

The Lynden School of Dance

Newsletter June 2011

Zoom! – Musical Theatre Workshop



Our production at the end of our Stageforce musical theatre workshop went really well and was enjoyed by everyone. The children did a fantastic job of remembering their lines and it was hard to believe that they had only learnt their song and dance routines in a couple of days, because their performance was so polished and confident.



The photo discs of 'Zoom' have now been posted to everyone who ordered them and we have published them at low resolution on our web-site.

Our next Stageforce musical theatre workshops will take place at **The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere, 1st – 5th August** and at **Basingstoke Sports Centre, 8th – 12th August.**



The workshops are open to all children of school age (4/5 yrs) to 14yrs (they do not have to be members of the dance school to attend). The workshop runs from 10am-4pm and consists of dance, drama, and singing as well as many other fun activities like

themed crafts, making scenery and props

and, at The Sports Centre, fun on the bouncy castle and even a supervised fun session in the swimming pool are included!

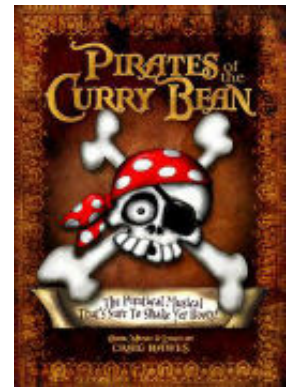
The week finishes with a free performance to family and friends.

The workshops are a fantastic way for children to gain confidence, have lots of fun and forge new friendships.



The production for our August workshop is "Pirates of The Curry Bean" by Craig Hawes.

Anchors away and set sail for swashbuckling pirate adventure on the high seas in this piratical musical that's sure to shake your booty! Young twins Jack and Liza Periwinkle yearn for adventure, so imagine their joy at discovering a real life treasure map! But when the infamous Redbeard and his pungent Pirates of the Curry Bean steal the map and kidnap their mother, the race is on to rescue her, reclaim the map and find the treasure! Accompanied by their faithful cat Fiddlesticks, the twins join a mad admiral and his crazy crew on a voyage of adventure that takes them from Old London Docks to the mysterious island of Lumbago in the sea of Sciatica! Will they be first to find the treasure chest, or is a surprise awaiting them that's even better than gold? With colourful characters, sparkling songs and a witty script as sharp as a cutlass, this show is dripping with piratical style!



Bookings can be made at The Sports Centre reception or online via our web-site www.lyndendance.co.uk.

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Sadler's Wells



All of our dancers had a great time at Sadler's Wells - 20th April. They spent the day at the theatre rehearsing their routines and learning the finale and gave a spectacular performance to a packed audience in the evening.



A special mention goes to Bryna McCarthy, who stepped in at the last minute,

to take Katie McGregor-Moore's place. Katie was unable to dance due to a stress fracture of her foot. Bryna did an amazing job and fitted in perfectly - Thanks Bryna!

I'm happy to report that Katie has now fully recovered and looking forward to performing in Danceforce 2011.



Photos taken pre-performance are available to view on our web-site and the official photographs will also be displayed as soon as they are available.

Junior Elite Squad

Congratulations to our Junior Elite Squad who competed as a group for the first time at the Guildford Festival of Dance on 8th May. They performed two routines in the Inter Stage group section and won 1st and 2nd place achieving the highest mark overall in the group section.



The squad also successfully auditioned for 'Dance Nation' at The Lights, Andover - 21st May.

After being short listed by the judges, a short clip of their audition was posted on the Andover sound web-site, along with all of the other short listed acts, for the public to vote for their favourite act for the final.



The Junior Elite Squad was chosen and will battle it out against the other finalists on **16th July** to win the title of 'Dance Nation Champions 2011' and to perform on the main stage at the Andover Carnival on 31st July.

Thank you to everyone who voted!

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Two more squads will be formed in September; a second junior squad and a senior squad. The new members have now been selected and an email inviting them to join one of the new squads will be sent out shortly.

Further students may be invited to join one of our squads at a future date when a place becomes available.

Performance Medal Tests – 3rd June



Well done to all of our dancers who took their medal tests on Friday 3rd June. Special mention to Grace Frewin, Mia Lyons, Izzy Mills, Millie Coleman, Olivia Sheerin, Ellen Harber, Holly

Gilmour, Cally Jones and Georgia Vallis, who all performed their modern solos for the first time, overcoming their initial stage fright and achieving some excellent results, giving themselves and their parents a reason to feel immensely proud.



Many of our dancers have now progressed beyond the bronze, silver and gold medals and are beginning the next level; bronze, silver and gold star awards. As they progress through the levels an increasingly higher standard of technique and performance is expected. In every case each dancer rose to the challenge, stepped up their performance, and truly earned their great results.



Danceforce 2011 – 2nd & 3rd July



Information regarding Danceforce 2011 has been emailed to every dancer. The information includes the final rehearsal schedule, details for the requirements on the performance days and a check list of the items that the dancers need to bring with them.

A copy of this information is available in the members' area of our web-site along with the performers' group list.

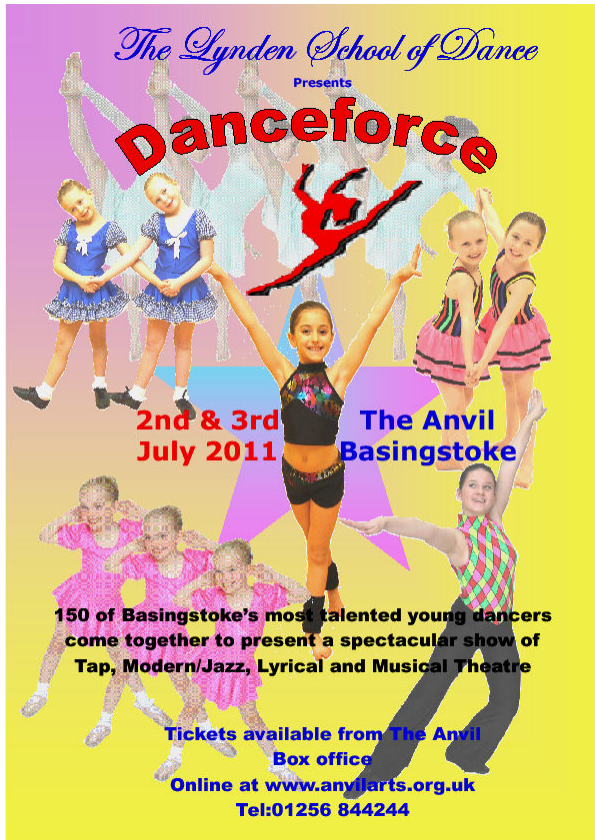


Please make every effort to ensure that all dancers attend all of the rehearsals, the sound recording, and the photo shoot when they are required.

We will ensure that there is sufficient help and supervision at these events and respectfully ask parents to drop their children off and collect them at the stated times. Please note that parents are not permitted to watch the rehearsal.

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The Lynden School of Dance
Presents
Danceforce
2nd & 3rd July 2011
The Anvil Basingstoke
150 of Basingstoke's most talented young dancers come together to present a spectacular show of Tap, Modern/Jazz, Lyrical and Musical Theatre
Tickets available from The Anvil Box office
Online at www.anyilarts.org.uk
Tel: 01256 844244

All parents have been e-mailed regarding their provision of a female adult to help with dressing and chaperoning the children for at least one of the performances or the dress rehearsal at The Anvil. Please reply with your preferred slot as soon as possible.

Most of the invoices for the costumes have now been sent and it would be helpful if parents would kindly settle them promptly.

If you have any question regarding the show, please don't hesitate to ask, but if at all possible, rather than taking up valuable time or delaying the rehearsals, please email your questions to lyndendance@aol.com and we will answer them as soon as we can.



Please encourage as many friends and relations as you can to come along to Danceforce 2011. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into the show and all of our dancers will

appreciate performing to a large and supportive audience. Note also that we are trying to fill the matinee session on Sunday 3rd July with local school children and students – offering a price of only £7 per student for this performance.

Tickets are available now from The Anvil box office: 01256 844244 or online via the Anvil Arts website.

Pre-School Medal Tests - Friday 22nd July

Invoices for the pre-school medal tests have been sent out via email. To ensure entry, fees must be received by 17th June

Please note that candidates will be penalised if they are not wearing the correct examination uniform:



Pre-School mime: Black sleeveless leotard
Short black, full circle ballet skirt
Pink ballet socks
Pink ballet shoes with elastic straps



Silver Rose Awards: Black sleeveless leotard
Bare legs and feet

Hair must be worn in a bun with fringes gelled back for all exams (coloured hair accessories are not permitted)

For further information please visit our website.

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