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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2008

VALE VAL HESTON

May 15th saw the sad passing of Val Freeman known in the dancing world as Val Heston.

Val was a valued member of C.S.T.D. contributing to exams and competitions for over 50 years. A dedicated and passionate teacher as well as a friend and mentor to her many students she will be sadly missed. Our condolences go to her husband Max and daughter Kerrly. Val showed her courage and fighting spirit throughout her long battle.

UPDATED PRICE LIST

Enclosed is an updated stock price list.
(Dated 1st May 2008)

Please note that the **Anatomy Booklet** has now been removed from the Price List as it is now included in the Teachers Theory Booklet.

EXAM FEES FOR 2008

I have had a few enquiries regarding exam fees for 2008. The prices as per the May 2007 exam fees schedule (hard copy sent out with May 07 Newsletter and available on the website) are correct.

NEW CLASSICAL GRADES DVD

Filming of the updated Classical Grades DVDs will take place in November. There will be 2 DVDs available Grades 1-3 and Grades 4-6 and will cost \$66 each (incl. GST).

I will advise you further when they are available for purchase. Watch the website for updates.

COMBINATIONS & KICKS PACKAGE

As the Combinations & Kicks Syllabus is now included in the revised Theatrical Syllabus this package has been withdrawn from sale. Late this year it is expected a new Theatrical DVD will be produced which will include Combinations & Kicks footage. In the interim the existing Combination Video and music tape is still available. Prices are \$22 for the Video and \$11 for the tape. Limited stock available.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Bookings for the 75th Anniversary Summer School are now being taken and places are filling fast.

Please contact Mrs Sharon Alback on (07) 3883 1471 as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Places can only be secured by payment of a deposit for each teacher/student attending.

MODERN JAZZ TEACHERS' DIPLOMA SYLLABUS

This syllabus is now available for purchase

The cost is \$88 (incl. GST).

MODERN JAZZ TEACHERS' CERTIFICATE SYLLABUS

An addendum for this syllabus covering the Pre Modern & Junior Modern exam is now available from Head Office. They include the breakdown of set exercises for these grades.

Future prints of the Teachers' Certificate Syllabus will include this addendum.

MODERN JAZZ GRADE 5 AGE FOR ENTRY

At the last Executive Committee Meeting, it was resolved that experienced students may enter the Modern Jazz Grade 5 at the age of 12, turning 13 in the year of the exam. Please alter this in your copy/copies of the syllabus.

Future re-prints of syllabi will include this alteration.

NORTHERN COMPS

The Northern Competitions commence on Saturday evening 31st May.

VICTORIA'S 71TH FESTIVAL

The Victorian Festival commences on Thursday 26th June and runs through to Sunday 6th July.

Tickets will be available at Darebin Arts Centre.

QUEENSLAND FESTIVAL

The Queensland Festival will be held on 27th June through to 6th July 2008.

Further information regarding this event can be obtained from the organiser, Mrs Sharon Alback on (07) 3883 1471 or mobile 0414 431 471.

SA & EXAMINATIONS CONVENTION

The July/August SA session will commence approximately 20th July. Entries close 2nd June. There will also be a session in November or December. Dates will be posted on the website later in the year.

The Convention will be held on Saturday 9th August at the Goodwood Community Centre commencing at 2pm.

All enquiries should be directed to the SA Exam Organiser, Mrs Lynda Purkis on (08) 8265 4490 or 0407 265 449.

ORDERING STOCK

When paying for stock via eft (internet transfer) please also send an accompanying email with your order on it. This will enable me to match the deposit with the order. I cannot prepare and send orders if I don't know who sent the funds.

WA EXAMINATIONS & CONVENTION

The WA Examination session will run from Sunday 17th August 2008 through to Saturday 13th September.

Closing date for entries is 15th June 2008.

Public Exams are to be held on the 17th, 18th and possibly 19th August 2008.

The Convention will be held on Saturday 13th September 2008 at the Burswood Theatre.

For further information please contact:-
Mrs Debbie McRitchie on (08) 9317 7243 or mobile 0438 950 454.

NSW EXAMINATIONS & WORKSHOP

Examinations will be held in NSW on 17th & 18th July as well as 29th & 30th September.

A Modern Jazz Workshop will be held for teachers and student teachers on Sunday 22nd June at the VL Performance Arts Centre in Dulwich Hill.

For further information on examinations and workshops contact Carmel Evans on (03) 9570 1651.

**BOOK NOW FOR
THE 2009
75TH ANNIVERSARY
SUMMER CAMP**

WEBSITE ADVERTISING

The current cost to advertise your school on the Society's website is \$99. As a 75th Anniversary special we are reducing this to \$55 (incl. GST).

If you are interesting in this special please contact Carmel in the office for a Website Advertisement Form.