs Hadinoto**  
**Lorraine Harford**

**Sally Hughes**  
**Chris + Leslie Hutchinson**  
**Eng Kong**  
**Rodney, Gillian + Aileen Phillips**  
**Kirsten Rowse**  
**Dr + Mrs Scogings**  
**Kathryn Stokes**  
**Richard + Anna Taylor**  
**JA + SL Watt**  
**Whiteley Family**  
**Plus all anonymous donors**

### **NEWS FROM THE BOARD**

Term 1 has been a busy time for the College. In March we said farewell to our Patron Sir Charles Court and, to mark his contribution to the College over the past twelve years, we have named Studio 1 the 'Sir Charles Court Studio'. Our new Patron is The Hon Richard Court and Richard is very keen to assist the College in many different ways. I have had several meetings with Richard recently to discuss various ways in which we can improve the education experience for all of our students.

I would like to thank all who contributed donations to the Baby Grand Piano Appeal. This was a tremendous effort by all concerned, especially the Ballet Support Group who contributed \$4,000 towards the purchase. The Ballet Support Group continues to be very active with fund raising initiatives and the College is extremely grateful for all their hard work.

On 9 June the College will hold its Annual General Meeting at 8.30am in Studio 3. This is our first AGM since the College was reconstituted in March 2003 and all parents are welcome to attend. The Board will present its Annual Report and elect its officers for the next twelve months. You will be aware that there are three parent representatives on the Board of Management who have been working tirelessly on a number of initiatives and each has indicated their desire for re-election. I would like to thank all Board members for their tremendous support over the last year. It has been a job well done.

**David Hilditch**  
**Chairperson**

# YEAR PLANNER - TERM 2 (MAY / JUNE 2004)

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>THE GRADUATE COLLEGE OF DANCE</b>
<b>Mon 3rd May</b>	<b>3.40 - 4.40pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Program <b>5.30 - 6.00pm</b> - Coaching Class
<b>Wed 5th May</b>	<b>4.00 - 5.15pm</b> - Yr 12 Pas de Deux - Group B
<b>Thu 6th May</b>	<b>11.25 - 11.55am</b> - Yr 12 Monthly Meeting
<b>Sat 8th May</b>	<b>Open Day for Mothers and Grandmothers</b> <b>Choreographic Night Rehearsals</b> - Yrs 6/10/11 (see weekly schedule) <b>Ballet Support Group Family Social Night</b> - Loftus Centre
<b>Mon 10th May</b>	<b>3.40 - 4.40pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Program <b>5.30 - 6.00pm</b> - Coaching Class
<b>Wed 12th May</b>	<b>4.00 - 5.15pm</b> - Yr 12 Pas de Deux - Group A
<b>Thu 13th May</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> - Launch at Scitech
<b>Fri 14th May</b>	<b>Student Free Day</b>
<b>Sat 15th May</b>	<b>2.00 - 5.00pm</b> - Teaching of Video Class - Yr 12 <b>Choreographic Night Rehearsals</b> - Yrs 5/12 (see weekly schedule)
<b>Mon 17th May</b>	<b>3.40 - 4.40pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Program <b>5.30 - 6.00pm</b> - Coaching Class
<b>Tues 18th May</b>	<b>Yr 12 Students Take Class</b> - Dodds / Eley
<b>Wed 19th May</b>	<b>4.00 - 5.15pm</b> - Yr 12 Pas de Deux - Group B
<b>Sat 22nd May</b>	<b>Final Dress for Performance Studies</b> <b>2.00pm until finished</b> - Yr 12 Audition Video <b>Choreographic Night Rehearsals</b> - Yrs 7/8/9 (see weekly schedule)
<b>Mon 24th May</b>	<b>Open Day - Junior and Senior School</b> <b>3.40 - 4.40pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Program <b>5.30 - 6.00pm</b> - Coaching Class
<b>Tues 25th May</b>	<b>Open Day</b>
<b>Wed 26th May</b>	<b>Open Day</b> <b>4.00 - 5.15pm</b> - Yr 12 Pas de Deux - Group A
<b>Fri 28th May</b>	<b>Performance Studies Presentation</b> <b>12.50 - 1.30pm</b> - School Performance / <b>6.30 - 7.45pm</b> - Public Performance
<b>Sat 29th May</b>	<b>Choreographic Night Rehearsals</b> - Yrs 5/6/10/11/12 (see weekly schedule) <b>Junior School Classes</b> <b>No Performance Studies</b> <b>Last Day for Junior Boys doing separate classes</b>
<b>Mon 31st May</b>	<b>3.40 - 4.40pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Program <b>5.30 - 6.00pm</b> - Coaching Class
<b>Tues 1st Jun</b>	<b>Yr 12 Students Take Class</b> - Isaia / Svraka
<b>Wed 2nd Jun</b>	<b>4.00 - 5.15pm</b> - Yr 12 Pas de Deux - Group B
<b>Thu 3rd Jun</b>	<b>11.25 - 11.55am</b> - Yr 12 Monthly Meeting
<b>Sat 5th Jun</b>	<b>9.00 - 10.00am</b> - Ballet Support Group Meeting (Lecture Room) <b>9.00 - 11.00am</b> - Lost Property <b>Costume Fitting and Selection Day for Choreographic Night</b> <b>Meeting with Yr 6 Parents re Pointe Work</b> <b>Junior Boys</b> - commence combined girls/boys year of study class for remainder of Term 2
<b>Mon 7th Jun</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Foundation Day</b>
<b>Wed 9th Jun</b>	<b>8.30am - Board of Management AGM</b>
<b>Sat 12th Jun</b>	<b>9.00 - 9.45am</b> - Auditions 2005 intake - Yr 8 (including existing Yr 7 students) <b>10.00 - 10.45am</b> - Auditions 2005 intake - Yr 9 <b>11.00 - 11.45am</b> - Auditions 2005 intake - Yrs 10/11 <b>12.00 - 12.45pm</b> - Auditions 2005 intake - Yr 12 <b>Free Day for Students</b> - except Yr 7

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<b>Mon 14th Jun</b>	<b>3.40 - 4.40pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Program <b>5.30 - 6.00pm</b> - Coaching Class
<b>Wed 16th Jun</b>	<b>7.30 - 9.30am</b> - Board Meeting <b>4.00 - 5.15pm</b> - Yr 12 Pas de Deux - Group A
<b>Sat 19th Jun</b>	<b>Choreographic Night Rehearsals</b> - Yrs 9/12 (see weekly schedule)
<b>Mon 21st Jun</b>	<b>No Coaching Class</b> <b>3.40 - 4.40pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Program
<b>Thu 24th Jun</b>	<b>3.15 - 4.30pm</b> - Yr 9 Term 2 Assessment <b>4.45 - 6.15pm</b> - Yr 10 Term 2 Assessment
<b>Fri 25th Jun</b>	<b>3.00 - 4.30pm</b> - Yr 11 Term 2 Assessment <b>4.45 - 6.15pm</b> - Yr 12 Term 2 Assessment
<b>Sat 26th Jun</b>	<b>8.00 - 9.00am</b> - Yr 5 Term 2 Assessment <b>9.10 - 10.10am</b> - Yr 6 Term 2 Assessment <b>10.20 - 11.20am</b> - Yr 7 Term 2 Assessment <b>11.30 - 12.45pm</b> - Yr 8 Term 2 Assessment <b>Yr 11 to return costumes used for assessments</b>
<b>Mon 28th Jun</b>	<b>3.40 - 4.40pm</b> - Yr 11/12 Fitness Program <b>5.30 - 6.00pm</b> - Coaching Class <b>Meeting with Yr 10s and Parents re Future Path</b>
<b>Tues 29th Jun</b>	<b>Yr 12 Students Take Class</b> - Ioppolo / Kendrick
<b>Wed 30th Jun</b>	<b>4.00 - 5.15pm</b> - Yr 12 Pas de Deux - Group B
<b>Thu 1st Jul</b>	<b>11.25 - 11.55am</b> - Yr 12 Monthly Meeting
<b>Sat 3rd Jul</b>	<b>9.00 - 10.00am</b> - Ballet Support Group Meeting (Lecture Room) <b>9.00 - 11.00am</b> - Lost Property <b>Choreographic Night Rehearsals</b> - Yrs 7/8/9 (see weekly schedule)
<b>Mon 5th Jul</b>	<b>No Fitness or Coaching Class</b>
<b>Tues 6th Jul</b>	<b>Yr 12 Students Take Class</b> - Romeo / Loth
<b>Wed 7th Jul</b>	<b>Yrs 8 - 12 Reporting Day</b> <b>No Yr 12 Pas de Deux Class</b>
<b>Thu 8th Jul</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR JUNIOR + SENIOR SCHOOL</b> <b>6.30 - 8.00pm - WAB Master Class - Isaia / Ioppolo</b>
<b>Fri 9th Jul</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b> (Yr 12 can use this day to rehearse Choreographic Night) <b>Students can collect Term 2 Assessment reports</b>
<b>Sat 10th Jul</b>	<b>am - Choreographic Night Rehearsal</b> (see weekly schedule)
<b>Sun 18th Jul</b>	<b>Yr 12 Adelaide / New Zealand Tour Departs</b>
<b>Mon 19th Jul</b>	<b>9.00 - 10.15am</b> - Conditioning Work Yrs 5 / 6 / 7 / 8 (Studio 1) <b>9.00 - 10.30am</b> - Conditioning Work Yrs 9 / 10 / 11 / 12 (Studio 2)
<b>Tues 20th Jul</b>	<b>9.00 - 10.15am</b> - Conditioning Work Yrs 5 / 6 / 7 / 8 (Studio 1) <b>9.00 - 10.30am</b> - Conditioning Work Yrs 9 / 10 / 11 / 12 (Studio 2)
<b>Wed 21st Jul</b>	<b>9.00 - 10.15am</b> - Conditioning Work Yrs 5 / 6 / 7 / 8 (Studio 1) <b>9.00 - 10.30am</b> - Conditioning Work Yrs 9 / 10 / 11 / 12 (Studio 2)
<b>Thu 22nd Jul</b>	<b>9.00 - 10.15am</b> - Conditioning Work Yrs 5 / 6 / 7 / 8 (Studio 1) <b>9.00 - 10.30am</b> - Conditioning Work Yrs 9 / 10 / 11 / 12 (Studio 2)
<b>Fri 23rd Jul</b>	<b>9.00 - 10.15am</b> - Conditioning Work Yrs 5 / 6 / 7 / 8 (Studio 1) <b>9.00 - 10.30am</b> - Conditioning Work Yrs 9 / 10 / 11 / 12 (Studio 2)
<b>Sat 24th Jul</b>	<b>Yr 12 Adelaide / New Zealand Tour Returns</b>
<b>Mon 26th Jul</b>	<b>TERM 3 COMMENCES - STUDENTS RESUME</b>