

# MADELAINE KELLY SCHOOL OF DANCING

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017



Dear Parents and Pupils



Welcome back to the start of another dancing year! I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break and that your batteries are now fully re-charged in preparation for yet another busy and enjoyable year of dancing. This is also time to welcome new pupils and hope that you will soon settle into your classes and enjoy a long association with the School.

### Dance Dance Dance 2017 Update

I am sure that all those of you who were involved in the School show in April are still warmed by the wonderful memories, and I'm sure the DVD's have been watched many times over the summer months. It truly was a magical occasion and one that was perhaps one of the most memorable. Everything just came together to make it very special; the new venue was a joy to work in, the costumes spectacular (as always), the choreography original, imaginative and literally quite stunning at times, and the dancers were just brilliant. And now, before finally putting *Dance, Dance, Dance 2017* to bed, I am delighted to announce that the final total raised for our nominated charities was £5,462.48. This is a fantastic achievement, only made possible due to the tremendous support of parents, pupils, friends and family; thank you to everyone for making this possible. The proceeds will be shared equally between the two local children's charities, Daisy's Dream and The Alexander Devine Children's Hospice.

Our biennial shows have become central to the School's on-going programme so rest assured I have already approached the Whitty Theatre with proposed dates for our 2019 show; as soon as I have confirmation you will be the first to know.

### Exam Results

Never let it be said that pupils and teachers of the Madelaine Kelly School of Dancing rest on their laurels! As soon as the show was over we were into exam mode, and I am delighted to announce yet another 100% success rate. Congratulations to the following pupils who took RAD ballet and ISTD modern exams in the summer sessions:

#### Primary Ballet

Imogen Searle	Merit
Ruby Skaanild	Distinction
Lorelei Southell	Merit
Rebecca Wallace	Distinction

#### Grade 1 Ballet

Sophie Rose Ginn	Merit
Eve Howard	Merit
Sophie Taylor	Merit

#### Grade 2 Ballet

Alana Clark	Merit
Darcy Daisley	Merit
Emma Knight	Merit
Alice Nield	Merit
Eve Snelham	Merit

#### Grade 3 Ballet

Emily Clayton	Merit
Isla Keen	Merit
Laura Marcial	Merit
Charlotte Morris	Distinction
Ella Rees	Distinction

Lucy Stevens	Merit
Scarlett Tubb	Merit
Tabitha Winchester	Merit

#### Grade 4 Ballet

Ruth Donovan	Merit
Felicity Neal	Merit

#### Grade 5 Ballet

Natalie Bridge	Merit
Hannah Pickup	Pass
Jasmine Rees	Merit

#### Grade 8 Ballet

Isobel Armitage	Merit
Olivia Saunders	Distinction

#### Intermediate Ballet

Olivia Saunders	Merit
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#### Grade 4 Modern

Lulu Briggs	Pass
Lila Spencer	Merit

## Summer School

As always Summer School was a great occasion. The Loddon Hall, with its various spaces, is the ideal venue. Once again the itinerary was packed with lots of dancing and various activities, including competitions for the most creative hair styles and costume design, plus a trip to see *An American In Paris* at the Dominion Theatre, London. The course was well attended, with 40 youngsters aged between 7 and 16 years, and the week concluded with a showcase for family and friends. Summer School Dates for next year are 30<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August.



## Fledgling Youth Dance Company

2016/17 was an incredibly busy year for FYDC dancers, performing opportunities included: The Mardi Gras competition at Sadler's Wells, JUMP platform Reading, Wargrave Pantomime, Dance Dance Dance 2017 Wokingham, Dance Make Your Move competition in London and Wargrave Festivals *Dancing under the Stars* event. At the last session of the year we said farewell to long standing member, Isobel Armitage, and Mara Branet and this term we welcome new members: Grace Blackshaw, Meg Edwards, Hannah Guile and Clara Husser. The Company currently has 21 members.

## Nestling Dance Company

NDC is our newest performing group and is open to those aged 7 – 11 years. Nestlings made their debut in the School show and were a great hit when they performed at the Wargrave Festivals Talent Show. Following auditions in July we now have a full complement of 20 dancers.

## Second Hand Uniform

Josie Fear-Bettis kindly runs the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sales. She can be contacted at [josiefear@me.com](mailto:josiefear@me.com) If you have any uniform that you are happy to donate then please contact Josie, or drop it off on her doorstep at 80a Wargrave Road, Twyford.

## Half Term's Notice

Please can I respectfully remind everyone that in accordance with the terms and conditions, if a pupil wishes to discontinue a **class** at least half a term's notice must be given to leave at the end of a term i.e. If a pupil wishes to discontinue coming to class in the spring term, notice must be given no later than October half term. Failure to do so will result in half a term's fees being charged. Giving notice at the beginning of a term to leave at half term is not acceptable.

### Calendar

18 <sup>th</sup> September	Autumn Term Commences
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
15 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term Commences
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	End of Spring term
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term Commences
7 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day holiday
28 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half term
9 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Summer Term
30 <sup>th</sup> July – 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Summer School

With very best wishes

Madelaine Kelly.