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NEWSLETTER

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CSTD MAKES ITS MOVE INTO CANADA

Mrs Debbie McRitchie, Mrs Joanne Richards & Ms Michelle Edwards have just returned from conducting a very successful Workshop & Examination session in Toronto. Although the weather was extremely cold, the teachers & students extended warmth & enthusiasm resulting in a very promising & rewarding visit



Photo of Exam Students from Georgia's Dance & Arts Cultural Centre in Toronto, Canada, with Mrs Debbie McRitchie - Asia Pacific Liaison Officer & Mrs Joanne Richards - Examiner.

QUEENSLAND BRANCH FESTIVAL
Friday 25th June – Sunday 4th July 2010

Enquiries – Mrs Sharon Alback
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QUEENSLAND EXAMINATIONS
May session

Commences Monday 10th May 2010.
Entries are now closed.

October Session

Commences Sunday 3rd October 2010
Entries close Monday 9th August 2010

QUEENSLAND CONVENTION

Friday 29th October 2010.
Performing Arts Complex
Southbank, Brisbane

Enquiries – Mrs Helen Twist
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WA EXAMINATIONS

Commencing Thursday 29th July 2010

Enquiries – Mrs Debbie McRitchie
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WA CONVENTION

Burswood Casino
Sunday 29th August 2010

Enquiries – Mrs D. McRitchie
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SA EXAMINATIONS

Commencing 18th August 2010

PUBLIC EXAMS
22nd August – The Forge, Marryatville

DECEMBER SESSION TBA

Enquiries – Ms Lynda Purkis
T (08) 8265 4490
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NORTHERN FESTIVAL DANCE COMPS

The Northern Festival Dance Comps will be held on Saturday 29th May 2010 at 6.00pm and Sunday 30th May (all day) at Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre.

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VICTORIAN DANCE FESTIVAL – 73rd YEAR

Festival commences Thursday 24th June and will run through to Sunday 4th July 2010 at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre.

For any enquires or information about this event, email Miss Boots on cstdfestival@bigpond.com.

VICTORIAN EXAMINATIONS

May Exam Session

Commencing 24th May 2010
Entries are now closed.

Main Examination Session – Commencing 19th July through to 15th August 2010.

Entries close 11th June 2010.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Public Exams 1st August 2010

Major Ballet Exams - TBC

VICTORIAN EXAMINATION AWARDS

15th August 2010

Darebin Arts Centre

Enquiries – Miss Lauren Downie

Ph 9744 6300

UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS

Please note that those members who have not paid their subscription fees for 2009/10 have now been written off.

THEATRICAL DVD NOW AVAILABLE

The long awaited and highly anticipated Theatrical DVD is now available.

It is a 3 DVD set and includes Theatrical, Combinations and Kicks as well as Acrobatics for both girls and boys.

The cost of the 3 DVD set is \$132 which includes GST.

NATIONAL DANCE QUALIFICATIONS

The National Dance Qualifications in principal have now been signed off by the National Project Reference Group (NPRG). The Certificate levels have been set and the competencies for each are presently being written.

Keep your eye on the website.

This means that there will be vocational certification available in dance teaching and management and dance performance studies.

If you would like to comment on the proposed criteria and competencies you will have that opportunity via the NDQ webpage. <http://verve.org.au/projects/national-dance-qualifications>

WELCOME TO THE 2010 NEW LOOK CSTD WEBSITE

From the many emails received at Head Office and submissions to have your school added to our website, I can tell that many of you have already seen our new look website. Also from the verbal comments I have received it seems you like the changes.

There are still improvements to come with the addition of footage from our promotion DVDs to be included on the site in the near future.

The site will be a constant work in progress with the intention of updating information as it comes to hand.

It will be also used to advise members of news as it comes to hand in between newsletters. A new addition to the website is the FAQ section where regular queries asked of this office are included for your information. Below is the current list of frequently asked questions.

FAQs

How do I become a member?

Simply download a membership application form our website (www.comdance.asn.au) and click on the Membership and Fees section. Follow the instructions on how to become a member. If you require any assistance contact Carmel Evans in Head Office on 9570 1651.

Do you accept credit cards?

Yes. We accept Visa and MasterCard for an alternative method of payment.

What methods of payment do you have?

You can pay by EFT (see our website – Membership and Fees section for account details). You may also pay via credit card (Visa and MasterCard only) or by Cheque/Money Order.

I belong to another Society. Can I become a member of the CSTD?

Yes you may become a member of CSTD if you belong to another Society. If you want to teach all or any of our syllabi, you may apply for Affiliate Membership with CSTD. This entitles you to purchase and teach our syllabi as well as enter candidates for examinations.

I do not hold any CSTD qualifications. Can I become a member of the CSTD?

As above, you can apply for affiliate membership and commence examinations with CSTD in order to gain our qualifications.

How do I choose a teacher?

Please refer to our website (www.comdance.asn.au) click on the ABOUT US section and there is a downloadable PDF A Guide to choosing a Dance Teacher.

What is an affiliate member as opposed to a full member?

A full member holds one or more teachers' diplomas and may use the letters CSTD together with the distinguishing letters for the syllabus, e.g. CSTD/cb (classical ballet).

Affiliate membership is available to teachers of dancing, professional dancers and student dance teachers who do not hold the Society's teaching qualification. Both have equal voting rights.

WELCOME TO C.S.T.D.

Welcome to the following New Members and to the return of some previous members.

Brenton Joseph Tiver	Full Member	SA
Kate English	Affiliate	SA
Kirsty Edwards	Full Member	SA
Katherine Anne Riley	Full Member	SA
Carissa Tucker	Full Member	WA
Colleen Evelynn Irvine	Affiliate	WA
Casey Johnston	Full Member	WA
Joanne M. Nelson	Affiliate	QLD
Nicola Manego	Affiliate	QLD
Michelle Ogden	Affiliate	VIC
Kellie Fishwick-Roscoe	Affiliate	VIC
Leeanne Sophia Lynch	Affiliate	NSW
Paige Foley Dunn	Affiliate	NSW
Elizabeth Burton	Affiliate	QLD

We hope your association with the Society will be a long, enjoyable and rewarding one.

PPCA – PHONOGRAPHIC PERFORMANCE COMPANY OF AUSTRALIA LTD

We have been advised by this organisation that their licence and/or renewal fees will increase from 1st July 2010 of around 2%.

They further advise that they will increase their licence fee each year by the amount of CPI adjustment for that year.

Members who hold a PPCA licence and have any queries with regard to that licence should contact Renee Irons at PPCA direct on (02) 8569 1119 or refer to their website www.pcca.com.au.