

C.D.T.A. NEWS FROM ONTARIO



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Greetings from the President

Dear Fellow Members:

With the newest fall season well under way and Christmas rapidly approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

Read through the newsletter carefully as it is loaded with information on upcoming events as well as feedback from our fall workshops. We still have the teachers intensive in January and the Ontario Dance Challenge Competition to look forward to in the new year.

Please pay special attention to the 60th Anniversary plans. This is shaping up to be a most memorable convention and celebration, one in which every member should be proud to attend. I look forward to meeting and greeting you as well as participating in the classes and activities being offered.

I would also like to thank my dedicated board members for their hard work and service to our organization. I look forward to our board meetings and truly value their friendship.

A special greeting goes out to Sandra, who keeps things running smoothly in the office for us. Thanks you so much.

Enjoy you holiday break, to reconnect with family and friends, as there are busy months ahead of us.

Respectfully Yours,

Janette Lindley
President

NEW! ONTARIO BRANCH MODERN

GET INVOLVED! We are currently seeking members willing to form a committee to create a foundation for developing a Modern dance division. **THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF A NEW DIVISION!** The committee will be responsible for gathering information and developing ideas that will guide the formation of a Modern division. All members interested in forming a Modern dance division within the Ontario Branch are invited to send their name & e-mail into the office. Please direct it to the attention of April Balunda. **GET INVOLVED!**

Ontario Dance Challenge

We invited your students, parents and teachers to join us for the 2009 ONTARIO DANCE CHALLENGE, March 6th, 7th & 8th. Video Judge will be in attendance along with some great vendors! Get your entries in early and avoid the rush. For details check it out @ www.cdtaont.com

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Janette Lindley (President)

Sue Romeril (Vice President/Stage Chair)

Donna Moreau (Treasurer)

Jan Allenbick (Ballroom Chair, Recording Sec.)

Robyn Tedesco (SDA/National Ethnic Chair)

Ann Romeril (Past President/ Ballet Chair)

Phil Lee, April Balunda, Liz Hauptert,
June Lawrence, Jolen Sniegocki
(members at large)

Ballet Division News

Chair: Ann Romeril

Examiners: June Lawrence, Janette Lindley, Cristina Pora, Ava Dalcourt (in training), Marie Ann Longlade-Link, Gaetane Hughes
Committee: Michelle Hopkins, Michelle Hubert, Amanda Ramdeen, Carol Tamulionus, Susan Romeril and all examiners

First I would like to welcome our new members to the Ballet Division Committee: Michelle Hopkins, Michelle Hubert, Amanda Ramdeen, Susan Romeril, Carol Tamulionus. We are delighted to have you on board.

Two very successful workshops were held this fall and we were happy to see so many teachers dancing through the Preliminary Badge, Primary grade and Primary Enrichment. A great opportunity for them to ask questions and work through the presentations!

On January 11, 2009 there will be an intensive workshop for the Major grades and the Grade 4 Enrichment. The Ballet Division will hold their AGM during the Lunch hour. This meeting is open to all Ballet members in good standing and we look forward to welcoming you.

Just a little reminder that the National Elementary is now renamed **Intermediate**. The Ontario Intermediate will be accepted until January 2010 and will remain as Intermediate but new National Intermediate which will be mandatory after January 2010, is renamed **Advanced**.

I am pleased to accept the position of Ballet Division Chairman for a further 2 year term.

With Christmas very close may I take this opportunity to wish you one and all a very Peaceful, Restful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Scottish Dance Arts

Thanks to all of the teachers and students who participated in the AGM and Junior Day Scottish workshop!

I know I had a great time teaching you!

Remember that if you are interested in adding a Celtic dance element to your studio repertoire you may contact Robyn Tedesco at robyn@movewithgrace.ca or the CDTA office for more information.

Professional Exams

All applications and fees must be in the office at least TWO (2) MONTHS prior to the date of the examination. As all membership applications must be reviewed to be accepted by the Executive Board at the monthly meeting which is usually held the last Monday of each month. It is essential that these rules be adhered to. Membership applications MUST include the application form, Code of Ethics and cheques for the full amount. POST DATED cheques are not accepted. This is for Professional examinations only. If an examination is cancelled less than three weeks prior to the examination date, a Doctors certificate must be received BEFORE the examination.

NATIONAL CONVENTION RATES

	Member/Teacher	Non Member Teacher	Student
Early Bird (pre May 1) full weekend	\$ 350	\$ 425	\$ 200
May 1 - June 7	\$ 400	\$ 500	\$ 225
At the door	\$ 475	\$ 575	\$ 250
Day only at door Friday or Saturday	\$ 175	\$ 225	\$100
Day only at door Thurs. or Sunday	\$ 90	\$ 125	\$ 50 (½ day)

Stage Division News

Committee Members:

Susan Romeril (chair), April Balunda, Carole Tamulionis, Marie Ann Longlade-Link, Christine Campbell, Angelique Ashwin, Kim McGurin

Workshops Fall 2008

We wanted to thank all of you who attended the Junior and Senior workshops this fall. They were a great success! We hope you enjoyed the format of syllabus and open classes mixed through the day. We would like to have your feedback so that the next set of workshops will be able to meet your needs. Please note that due to the National 60th Convention in July 2009, there won't be fall workshops. We hope all of you will budget your time and money and attend the convention in Mississauga. The line up of guest teachers is fantastic! More information about the convention can be found on the Ontario and National websites.

Syllabus notes for the new Intermediate Jazz were handed out at the workshop class at the AGM. If you missed the class, you may purchase the notes from the office. The grade will be shown again at the 2009 AGM workshop.

We wish to congratulate and welcome the candidates who successfully completed their professional examinations on Sunday, November 16th.

Jenna Johnstone- Associate Jazz
Gwendolyn Duffey-Associate Tap
Heather Elliot - Associate Jazz Mallory
Ryan -Associate Jazz

Ballroom Division News

Chair: Jan Allenbeck

As in the movie "Take The Lead" - your CDTA (Ontario) Ballroom division is doing just that. Professional examinations occur twice a year - February and September and we have choices for our members as you can see when checking the website - International Style and DVIDA (American Smooth & Rhythm), CORPO (french, and currently being translated). We are truly 'Canadian' and coming up on the website will be "how to study for examinations".

Medal tests take place all year and recently Cristina Dina's school in Mississauga had a very successful day with Anna Devuyt, Examiner and Jan Allenbeck, Ballroom Chair (observing). A photo was taken which will appear on the website. We want to promote schools along with their teachers. Weekly calls come in for tuition and information so give us your contact information - telephone number, teaching address, email.

The Worralls have a cruise lined up in January/09 (check out their website at comedancingontario.ca)

Would you or your students like to demonstrate a one or two-dance demo at the 60th Anniv. on Saturday, July 11, 2009? Send us an email, it will be good publicity for you.

Your Committee: Phil Lee, Philip Worrall, Denis Murphy, Tracey Worrall, and Jan Allenbeck

Thank you to everyone who participated in the National Competition. We look forward to seeing the Champions at the National Convention, Sunday July 12th 2009.

Tap Junior 1st : Melissa Burgess 2nd: Sydney McDonald
Intermediate: 1st: Rebekha Lutz 2nd Melissa Fay
Senior: 1st Jansen Bryndza 2nd Traci Brooks

Jazz Junior 1st Nicole Decsey 2nd Drin Lusk
Intermediate 1st Darian Mark 2nd Rebekha Lutz
Senior 1st Carly Ling 2nd Joshua Graham

Ballet Junior 1st Lindsay Fabiani 2nd Jordan Beauregard
Intermediate 1st Hayley Wilton 2nd Jillian Jung
Senior 1st Alexis Madisen 2nd Jessica Beaudry Male 1st Joshua Graham

Diamond Anniversary

July 9-10-11-12 2009

Meadowvale Delta Inn

Mississauga, Ontario

Come Dance and

Shine in 2009

Report by: Ann Romeril

We hope everyone has already put the date on their calendar as we look forward to welcoming students and members from across this vast country of ours. Time to make friends from all Branches and enjoy the work of the great guest Teachers, the B.B.Q. and swim on Friday night, Banquet and Showcase on Saturday, which will include some wonderful demonstrations of Ballroom Dancing both couple and, my personal favourite, Formation Dancing. Some of the National competition and scholarship winners will also be invited to be part of this fantastic showcase.

The Ontario Branch National Competitions will take place on Sunday November 30th. The adjudicators are: Ballet - Resmi Malko, Mary Jago-Romeril and Mignon Furman; Stage - Carol Brown, Kerry Gouveia and Daniella Rousal. Thank you to all the dedicated teachers and students who have worked very hard to prepare for this prestigious event all hoping, I am sure, to be the Ontario Branch representative at the National Competition at the Diamond Jubilee next July. Best of luck to you all. As this is not an ordinary competition and more like an audition, there will be no observers consequently, no audience for the classes or solos but, everyone is welcome for the presentations.

All for this time, please keep watching. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Applications Accepted

Over the past decade the CDTA Ontario Dance Challenge has been a successful dance competition. It has brought many members together in a friendly encouraging environment, allowing everyone to showcase their talents and network.

At this time we are accepting applications to Chair the 2010 event. Applicants must be willing to attend several executive meetings throughout the year (approx 4-6). These meetings take place on the last Monday of the month. In addition to being members in good standing, applicants must also have participated and/or volunteered at the Ontario Dance Challenge within the past three years.

Due to the strong commitment required to ensure an event that continues to develop and grow, applicants must consider the tremendous amount of personal time and effort that will be needed. The Ontario Dance Challenge is an exciting event that requires year long planning and application.

Serious applications should be submitted to the C.D.T.A. Ontario Branch Board of Directors in writing by February 15th, 2009.

Looking Ahead

January 11, 2009 - Ballet Teacher's Intensive in the morning. Acro Teacher's Intensive in the afternoon

July 9-12/09 - Diamond Convention



