



September 1, 2008

Fall into Dance

Letter from the Executive Director

Hello Canyon Concert Dance Center students and parents:

We are looking forward to an exciting 2008-2009 year! Canyon Concert Dance Center is focused on encouraging each student to pursue their love of dance and to progress at their own rate. We have dance for all students, from the student interested in dancing once a week for recreation to aspiring young students that may desire a career in dance one day.

Our ballet program starts with three year old dancers in our Creative Movement with Tap classes and continues through Ballet 7 as a teen. Jazz, Modern, Hip-hop,

Lyrical and Tap are also offered at a variety of levels, including adult.

Last spring, each student was provided a progress report detailing their skills and recommending the level they should register for this fall. We have placed your student according to their individual growth in the past year and have made suggestions for other disciplines that they may enjoy. If you have a specific question, please do not hesitate to call us for assistance. If you can not locate the progress report, we have copies in the office for you to use as reference. New students should use their first class as an audition for level.

We are excited to share

some other new developments with you. We would like welcome Jessica V. Freestone as our Artistic Director, as well as our new instructors Danielle B., Danielle C, Chelsea, Peggy, Kristen, Mickenzie and Catherine. On September 13, CCDC is having our third annual Black Tie Bowling Event. Tickets are available for \$50. CCB's 2008-09 season will include The Nutcracker on December 11-14, and West Side Story- the Ballet on April 24 & 25. We encourage you to attend and enjoy the ballet this season.

Sincerely,
Kim Carter
Executive Director



PAYMENTS

Please use Black or Blue ink for checks. Our digital reader does not read colored ink!

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Nutcracker Auditions- Sept. 6th
- ✓ Check front bulletin board and desk for new information
- ✓ Check website for rehearsal and class schedule information
- ✓ CCB/DC Calendars are available for \$12- includes all important dates

Ensemble Program- I Dreamed I was a Dancer

On August 23rd the Ensemble Program presented I Dreamed I was a Dancer at the Lincoln Center. The performance was beautiful. Look for additional performances!!

Congratulations to all of the performers!

For more information about the Ensemble Program please see the office!



Black Tie Bowling

Come join the fun bowling with friends and raising funds for our scholarship program. Low income students can apply for financial assistance to pay for dance classes.

Sat., September 13th
6:00-10:30pm at
Chipper's Lanes 217 W. Horsetooth Rd
\$50 per person
Call 226-6327 for tickets and information

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From the Artistic Director

The Nutcracker—
Welcome one and all to the world of *The Nutcracker*. Yes, it's that time already! This year's production promises to be very exciting. *The Nutcracker* is an excellent performance opportunity for dancers of all ages. I hope that you will all feel welcome and encouraged to audition.

I am thrilled to be on board as the Artistic Director for Canyon Concert Ballet. It's our 31st Season and back by popular demand-this years Nutcracker is a repeat of last year's in which we re-staged our favorite pieces of choreography from the last 30 years of Nutcrackers. By doing so, we are paying tribute to the dancers and choreographers whom have made CCB what it is today—an excellent example of artistry and dance in the Fort Collins community!

**Saturday, September 6th
from 12:00-1:30 pm**
Auditions for CCB students, currently enrolled in levels 1, 2, & 3

**Saturday, September 6th
from 2:00-4:00 pm**
Auditions for CCB students, currently enrolled in levels 4, 5, & 6. Level 6 dancers please come prepared to complete the last ½ hour of the audition in your pointe shoes.

ALL NUTCRACKER CAST & PARENT MEETING:
**Sunday, September 13th
from 12:00-1:00pm**
OR
Friday, September 15th from 5:30-6:00pm
This meeting is required for ALL dancers and their parents. If you are unable to attend ONE of these meetings, please contact me BEFORE September 15th to schedule a private conference.

ALL dancers will be required to perform Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening, and Saturday and Sunday afternoon (7:00 PM and 2:00 PM performances.)
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*Some dancers **may** be double cast, and would therefore NOT be required at all performances, however; any dancer who is NOT available for ALL performances MUST speak to me BEFORE AUDITIONING.

I am so happy to be working with the CCB family on this project. I look forward to meeting many of you for the first time. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Jessica V. Freestone
Artistic Director
Artisticdirector@ccballet.org

Dates for your calendars:
MEN & BOYS AUDITION-
Boys- Tuesday, September 9th in Boy's Class 5:45-6:30pm
Men's- Thursday, September 11th in Men's Class 5:30-7pm

TECHNICAL REHEARSALS & PERFORMANCES:
Monday through Wednesday, December 8-10, 2008
ALL dancers will be required to attend evening rehearsals at the Lincoln Center.

“Opportunity dances with those who are already on the dance floor.” H. Jackson Brown Jr.

**If you missed this audition please see Jessica or the office.*

Thursday through Sunday, December 11-14, 2008

Safety Tips

1. Always wear a cover over your dance wear. This means more than a pair of brief shorts. Please wear street appropriate clothing outside of the studio and lobby, even if only crossing the parking lot to your parent's car.
2. Avoid talking to strangers. Last summer we had a stranger in the area that the police alerted us about. He has not been sighted, but it is always good to be cautious.
3. Do not leave the building alone or the lobby area between classes without your parent's permission. If you do leave the lobby please notify the front desk.
4. Do not leave belongings in the lobby during class. Bring your bags into the classroom or reserve a locker with the office. There is no charge for reserving a locker. You need to bring your own lock and give the combination to the front office for safekeeping.
5. If your ride is not waiting for you at the end of class, DO NOT wait outside after dark. Let your dance teacher know if your ride has not arrived, they will wait with you.
6. Avoid bringing your cell phones to the studio. If you must bring them, please put your cell phone on silent.
7. Protect your dance shoes and our dance floors by wearing your street shoes when you are outside and your dance shoes on the studio floors. Street shoes are not allowed on the dance floors.

Nutcracker Volunteer Information

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Each family is required to participate in at least one job per student- each job averages 2-4 hours. *Please remember many hands make light work!*

A **mandatory** parent meeting will be held to review student and parent expectations for the production on September 13 from 12-1pm and September 16 from 5:30-6pm. Both meetings are the same. Choose which one best fits your schedule. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, please contact the office before September 13 to schedule a private conference. Please bring you calendars/schedules so that you are prepared to sign up for a job at the meeting.

The following are the available jobs:

Props

1. Prop Repair prior to end of October
2. Backstage props- December 8-14 -6pm – 10pm, 12-4pm for matinees * need 3 people each night

Backstage Monitors

1. Party Children, Little ones, Small Rats, Dream Fairies, Pages, Polichinelles, Soldiers * Each group needs 2 monitors to keep the children entertained, and prepared with costume, makeup and hair December 8-14 -6pm – 10pm 12-4pm for matinees
2. Mentors for Columbine/Canyon West Rooms- 2 per night
3. December 9-14 -6pm – 10pm, 12-4pm for matinees Backstage Door- 2 per night
December 9-14 -6pm – 10pm, 12-4pm for matinees

Nutcracker Tea

1. Donate food for tea
2. Help serve food at tea- December 13
3. Help setup or take down for tea

Boutique

1. Price items prior to being in the theatre
2. Work Boutique table 3-4 people per show 6-10pm December 11-14

Load up, Set in, Load out

1. December 6- load up truck at CCB and warehouse 2-3 hours 3-7pm

2. December 7- unload truck at theatre 2-3 hours 8am

3. December 14- load up truck at theatre and unload at studio and warehouse 4hours 4-8pm

Costuming

1. Take Home
2. Saturday sewing- while students in rehearsal sew, hot glue, cut and pin in the back of Studio 5
3. Week of repairs, December 9-14 -6pm – 10pm, 12-4pm for matinees

Set Building/Painting

Food

1. Help pick up food for between Saturday shows- December 13
2. Help get donations of food for December 13— 150 people

Make-up help

- a. apply kids and dad makeup

Please bring any questions about jobs to the parent meeting. You will be able to sign up for jobs at the meeting.

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We're on the Web -
www.ccballet.org

Where art and spirit meet.

Albertson's Fundraiser

Albertson's has a program for non-profit organizations that donates a portion of sales back to our organization. Pick up a CCB community card at the desk!

B.R.A.V.O.- Ballet Revolves Around Volunteer Organization

Have you filled out your B.R.A.V.O. form?

In preparation for our 2008 Nutcracker we will need volunteers to help with costuming, props, backstage monitoring and more. If you have any extra time please help us by volunteering your time.

We are also looking for one to two people to take over the props coordinator positions. Our current props ladies would train and help this season.

Thanks for your help! Email us at dance@ccballet.org or call 970-472-4156 if interested.

Dancewear Trade/Sale

Are you moving up a class and need a new color leotard?

We have a few items in the office for sale, please come in and see what we have!

Bring in your old leotards, ballet, tap and jazz shoes, skirts, jazz pants, and more to sell. Make money to put towards new items for you.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Life's a Ride -High Performance Dance Theatre October 3 ,4,10 & 11 7:30pm
Lincoln Center Mini-Theatre
Call 970-221-6730 for tickets

Black Tie Bowling
September 13, 6-10:30pm Chippers Lanes www.blacktiebowling.com

Don't forget to pick up your 2007-08 Showcase photos and DVD's !

CCBDC Website

Please be sure to check our website:
www.ccballet.org

For schedule updates as well as rehearsal schedules. Our calendar of events, closing etc. is listed on the website. Registration is available online.

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR STUDENT HANDBOOK!!

Lyrical Class

We are now offering 3 levels of Lyrical.

Level 1 - min.of Ballet 3 and/or Jazz 2

Level 2- min.of Ballet 4 and/or Jazz 2/3

Level 3- min.of Ballet 5 and/or Jazz 3/4

New students will be evaluated at their first class.