

MILDURA BALLET & DANCE GUILD INC.

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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to 2010 Dance!!

What an exciting year the Mildura Ballet & Dance Guild Inc. is about to embark on.

It's great to see all the regular faces, and a big welcome to all our new families . 2010 will see us move into our new home by the start of 3rd term. We are also welcoming two new fabulous additions to our already outstanding list of dedicated teaching staff. Ms Sharon Burgess who will be teaching the youngest of our tap and jazz students whilst Damien Wosinek Roni is taking the Guild into the next era, by offering an introduction of Hip Hop to our students.

Enrolments

We have been working very hard trying to accommodate all existing and new students and in doing so you will have noted that there have been many changes made to the time table.

The current version is attached to the newsletter.

Our fabulous teaching staff have stretched themselves to allow an ever growing school to accommodate new students and those existing students who wished to broaden their dance resume. Although there are a few places left in some classes, many classes now have waiting lists. If you have enrolled in a class but will not be taking your place, please contact Trish Arnold or Robyn O'Brien so that a place can be offered to another student.

All new inquiries should be referred to Robyn O'Brien or Trish Arnold.

Medical Consent Forms

Please ensure that you have filled out a medical consent form for each of your children.

Please ensure a form is handed in for **each studio** students attend classes, in case of an emergency.

Car Park Protocol

All Junior students need to be walked to either the stairs at Studio 1 or the waiting room or side stage at Studio 2 & 3.

Under no circumstance are children to be dropped off and allowed to walk to class unattended.

While we respect that we are all in a hurry and think our children are old enough, the car parks are a very dangerous and cars are coming and going all the time.

Junior students must be picked up by a responsible adult, NOT a younger sibling.

Contacts

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The Guild Office is located at Studio 2, 2/12 Hynes Court.

Robyn O'Brien is employed by the Guild as Administration Officer and is available Monday and Tuesday 10am-2pm during the term to help with any enquiries.

Fees will be sent out shortly and must be paid in full before the end of term.

All fees can be posted to PO Box 1016 Mildura. We also have the option of paying via Internet. Please remember to put invoice number and Students name in the details.

If you call out of these office hours, please leave a message and Robyn will return your call asap.

You may not be aware that the Guild is a non-profit organisation run by a dedicated committee of volunteers, the AGM is held in April, if you are interested in making a difference, please consider joining the committee, meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the Month, see handbook for more information.

COMING UP

Public Holiday NO CLASSES

Monday 8 March

Open Week

Mon 22nd March - Sat 27th March

Tapatak Workshop

Mon 29th March - Thurs 1st April

Start Term 2

12th April

Tap Exams

May - date to be confirmed

TAP DANCE WORKSHOP VICTORIAN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

T A P A T A K O Z W O R K S H O P 2 0 1 0

We are excited to announce that tap teacher extraordinaire Christine Denny will again visit us and run a tap workshop during the first week of the April school holidays (Monday 29h March – Thursday 1st April).

Christine held a 3 day program last year and what a fabulous program it was. Students enjoyed the refreshing teaching style of Christine and were definitely challenged. All feedback was extremely positive. So pencil these dates on your calendar as this will be a wonderful opportunity for all Guild tappers. Christine will be assisting Mrs Kennedy in preparing Eisteddfod work as well so although not compulsory, Mrs Kennedy would hope most students are able to attend.

Website & Emails

The Guild website is currently under construction. The Guild is beginning to use the website and regular update emails to get information to parents and students.

Please ensure we have your up to date email address on file so you don't miss out on important information.

As you would appreciate, as committee of volunteers, it is sometimes difficult to get information out, especially with such a large school. We have a regular enrolment of approximately 335 students which has currently swelled to almost 400 with the introduction of the hip hop classes.

Personal information is not disclosed to third parties and all emails are sent Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) to ensure your confidentiality.

Uniforms and Pre-Loved Dance Wear

We are now well into the second week of term so all students should to be in correct uniform. Please refer to the handbook for all your uniform requirements.

Please note the uniform is also designed around the dancewear that is mandatory for examinations, so ensure you check to avoid extra expense at examination time.

For our hip hop students, any black dance/street wear is acceptable, however no large brand names or slogans.

The Guild web site is currently under construction, which has created the opportunity for you to advertise any preloved dance wear you may wish to sell. This is also fabulous if you are looking to purchase dance wear.

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2010 Handbook

Please take the time to read the Guild handbook that was sent to you at the start of 2010. It contains important information that you will require throughout the year.

Class Representatives

Each class has an allocated class representative. The class rep list will be posted on the website shortly. Class reps will notify you if there are any changes to your classes. Class reps will also notify you if classes are cancelled due to hot weather or teacher illness.

To avoid interruptions to classes, please see your class rep about any questions you may have about how the Guild works. If they cannot answer your questions, they will be able to find out from other class reps or committee and teachers and get back to you. Please do not contact the teachers directly as this can eat into valuable class time.



NEW TEACHERS IN 2010



WELCOME SHARON BURGESS

Sharon Burgess, born in London, has worked around the world in the fashion and entertainment industries for more than 30 years; first as a dancer at the age of 17 with a Spanish Ballet Company supporting well known Greek singer Demis Roussos on a tour of the Middle East for 2 years – one of the highlights was performing for His Royal Highness Prince Mahmoud Reza Pahlavi, the brother of the Shah of Iran.

Sharon emigrated to Australia in 1980 when she was 21 – it was here that she started choreographing cabaret shows and fashion launches and work around Australia and in Asia and the UK soon followed, including work on cruise ships producing and choreographing shows such as 'Las Vegas by Night', 'Carnival in Rio' and 'Elvis Lives'. Sharon has also taught Jazz and Funk to students in Australia and overseas. At the same time Sharon was teaching dance to 5-15 year olds at the Johnny Young Talent School in Melbourne.

In 1989, Sharon set up her own Model & Talent Agency in Geelong, for which she was nominated and became a finalist in the Business & Professional Women's 'Woman of the Year' Awards.

During her time as talent co-ordinator, Sharon had a list of successes - she co-ordinated shows for shopping centres and choreographed the launch of the Elle McPherson range of lingerie for the Bendon Label, taking the show on the road performing in a series of Myer stores throughout Melbourne. The opening of the ski season in Japan followed as well as shows in Malaysia and Singapore.

Sharon was also choreographer for the International Student Design Awards for 6 years as well as choreographing fashion launches for well known designer Carol Hanlon, as part of the Melbourne Fashion Festival.

Sharon was then in demand overseas, particularly in the UK where she launched a fashion initiative 'Inverness in Style' and, following that success, developed into the Highland Fashion Week.

Sharon measures her success not on what she has achieved but what her former protégés are achieving. Former agency graduate Kelly Landry, who was coached and mentored by Sharon, is now a presenter on Channel 7's 'Getaway'; Leigh Sleightholme, another former graduate, appearing in well known musical 'Mama Mia' and has toured overseas with 'We will Rock You' and 'Wicked' as well as in 'High School Musical' in Sydney. Others have accomplished their own successes with appearances in TV commercials, prestigious magazines and international catalogues.

Sharon has worked with many well known celebrities and has recently worked as a consultant for Oak Records, working with upcoming singers. Not only did she mentor on stage presentation, handling publicity and body language, but also advises on hair, makeup, wardrobe and colours to enhance each artists' individual features – for stage and TV.

Sharon is excited at joining the Mildura Ballet & Dance Guild and thrilled to be able to share her knowledge with students.

DAMIEN WOSINEK RONI

Currently staying in Australia on a n Holiday Working Visa, Damien started dancing Hip-Hop at the late age of 20.

Originally from France, Damien trained in places such as Pineapple Studios London, and Debbie Reynolds and Millenium Studios Los Angeles.

His style includes Popping, B-Boying, Street Jazz, Locking, House and a very isolation orientated Choreography.

Since he arrived in Australia he joined the Beatphoniks crew, 2009 Hip Hop Champions through the crew's audition in late October.

Alvin Di Castro the main Choreographer reached the top 40 on the 'So you think you can dance' which is currently screening. The Beatphoniks crew are on hold whilst the show is screening and Mildura Ballet & Dance Guild have engaged Damien to share his knowledge with students in the Sunraysia area.

So come get your groove on and share a bit of sweat on the dance floor. For inquiries, download the expression of interest form located www.milduraballetanddance.com.au

