



Athabasca Dance Society
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NEWSLETTER

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The Athabasca Dance Society executive encourages all members to bring forth ideas and comments to ensure the club is successfully communicating information to ADS members and their parents.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS ...

Happy Birthday to all our January birthday dancers!

ATTENDING CLASSES IS IMPORTANT

All students are required to attend their classes on a regular basis. Frequent, repetitive class work is essential to muscle development and memory, and attendance of all students in their respective classes is especially important during choreography months in preparation for competitions, festivals, and our year-end performance.

Not all the dance classes will be entered in competitions or festivals. The decision to enter any classes is completely up to the teacher. However, many students find the teamwork aspect of competition very rewarding, so if selected ADS dance groups are preparing for competitions and festivals, please make every effort to attend classes.

When a student has to miss a class, parents or senior dancers must let the teacher know by calling the SS Athabasca car wash studio at (780) 213-2422.

BALLET KELOWNA COMING TO ATHABASCA ...

Ballet Kelowna will present its production of "A Grand Passion" in Athabasca on Monday, March 5, 2012. The performance is at 7:30 p.m. in the Nancy Appleby Theatre. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students (18 and under). Student tickets are priced as inexpensively as possible to make sure our young local dancers and would-be dancers are able to attend with their families. Tickets can be purchased online from the Ballet Kelowna website at <http://www.balletkelowna.ca/purchase-tickets/spring-season-tickets-info/#Athabasca> or in person at either *Value Drug Mart* or the *River House Cafe*.

The company will be on a tour that will take them through the B.C. interior and parts of Alberta, including Athabasca, Morinville, Stettler, and Fort McMurray. You can find Ballet Kelowna on the internet at <http://www.balletkelowna.ca/>, where you will find links to YouTube videos and tour updates on Facebook.

A Grand Passion goes into the great ballet traditions of the 19th century, through the sultry tango bars of Argentina, to the impassioned and tragic greatest love story of all time, *Romeo and Juliet*. The show is a transcendent journey through ballet history.

The program includes the glorious pas de deux from *The Sleeping Beauty*, a masterpiece of the Classical Ballet era that is as vibrant and exciting today as it was more than one hundred years ago. It thrills audiences and challenge dancers with its technical bravura.

Argentinian composer Astor Piazzola's exciting and vibrant music is the inspiration for *Tangazzo* (2005), an intoxicating look into the tango, the seductive dance of love and passion.

The centrepiece of the program is *Romeo and Juliet Appassionata* (2010), which thrillingly condenses the tale of star-crossed young lovers whose passion for each other transcends familial rivalry and whose tragic end ultimately unites them forever.

UPCOMING CASINO – NEED VOLUNTEERS

Athabasca Dance Society's casino event is scheduled for Saturday, May 26th, and Sunday, May 27th, 2012, at the Fort McMurray Boomtown Casino, and we need volunteers for both day and evening shifts.

In addition to the key positions of General Manager, Alternate General Manager, Banker, Cashier, and Count Room Supervisor, we require a minimum of six people on the floor (one of which includes a Chip Runner). Further details about your placement in casino positions will be communicated in upcoming newsletters. The more volunteers we have, the shorter the shifts will be.

The jobs are easy and fun, and all training is provided prior to your first shift. If volunteers work more than one shift, they are usually assigned to the same position for each shift.

Meals and refreshments are free while working at the casino, and all additional expenses (that is, hotel, meals, and gas) will be paid back to you by the Athabasca Dance Society upon receipt of expenses incurred.

This two-day event is our main fundraiser. The essential funds raised through our volunteering are used to support a number of the Athabasca Dance Society's operational expenses (and especially allows dance fees to remain reasonably low and all costume expenses paid by the ADS).

If you are able to volunteer for this casino event, please contact our Director of Volunteers, Laura Myers, either by telephone at (780) 675-7754 or by email to jefferymyers@live.ca.

The casino schedule will be prepared by Margo McKenna, Director of Fundraising, based on volunteers for this event.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

ALL DANCE FEES NOW OVERDUE

As indicated by the second letter of fees and payment summary notice you may have already received by postal mail delivery in January, **outstanding dance fees are due immediately**. The Athabasca Dance Society still has fees in arrears of \$3,459.

Unfortunately, for those families whose fees are still outstanding, their child(ren) will no longer be permitted to participate in dance classes **until payment is received in full**. Once proof of payment arrangements have been made with the Director of Registrations, Janene Kargus, by February 1st, your child will then be welcome to continue participating.

DELIVERY OF INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts for the 2011 (September to December) dance season, in support of the Children's Fitness Tax Credit, were sent out in January 2012.

Important Note: The child fitness tax credit is recommended only for children under 16 years of age at the start of the year. So, the income tax receipts are not applicable if a child was 16 or older at the start of the 2011-2012 dance season.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused.

IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS

▪ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 2012** ▪
MAKE-UP CLASSES FOR JAZZ WITH JENNIFER WOLFE

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Jazz Junior 4
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Jazz Intermediate
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Lyrical 1
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Lyrical 2
6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Jazz Senior

▪ **MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2012** ▪
School PD day – **classes as usual**

▪ **THURSDAY & FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH & 17TH, 2012** ▪
No classes – Teacher's Convention

▪ **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2012** ▪
No classes – Family Day

LOST & FOUND

Our lost and found collection of articles is accumulating at the dance studios. Dancers, if you are missing dance and/or school clothing, footwear, or accessories, please drop by the studios to go through the lost and found boxes to claim your items.

Parents are also welcome to drop by and have a look at the lost and found contents to claim their child's belongings if they believe they have gone missing. Thank you.

SALE OF YEAR-END PERFORMANCE DVDS

DVDs for *A Day in Paris* and *A Day in New York* are still for sale at \$25 each. If you wish to purchase one, please contact either of these executive members to receive a copy:

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STUDIO CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

The cleaning schedule and guidelines are posted on the bulletin board in the large dance studio.

Parents, please make every effort to review the expectations of the cleaning tasks for each studio, and please ensure that **both** studios are cleaned weekly.

If families haven't already signed up for their week of cleaning at the dance studios, we kindly ask that you add your name to an open date of availability on the posted schedule, and **mark it on your calendar at home so that you don't forget about your week of studio cleaning.**

On behalf of the ADS, thank you for your continuous support in keeping our studios clean.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The next executive meeting for the Athabasca Dance Society is scheduled for February 8th, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in the Aspen View County Building Boardroom, 3600 – 48th Avenue. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

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If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, contact an executive member to have it addressed. Please be patient for a response as certain times of the year are busier than others; your call or email will be returned as quickly as possible.