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NEWSLETTER

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GWEN MACKEY PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS



Pictured is SAM HOOPER winner of the Victorian Gwen Mackey Gold Cross and also the Outstanding Public Performance Candidate for 2008. Student of May Downs Dance Studio.

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Congratulations to the winners of the Gwen Mackey Gold Cross. Miss Mackey has donated a perpetual trophy to each state and this was awarded to the student gaining the highest mark in the Gold Cross examination.

- VIC - Sam Hooper – May Downs Dance Studio
- WA - Shaan Fubramaniam – Gail Meade Performing Arts Centre
- SA - Zoe Komazec - Barbara Jayne Dance Centre (achieved the Supreme Pass)
- QLD - Leisel McCormac – Rhonda Binnie's Ritz Performing Arts Centre

EXAM FEES & STOCK PRICE LISTS – JANUARY 2009

Included in this issue are the new Exam Fee & Stock Price Lists for 2009.

SUBS FOR 2008/09 NOW OVERDUE

Membership subscriptions (\$66) for the year 2008/09 are now overdue.

Please note you many now complete your Subscription form online and pay via EFT.

As required by our constitution, unfinancial members will be written off.

VALE SEENA BIRD

It is with regret that we advise members of the death of longstanding member Seena Bird at the age of 90 years

She was associated with the C.S.T.D for very many years having commenced dancing as a 5 year old in 1923.

She was an early pupil of Madame Saranova and was examined for her first exam by Dorothy Gladstone. Later she was chosen for the first Borovansky Ballet Company to be formed but decided to pursue a career in teaching.

As a teacher she trained numerous troupes in competitions, shows and for the CSTD Convention as well as training candidates for our examinations.

Her daughter and later her granddaughter carried on the studio which she founded which is now in its 60th year.

One of the pioneers in dance in Victoria she will be surely missed by her many friends in the dance world.

BREACH OF C.S.T.D. COPYRIGHT

At this time of year where many of your students are performing at public events we thought it timely to remind our members that the Modern Jazz dances are for studio & exam use only & must not be performed (without permission) at any public event.

If the dances are performed it is considered a breach of the Society's copyright.

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SET ELEMENTARY ENCHAINEMENTS FOR 2009

ADAGE

Set Exercise for Fouette and Rotation
Set Adage 1 & 3

ALLEGRO 2, 3 & 6

S.A. CONVENTION

In celebration of the society's 75th year, the 2008 South Australian CSTD Convention took on a new look in "Cabaret" style. The Goodwood Community Centre came to life as the afternoon unfolded, with table arrangements, decorations & rehearsals. The performances by CSTD schools were varied in style & most entertaining along with our special guests also. It was great to see the interaction between students, family & friends as they danced the night away to the music of DJ Prosounds. A great night was had by all !!

Please visit <http://cstd.farnik.com> to view the event.

HOLIDAY CLOSE

Head office will close for the Christmas & New Year holiday period on Thursday December 18th and re-open on Monday January 19th 2009. We will however be open for the week commencing 5th – 9th Jan to fill orders.

Please note that the office will also be closed Monday February 9th and will reopen Thursday 19th February due to an Examiners conference.



On behalf of the President and the Executive Committee I would like to wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

QLD CONVENTION

For our Anniversary event, Queensland commissioned two very special opening items. The first featuring our very young students especially created by Miss Clarrissa Hill for our 5-8 year old students. A lovely piece for this age group and a great credit to Miss Hill & her 'team' who worked many weekends to bring this to life. Miss Hill is a well known and respected Queensland CSTD Teacher and Examiner.

The second piece featuring our 9 years and over students, was created by Camilla Jakimiowicz and was simply entitled Halloween as the Convention this year fell on the traditional Halloween evening. Camilla grew up in Ipswich (just outside Brisbane) and was recently one of the top 12 dancers in the Australian TV show 'So You Think You Can Dance'.

Camilla was a great inspiration to our young dancers and all worked tirelessly to bring this fun and exciting piece to our special Anniversary evening.

All of our participating students received a special commemorative Satchell and a drink bottle both with the CSTD Anniversary logo on it.



Pictured is LEISEL McCORMAC winner of the Queensland Gwen Mackey Gold Cross. Student of the Ritz Performing Arts Centre