

NCDI NEWS

North Carolina Dance Institute Newsletter

Fall 2003

Welcome

North Carolina Dance Institute is very proud of the hard work and commitment from our students. The level of growth in the first few months of this fall semester has been remarkable. We thank our teachers for an outstanding job in the classroom, and we thank our students and parents for choosing NCDI for their dance education.

Students are learning skills in technique and choreography that will be presented during Observation Week scheduled for December 15-20. Class attendance is very important and we are pleased with our students' attendance this semester. Keep up the great work!

Halloween



Halloween costumes may be worn to classes during the week of Halloween (ages 3-7). Specific classes will be notified about costumes. Please inform teachers if your child has any allergies to certain candies. Chocolate or peanuts will not be given. Classes will be held on Friday, October 31.

Isabel and Class Cancellations

Hurricane Isabel disrupted only one day of classes at NCDI. Thank you to the parents and students who utilized our website and/or telephone voice-mail for class cancellation and make-up information. Please note that NCDI does not follow Wake County Public Schools with regard to weather and holiday closings. Please visit our website or call for information regarding closures.

Spotlight on Our Students



Apprentice Division Students

Congratulations to NCDI Apprentice Division students: Carolyn Usanis, Kaitlin Szulik, Natalie Lanctot, Lindsey Matheis, Lauren Gunsch, Ashley Junkins, Dorothy Parker, Patricia Chenery and Molly Plexico. AP students will be working privately with Kirstie throughout the semester on technique, choreography and pedagogy techniques. AP Students will visit North Carolina School of the Arts and will see Best of Broadway's "Chicago" in November.

College Updates

North Carolina Dance Institute is very proud of Kat Carter, Fallon d'Eliseo and Jessica Jaynes for acceptance to North Carolina School of the Arts. Jessica Jaynes and Kristen Sears will be attending ECU for Musical Theatre. Grady Bowman is now with the national tour of "Fosse" with Ben Verene. Grady is one of Kirstie's former students, has been a periodic guest teacher at NCDI, and will earn his B.F.A. from NCSA in 2004.

Students in "The Nutcracker"

Congratulations to NCDI students Tori Hall, Lily Wilson-Krähe, Victoria Cyzewski, and Mary Simmons who will be performing in the Carolina Ballet's, The Nutcracker. The Nutcracker is a wonderful ballet for young, aspiring dancers! See www.carolinaballet.com for ticket information.

Students in "A Christmas Carol"

Congratulations to Maggie Mial, Bree Branker, Jennifer Rowell, Kaitlin Szulik, Berklee Bowers, Jennifer Rowell, Dakota Hood, Kayla Martin, Sarah Huck, Caitlin Radford and Taylor Fleming for being cast in Theatre in the Park's "A Christmas Carol". Matthew-Jason Willis, Musical Theatre Dance Teacher at NCDI, will serve as the choreographer. "A Christmas Carol" is a great family tradition in Raleigh. Call TIP for more information at 831-6058 or 831-6936 or visit www.theatreinthepark.com.

Observation Week



Observation Week for the fall semester is December 15-20. This is a special time for parents and friends to come and visit NCDI. Don't forget your cameras and video recorders! NCDI will have small awards for our younger students. Certificates of Achievement are awarded in the Spring Semester.

On the Tube



Video clips from several NCDI dance performances in 2003 are being shown in the lobby. Check it out! NCDI long sleeve T-shirts and new tank tops will be on sale in October. These shirts are a great winter gift idea!

Spring Registration

NCDI spring semester registration will begin November 3 for returning students. New students may begin registering on November 17. NCDI encourages all students to register for the spring semester before November 17 to assure places in their current classes. All students will need to register for the spring semester. There is a waiting list for new students enrolling for the spring semester, and it will be open after November 17. Thank you for helping us better serve our customers by registering on time.

Summer Dance Explosion

* * Audition information regarding
* * * * our NCDI SUMMER
* * * * DANCE EXPLOSION will
* * * * be posted in January. We
* * * * are looking forward to a
* * * * great show this summer and
* * * * hope you will audition to be a
* * * * part of this great performance
* * * * opportunity for dancers 9-17 years.

Notes from the Artistic Director

Stretching

Parents should encourage their children to stretch when they watch TV or when they do their homework. Move the coffee table and stretch with your child! The whole family can benefit from the relaxing effects of stretching.

Classical Ballet Training

Parents should encourage their children to take ballet classes to develop the technical requirements for excellence in dance education. Without classical ballet training, children will not develop the skills necessary for success in dance. Ballet training is methodical and takes years of development in learning proper placement and French vocabulary. Not every child will be a ballerina, but all dancers benefit from classical ballet training.

Spotlight on Our Teachers



Freddie-Lee Heath

Freddie-Lee Heath traveled to Atlantic City for the Miss America Pageant, serving as the talent consultant for Miss North Carolina. Freddie-Lee is currently choreographing for the "Sassy Classics", which is a wonderful group of high kicking ladies over 55 years of age. We are happy to have them dancing at NCDI. Freddie-Lee recently choreographed the hit show "Dames at Sea" for Raleigh Little Theatre. Freddie-Lee will be in New York City this October with his Ligon Tapestry Ensemble. Tapestry will be dancing with the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes and seeing the Broadway show "42nd Street".

Willie Hinton

Willie Hinton taught master classes at Cary Academy in September. Willie is currently choreographing for an upcoming performance at Magnolia Glen Retirement Community. The show will be quite eclectic with dance numbers from "All That Jazz" and modern solos, duets, and quartets. NCDI has ten dancers performing in the show and will be joined by Dance Arts dancers from Henderson, NC. The performance will be on November 22 at 7:30pm at Magnolia Glen on Creedmoor Road.

Janice Godwin

Janice Godwin delivered a baby boy in late August. Mommy, Daddy and Carter Evan Godwin are home and doing well. Thank you, Ms. Staci and Ms. Sharon for being so great with the students on Wednesdays!

Kirstie Tice

Kirstie Tice, Artistic Director of the North Carolina Dance Institute, has been awarded "Community Dance Educator of the Year" for 2003 by the Dance Association for North Carolina Educators (DANCE). The awards ceremony will be held in late November.

Bundle up

The cold weather is approaching and dance students should have a jacket or sweatshirt to wear after classes. Stay warm and healthy this winter season.

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Keep updated with NCDI by visiting our website regularly. Recent posts include UNC-TV footage of NCDI dancers at the 2003 Carolina Arts

Festival and over 300 photos from the 2003 Spring Observation Week.

Upcoming Dates:

Nov 3: Spring registration opens for returning students.

Nov 17: Spring registration opens for all students.

Nov 27-29: Thanksgiving weekend - NCDI closed. (Make-up schedule to be posted)

Dec 15-20: Observation week.

Dec 20: End of fall semester.

Jan 5: Start of spring semester.

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