

Cameron Ballet Academy Newsletter

Concert 2012

Dear Parents/Students/Friends,

At the end of each year the students look forward to performing on stage in an annual production. This year we are proud to present:

'SLEEPING BEAUTY'

It is an exciting experience for the students to perform on stage in front of their family and friends. Our goal is: "Enjoyment and fun for all!"

Please read this notice and keep it in a safe place as you may need to refer to it more than once before the concerts are over.

Venue

The Centennial Theatre,
Auckland Boys Grammar School

Rehearsals at the Centennial Theatre

Sunday 2nd December

Monday 3rd December – Dress Rehearsal (or 3rd Performance if required)

Exact rehearsal schedule will be advised in Term 4.

Performances:

Monday 10th December: 6.15pm

Tuesday 11th December: 6.15pm

Concert Permission Form

All parents/guardians are required to sign a consent form (attached) for their child to be part of the concert.

Please return your consent form advising YES or NO to participation on or before Saturday 29th September 2012.

Please Note: Students who are unable to participate in the concert are still welcome to attend classes in Term 4.

LABOUR WEEKEND:

There are no classes on Saturday 20th October with Mrs Arkley. In lieu of that day Mrs Arkley will make up these classes by running the exact Saturday timetable on Sunday 28th October. Please make a note of this date. Mrs Cameron will continue to run her classes at Hobsonville School Hall on Saturday 20th October.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Backstage Parent Helpers:

To ensure everything runs smoothly backstage we need approximately four mother-helpers per class to volunteer their time to assist the students getting into their costumes, touching up make up and leading them to and from the stage. Two parents to each group is usually enough, so a total of four parents if two help on the first night and the other two on the second night. Helpers need to arrive at the theatre at 5.00pm and are required to remain until the last child in the group has been collected to go home. Parent helpers who assist backstage will be entitled to a 30% discount off their ticket to the show on the other night.

Front of House Parent Helpers:

Once again, we need two teams of helpers (one team for each performance) who can help with front of house duties. For each performance we require

4 Ushers: who are required to meet in the foyer 45 minutes before the show and need to remain until the theatre is clear at the conclusion of the show. If you can help we would be very grateful.

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Refreshments:

Refreshments will be available to purchase at the rehearsals and shows. This year, CBA would like to donate the proceeds from the kitchen/canteen to the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation. If you can help by way of donating snackfoods that can be sold at the rehearsals/shows, or offering to help serve on the kitchen roster that would be much appreciated. Please email Kim Barrack at barracks@xtra.co.nz if you would like to assist. Thank you.

Extra classes and attendance

Please be prepared for one or two extra rehearsals leading up to the shows, if required. Students must attend usual weekly classes and rehearsals unless an emergency arises. It is a challenge for teachers to choreograph dances when students are absent from class.

Costume Making

We will need two parents from each group to oversee and organise the costume making for their group. They will need to communicate to other parents, collect funds from each student/parent in the group for purchasing of material etc, liaise with and update the teacher on design (preferably out of class time) and most importantly, organise the sewing and any other matters relating to the costume. These parents need not actually DO all these things themselves, they just have to make sure that they are carried out by someone in the group. This is an extremely important job so we would be very grateful for any assistance if you feel you could offer. Please contact us or tick on the checklist if you feel you can assist.

Stage Make-up

It is essential that the students wear make up, otherwise their facial expressions will be lost due to the bright stage lighting. Plenty of foundation, red lipstick, light brown eye shadow, brown or black eye brow pencil and mascara will be all that is necessary in most cases. Teachers will advise parents of any other special make up features required eg whiskers for pussycats or glitter for fairies.

Tickets

All bookings will be done by ticket request form. Ticket order forms will be available to download from the website as well as the studio from 30th October. Tickets will be processed and the best available seating will be allocated in the order forms are received.

To follow is a Step by Step guide on booking tickets:

1. Please complete the ticket request form (downloadable from our website and/or uplifted from teachers) and return, along with payment, by hand to either Mrs Cameron or Mrs Arkley. Alternatively, please post to PO Box 48044, Blockhouse Bay. A seating map will also be available on our website and the noticeboard to view.
2. Ticket order forms will be put into a priority queue and processed in the order they are received. Special seat requests (such as end of aisle seats, or wheelchair seats) must be handwritten on the form so we can endeavour to accommodate.
3. Tickets will distributed to students/parents after class.

Please Note: There will be NO telephone bookings, no exchanging, refunding or holding of tickets once bookings open.

Photos

This year we are delighted to have secured "SMILECLICK", Professional Photographers. The plan is for our Photographer to take posed group photographs at the Centennial Theatre after each group has rehearsed, on Sunday 2nd December.

Action shots will also be captured during the show and all these brilliant photographs will be available to purchase via:

Smileclick's website: www.smileclick.co.nz

A rehearsal and photo schedule will be available in Term 4.

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Concert Expenses

(in addition to term fees)

1. Concert Fee: This participation fee will be invoiced to the first sibling participating in the show.

The fee contributes to the extra rehearsal days at the theatre, as well as the associated costs with staging a production eg prop hire, theatre technicians, photography, on-site security and stage lighting and effects.

- Juniors \$20.00
- Grades 1-5 \$25.00
- Vocational students \$35.00

2. Costuming. We try to keep this as economical as possible particularly for the more junior students. If parents/friends can assist with sewing it can greatly reduce costume costs, rather than employing the services of a dressmaker so please come forward if you are talented in this area. It is also a fun way for parents to get to know each other and many a friendship has developed over sewing on sequins!

At the first lesson of Term 4 parents are invited to the first minutes of class to be advised what the class will be doing for the show and any ideas the teacher may have for costuming. From there each group will work together to get a costume plan underway.

We do have some wonderful dressmakers within the school if your group needs assistance.

DVD Orders

The end of year show will be videoed and copies will be available for purchase.

Orders made before the show: \$35.00

Orders made at or after the show: \$40.00

DVD order forms will be available from our website as well as from the studio.

Show Day

All dancers will be required to check in backstage of the theatre at 5.15pm, one hour prior to the commencement of the concert. Late arrival only causes stress and apprehension for the dancer, the group and teachers.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting term ahead!

Please remember to return your concert consent form as soon as possible so we can begin preparations for next term. And, as always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Happy Dancing Everyone!
The Team at CBA

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*The CBA Sleeping Beauty image
Drawn by Madison Fotti-Knowles.*