

THE ELSBER SCHOOL OF THEATRE DANCE

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NEWSLETTER

Autumn / Winter Term, September 2006

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new term and welcome to all new pupils. We have decided to have a newsletter at the beginning of every term (not just before a show) which will inform you of forthcoming events, exams and recent news etc.

Dance School Rules

Below is a list of rules that for safety's sake and for keeping a professional standard, we ask all dancers to abide by.

Uniform must be worn for all classes (except limbering)

Hair must be worn tied back off the face for every class (hair must be worn in a bun for ballet grades 1 and above)

No 'in view' jewellery / watches can be worn in class (as so many of our pupils go on to take up dance professionally and attend professional stage schools, we will be clamping down on this rule from now on. If you are grade 5 or over, you will be asked to remove even tiny earrings)

You are expected to arrive at least 10 mins early for class so you can get changed and warmed up

New rule - We were disappointed in some of our senior girls before the last Mini Shows, some people we thought had left the dancing school turned up again as the show routines were being taught expecting a place in the number. This isn't fair on the rest of the class who have put in lots of hard work on their technique throughout the year. If you miss 4 consecutive weeks and you do not phone or email to excuse yourself (do not send verbal messages via other students), you will lose your place in that class and will have to apply again to join the dancing school.

Note if you have a mobile phone or / and jewellery, please bring it into the studio when you come in for class. We have had the occasional problem in the past and we advise not to leave anything valuable in the changing rooms. Please make sure that mobiles phones are turned off or on silent.

News

We have now got our dates for next years big production show, '**Paradise**' at Clwyd Theatr Cymru. These are, Thursday 28th - Saturday 30th June, but please keep the whole week free as we will be rehearsing on stage at the theatre. Every pupil in the dancing school is in this show. Pupils must be in all 4 shows as it is unfair to the teachers and other pupils if dances are messed up due to missing people. If you cannot be in the show or have anything booked for the rehearsal period that week, please let your teacher know ASAP.

We would like to say well done to 2 of our students, **Eleanor Custance** and **Megan Jenkins** who successfully auditioned for parts in Clwyd Theatr Cymru's forthcoming show, '**The Grapes Of Wrath**' which opens on Friday 15th September. The show is directed by **Tim Baker** and is choreographed by **Rachel Catherall**. See www.clwyd-theatr-cymru.co.uk for more details.

Congratulations to **Chloe Coles** and **Emma Fenlon**. Both girls successfully auditioned for professional stage schools with Chloe going to the **Hammond School Of Dance**, Chester and Emma going to **Merseyside Dance And Drama Centre**, Liverpool. Both girls started this week. Robyn Griffiths, Kelly Burke and Nicole Ringrose are just starting their second year at these colleges.

Ex Elsber Dancers News

Rosie Taylor has recently returned home from being a production show dancer onboard Carnival Cruises' ship, **The Valor**. In true Rosie style, she cannot sit still for more than a couple of weeks and has just been asked to join Carnival Cruises 'Liberty'. She will join this in October doing 6 and 8 day cruises around the Caribbean.

Ceri Shone has recently flown out to Miami to start her first professional dancing job since leaving Hammond this year. Funnily enough, it was to replace Rosie onboard Carnival Cruises '**Valor**'.

Charlotte Rose has just landed a top dance job with one of the UK's top choreographers, **Arlene Phillips** (the nasty judge from Strictly Come Dancing). She doesn't know much about the job yet but we think it involves a lot of TV work. We will hopefully see her in class over the next few weeks.

Stevie Tate - Bauer is still playing one of the leading roles in Footloose in London's West End

Lydia Griffiths is still in the production of **Carousel** at the Chichester Festival Theatre

Finally, be sure to check out our website at www.elsberdance.co.uk for latest news updates, photos, videos and lots more.

Performance Diary

North Wales Superkids Charity Concert at Clwyd Theatr Cymru - 15th October. Check out www.northwalessuperkids.co.uk or phone Margaret Williams on 01352 761193 for more details and tickets.

We will be performing *Cats*, *Capone*, *Irish / Lift The Wings / Link / Riverdance* from the recent Mini Shows.

If you were in these numbers in the Mini Shows and can't perform on this date, please let Rachel know ASAP.

Buckley Pantomime, Aladdin 30th November - 2nd December and 7th - 9th December

BADG Pantomime, Aladdin 26th & 27th January and 3rd & 4th January

Senior group team for this year will be formed next week, only people in this team are eligible to perform in the pantomimes

Festival & Exam Diary

Inter Schools Group Challenge October 29th Williams Aston Hall, NEWI Wrexham

Hope Festival October 30th November 2nd

Modern & Tap Exams November 9th & 10th If you are taking a modern or tap exam, you will be told next week

Costume Hire Policy

Please return any outstanding costumes that you may still have from the Mini Shows ASAP

As we hire so many of our costumes for shows, due to lack of space, we have now had to hire additional storage. In the past we have always lent out costumes for school concerts etc with no charge but now due to our extra costs, if you want to borrow something in the future, we will charge £3.00 per costume and need at least 7 days notice.

Please also note that sequined Irish costumes, the new green Irish costumes and the Charleston dresses are not for hire.