

# The Lynden School of Dance

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## Danceforce 2011 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Thank you to everyone who helped towards our performances of Danceforce 2011.



It was so rewarding for me to see it all come together and I am immensely proud of the final production and every one of our dancers. Most of all, it's lovely to see the children having such a fantastic time and watching their confidence, skill and the overall delivery of their routines improve with every performance.



Thank you very much for the cards, flowers, and gifts; it's always lovely to have so much positive feedback.

The DVDs of the show have been ordered and we will notify everyone via the website and Facebook when they are available for collection.



We will also be producing a disc of photographs taken at the photo shoot on 12<sup>th</sup> June and at the dress rehearsal at The Anvil on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The discs will be issued free of charge to everyone who attended the photo shoot and other cast members may purchase them for £5.00.



Please note that there is still a substantial amount of money outstanding for Danceforce costumes and rehearsals. I would be grateful if you would please check your email for any invoices that you may have missed and settle your account as soon as possible.



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## Junior Elite Squad



Our junior Elite squad gave a fantastic performance in the Dance Challenge competition at the Haymarket Theatre, Basingstoke on 29<sup>th</sup> June and were awarded second place!



The girls had a great day, not only rehearsing and performing, but were also invited to take part in a master class with Ryan Jenkins. Ryan trained at Bird's College where he went on to tour Europe and Japan, for 11 months, in Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake as well as featuring in Grease, Wicked, Cabaret and a movie adaptation of Phantom of the Opera. But Ryan is probably

most famous as a contestant in the recent BBC series 'So You Think You Can Dance'

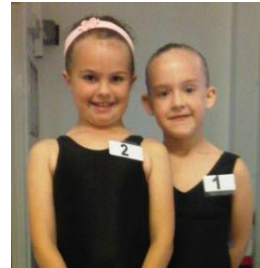
The squad performed again at The Lights, Andover, on 16<sup>th</sup> July, and were joined by Katie McGregor-Moore in the final of Dance Nation 2011.



Although neither the Elite squad nor Katie won the final, they gave great performances and we are proud that they were chosen as one of the top 11 out of a total of 50 acts that auditioned. Win or lose,

every opportunity to perform helps them to gain experience, confidence and performance skills.

## Exams - 22<sup>nd</sup> July



Another set of impressive results were awarded to our young dancers at the exams on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, with everyone achieving Distinction or Honours!

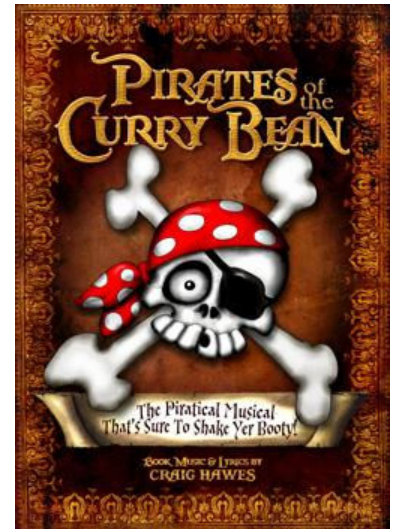
Special mention to Chance Rosier and Kacey Rainey who took their Silver Rose Award in Modern/Jazz and were both awarded Distinction.

## Stageforce Musical Theatre Workshops

It's not too late to sign up for our musical theatre workshop 'The Pirates of The Curry Bean' 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> August at Basingstoke Sports Centre. 10am - 4pm.

Stageforce Musical Theatre Workshops are available to boys and girls aged 5 - 14 years.

Children do not need to be members of The Lynden School of Dance to attend.



The activities include: singing, dancing, acting, making scenery and props - all working towards a performance

for family and friends on the last day.

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Additional activities at The Sports Centre include supervised fun in the swimming pool and on the bouncy castle.



A comment made by a parent:  
*"My Daughter started attending Stageforce workshops when she was 5 years old. She was a very shy child and I wasn't sure if she would feel comfortable in a new environment and especially performing at the end of the week to an audience. To my surprise she absolutely loved her week at Stageforce, making the set, learning songs, dancing but especially the swimming session. She is now 7 years old, gaining in confidence and even had a speaking part in the last production. She has made many new friends and cannot wait for the next workshop in the summer holidays."*

## Dance Academy & Lynden Amalgamation

We are excited to announce that from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 The Dance Academy at Basingstoke Sports Centre will amalgamate and be run independently by The Lynden School of Dance.

The amalgamation of the two dance schools will enable us expand and develop the children's dance and drama activities at the Sports Centre and over a period of time we will be gradually introducing a much more extensive and varied timetable.

From September all administration for children's dance activities at the Sports Centre will be managed by The Lynden School of Dance, including information, enrolments, newsletters, invoices and payments.

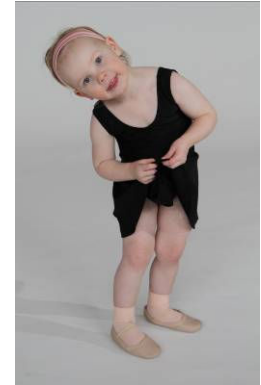
The amalgamation of the schools will also lead to a balancing of the fee structure. For some students, some classes will, therefore, be a little more expensive and others will be a little less. You will find the list of fees on

the drop down menu of the CLASSES tab on our web-site [www.lyndendance.co.uk](http://www.lyndendance.co.uk)

## New Classes Starting in September

### Tiny Tots Dance

We are introducing 2 new Tiny Tots classes into our schedule, one on Saturdays at Basingstoke Sports Centre 2 – 2.45pm and one in Kingsclere on Tuesdays 1.15 – 2pm.



Tiny Tots (pre-school) Dance is a fun class for children from 2 1/2 years to school age encouraging expression and co-ordination through movement and dance, covering ballet, tap, modern/jazz and musical mime.

## Flexibility & Conditioning Classes



To be a good dancer, flexibility, strength, good elevation and the ability to turn with good technique is vital. It is very difficult to incorporate all of these aspects in depth within the graded classes because it is necessary to concentrate on learning the BTDA syllabus to enable the children to progress through their examinations.

It is for this reason, and also due to the fact that we know so many of our students are keen to improve, that we are offering 'Flexibility and Conditioning' classes to students aged 6 years and over. The classes

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will include exercises to improve flexibility, strength, and stamina and will also cover the technique for turns and leaps.

### Commercial Dance Classes

We are currently looking into the possibility of running Commercial Dance Classes. Commercial refers to dancing done in concerts, live shows, music videos, movies, industrials, and, obviously, commercials. There are many different styles of dance that can be worked into the commercial category, such as jazz, locking, popping, break dancing, krumping, and more. Sometimes, you'll find ballet and ballroom thrown into the mix, although "street dance" is more common.



As an introduction to regular classes, we will be holding a number of master classes, which will be taught by Luke Brown.

Luke is currently studying at London

Studio Centre, and is the former founder and choreographer of Cult Dance Company. Luke's master classes will be a highly energetic focusing on routines to the latest music.

Details regarding the regular and master classes will follow as soon as the arrangements have been finalised.

Please come or encourage your child to come along and try out his class and invite your friends too! Please note that the classes are open to everyone, not just members of Lynden, and we would especially like to encourage boys as we feel that the style of dance is likely to be especially appealing to them.

If we can generate enough interest we are considering a separate class for boys only.

### Enrolling For Our New Classes

To enrol for any of the new classes that we are introducing this September, or to book your place on the Commercial Dance master classes, please visit our web-site regularly for the latest updates [www.lyndendance.co.uk](http://www.lyndendance.co.uk).

### New September Timetable

The September timetable is available to view by clicking the orange CLASSES tab on our website.

We have also included a list of students currently registered for each class in the member's area of our web-site. (Please note that you will need your password to access the member's area. If you don't have one please email Colin at [lyndendance@aol.com](mailto:lyndendance@aol.com).)

Please check the list to ensure that your child is listed for the correct class and let us know if there are any problems as soon as possible.

### Please Join us on Facebook



If you haven't already, please join Lynden Dance on Facebook. Whilst it is important that you visit our website as often as you can to ensure that you are up to date with the latest comprehensive information about The Lynden School of Dance, including: Diary dates, Special Events, Uniform, News and much more, Facebook is by far the quickest way for you to access more immediate information and notices, for example, if it is necessary to cancel classes due to sickness or bad weather, reminders of exam fee deadlines, competition results etc.

Once you have a Facebook account please send a friend request to Lynden Dance.

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