



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2016

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FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Christmas is so very close and the concert upon us! There seems to be such a lot to fit into all our lives and I want to thank everyone who is participating and making the concert happen – the ballets (A School Room Fantasy and Midsummer Night's Dream) have come together so well and I am excited to see all our students performing next week. I am also excited to see all the jazz, tap contemporary and character items! Costumes are almost complete as I write, and sets are looking fabulous. Many volunteers put in huge amounts of time to support the students of this school and give them this sort of opportunity and I want to thank them all – costume makers, set builders and painters, scenery crews, those who clean up after everyone and cook sausages so that the dancers have food during combined rehearsals, and of course the parents and family members who ensure their children are at rehearsals and have their costumes ready.

Thanks also to the committee who support the work we do and ensure rosters are up and working, and so many organizational duties taken care of to make this a safe and productive environment for the children of this school.

Staff have also been working very long (mostly unpaid) hours to make sure the concert comes together with the dances fully rehearsed, costumes and accessories all completed and the hundreds of little things like labelling costumes, searching for bits and pieces to finish off costumes, paperwork, music editing – the list is endless and mostly goes unnoticed, so thank you to all of you for your support and help through this very busy term. A special thanks to Rhiann and Jessi who have given up countless hours to assist me in costume production.

And then there are the dancers who are coming up with delightful performances for you and our larger audience to enjoy. I hope that you will sit back and enjoy the show and cheer on each and every performer as they so richly deserve. And on that note please remain and watch the entire show – so many junior parents leave- leaving many empty seats when the senior ballet begins – so sad for them as they have worked so hard – and one day it will be YOUR child feeling let down because the junior families didn't want to watch them, even though their families and friends have watched and supported your little ones!

I am excited to be travelling to the UK after the concert to spend Christmas with my daughter Laura and her fiancé Craig and other family members – I will meet my grand-niece Victoria for the first time J. In the meantime we are busy re-locating to our wonderful temporary premises and all the work that involves – please offer you help wherever possible!

Next year will be an adventure for all of us in a new location while these premises are extended and completely renovated – hopefully by mid term 2 we will be back here in a wonderful new building – hope you will all be as excited as I am. Just a note that the new studios are very exposed (opposite Eastland and close to the bypass) and we need all our families to be extra vigilant when dropping off and picking up their children. It will also be necessary for us to know which seniors will be walking down from school so that we can ensure their whereabouts and safety. I have always ensured I am at the studio when school comes out so that seniors can walk down and be in a safe environment but this is further to walk and so we need your support to ensure they are all safe.

It was also so exciting, in 2016, to have student Flynn Stelfox accepted into the Australian Ballet School in 2017 and Melinda Ferenczi into the Australian Conservatoire of ballet. Natalie Smoel also leaves us to join

Kelly Ayckers performing arts course (alongside fellow student Madeleine Magetti). We have also had a number of students do fantastically well in exams and competitions and to enhance their training through extension programmes. I congratulate all those who participated in exams and comps this year.

Now I will take the opportunity to wish you all a joyous festive season and the very best for 2017.

Regards

Rosemary Frost

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The end of another year is here and once again our community is celebrating by enjoying the performances of the Annual Production – definitely the highlight of the year.

This year we are looking forward to A Midsummer Night's Dream as our feature ballet and our junior members will be performing their own junior ballet of A School Room Fantasy. Supported, as always, by the Jazz, Tap, Contemporary and Character items, I'm sure everyone watching will be thoroughly entertained by our talented students.

Our end of year production is always the result of many hours of hard work and this year has been no exception. This year we are very fortunate and we have been able to use a number of costumes from our stock, some new costumes were needed and our Artistic Director, Rosemary Frost, has worked for many extra hours to sew costumes as well as bring everything together. On behalf of the school community I must offer congratulations for this wonderful production and thank her for all her work and dedication, not just during the concert period, but throughout the year as well.

I'd also like to thank all our other teachers for their efforts and support as well. We are fortunate to have such a group of dedicated and professional teachers sharing their love and knowledge of dance with the students.

I must also thank everyone for becoming involved to make this a real community effort. Special thanks are due to all those who were able to give even more time to help not only with costumes and scenery but also with the numerous other tasks that need doing at this time of the year.

I would also like to thank the Maroondah City Council for their continuing support and assistance throughout the year, and especially to Mary Anne Lowe who has been a tremendous support in the planning and execution of the redevelopment of our wonderful ballet studios. A big thank you to all the families that have helped with the beginning of our move to our new home on Warrandyte Road. Please remember that as of Enrolment Day 4 February 2017 we will be in our new home.

Also deserving a big thank you is the committee. They have all been hard at work, usually in the background, to help maintain the smooth functioning of the school, especially in the lead up to the concert.

In conclusion, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Cathy Davidson – President

ROSES AND CALENDARS

This year we will be selling fresh roses at all four full programmes. Roses are \$5 each or 3 for \$12 and are a lovely way to congratulate your dancer on their performance.

We will also be offering **2017 Calendar of 'A Schoolroom Fantasy' and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'** for sale at \$20 each featuring photos from this year's performance. This calendar will be a perfect keepsake/Christmas present and will be available for purchase at the Karralyka Theatre during concert time.

STAGE MAKEUP

Stage Makeup remains the same as previous years. Info is available on the website under the 'Parent Zone' tab. Our recommended brand is 'Motives', but any brand will do as long as the colours are similar -

Foundation – 1 shade darker than skin tone

Eye Shadow – 3 Shades – Dark Brown, Beige and White/Cream. No Shimmers please.

Blush – Brick/Terracotta red, not pink or bright red.

Lipstick – Red (cherry red)

Powder – pressed or loose

Eyelashes – from Level 6 (MSND cast) up – medium length

Eye liner – Liquid is recommended – Black.

CLEAN UP DAYS

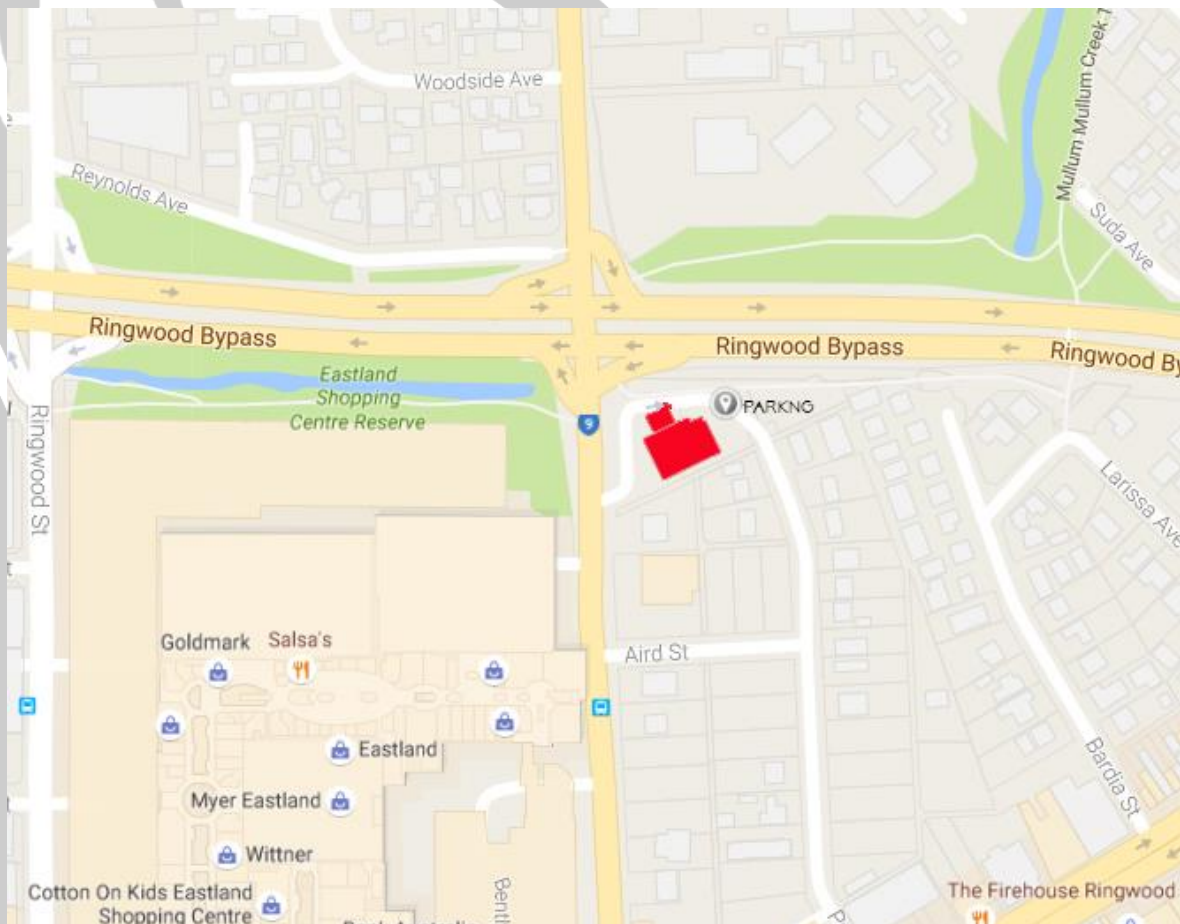
We have to completely vacate the studios by the week after the concert, so desperately need help cleaning up and sorting after the concert.

We will be having clean up days Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December at both the RBG studios and the Temporary Studios from 10am until 5pm – if you can spare some time to come down and help, please do.

There will probably still be plenty still to do after these two days and we'll communicate details as they are arranged.

OUR TEMPORARY VENUE FOR TERM 1

28 Warrandyte Road, Ringwood – Parking at the rear of the building in Pratt Street. Please do not park at the front of the building (staff only).



CONCERT WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY 5th DECEMBER

The last class for the year is on from **7.00-8.30 p.m.**

Truck loaded at studios from 7pm – Bump In at Karralyka from 10.30pm till shortly after midnight

TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL ON STAGE AT THE KARRALYKA THEATRE SCHOOL ROOM FANTASY – JAZZ – TAP - CHARACTER

Please note ALL costumes come to the theatre in a bag or on a hanger. Students are NOT permitted to wear them outside of the theatre and they must ALL remain in the theatre after the rehearsal

You are part of a team and your presence is needed for everyone else as well as yourself.

MAKE UP IS OPTIONAL HOWEVER PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN SO WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO HAVE IT DONE.

HAIR MUST BE CORRECTLY AND IMMACULATELY GROOMED.

4.00-4.45	SCHOOL ROOM FANTASY - BLUE AND PURPLE CAST
4.45-5.15	BREAK
5.15-6.00	SCHOOL ROOM FANTASY - RED AND PURPLE CAST
6.00-6.30	OFFICIAL BREAK
6.30-7.30	ALL JAZZ ITEMS IN ORDER - BLUE CAST THEN RED CAST
7.45-8.30	ALL TAP ITEMS IN ORDER - BLUE CAST THEN RED CAST
8.30-9.15	CHARACTER

WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER –

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL ON STAGE AT THE KARRALYKA THEATRE CONTEMPORARY – A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

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4.00-4.45	CONTEMPORARY
4.45-5.15	BREAK AND SET MSND ACT 1
5.15-7.00	RED CAST MSND
7.00-7.30	CORRECTIONS
7.30-8.00	BREAK
8.00-9.45	BLUE CAST MSND
9.45-10.15	CORRECTIONS

SHOWTIME AT THE KARRALYKA!

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER -11am Community Matinee

MSND ONLY - RED CAST OF LEADS AND ALL OTHER CAST MEMBERS FROM LEVEL 6 UP

9.30am All seniors warm up

10.00am Latest arrival time for all other performers in MSND

11.00am Show begins

1.00pm Show ends (approx.)

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER- 7.00pm. FULL SHOW BLUE CAST AND PURPLE CAST

5.30pm Stage door opens

5.40pm Warm up for seniors

6.00pm Latest arrival time for all juniors in junior ballet, jazz and tap and any seniors not in MSND.

7.00pm Show begins

10.15pm Show ends (approx.)

10.30pm After party for MSND cast, Friends of RBG, Committee, Teachers, Ex-officios, Former Students

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER- 7.00pm FULL SHOW RED CAST AND PURPLE CAST

5.30pm Stage door opens

5.40pm Warm up for seniors

6.00pm Latest arrival time for all juniors in junior ballet, jazz and tap and any seniors not in MSND.

7.00pm Show begins

10.15pm Show ends (approx.)

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER - 12.30pm FULL SHOW BLUE CAST AND PURPLE CAST

11.00am Stage door opens

11.10am Warm up for seniors

11.30am Latest arrival time for all juniors in junior ballet, jazz and tap and any seniors not in MSND.

12.30pm Show begins

3.45pm Show ends (approx.)

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER - 7.00pm. FULL SHOW RED CAST AND PURPLE CAST

5.30pm Stage door opens

5.40pm Warm up seniors

6.00pm Latest arrival time for all juniors in junior ballet, jazz and tap and any seniors not in MSND.

7.00pm Show begins

10.15pm Show ends (approx.)

10.30pm Bump out and after party at New temporary venue

DRESSING ROOM ALLOCATION:

Junior Ballet Levels (Lambs, Number Elves, Level 2/3 Jazz and Tap)

Press Room – Upstairs in Foyer

Junior Ballet (Paint Pot Pixies, Chalk Dust Fairies, MSND Oberon Attendants- Level 4P Jazz/Tap, Level 4 Jazz/Tap, Level 5 Jazz/Tap)

DRESSING ROOM 1 (up the stairs to the right)

MSND (Butterflies, Pink Act 2)

DRESSING ROOM 2

MSND – Intermediate upwards

DRESSING ROOM 3

BOYS/MEN: UNDER STAGE ENCLOSED AREA

IMPORTANT DATES 2017

FEBRUARY 2017

Friday 3rd – Student assistant teachers training day. Times TBA

Saturday 4th – Enrolment day and trial classes for Kinder and Pre Primary

Monday 6th – Term 1 Begins

MARCH 2017

DCI –Date to be confirmed

APRIL 2017

Saturday 1st – Last day Term 1

Monday 17th April – First day Term 2

Sunday 30th April – SFD combined concert

JULY 2017

Sunday 2nd – Saturday 8th – SFD Comps

SEPTEMBER 2017

Saturday 9th – Presentation Evening

Saturday 23rd – approx. 4th Oct – Southern Dance Festival

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday 10th – Full Dress Rehearsal at Community Centre

Tuesday and Wednesday 12th/13th – Full Dress Rehearsals at Karralyka Theatre

Thursday 14th – Concert (Matinee for Feature ballet and Evening)

Friday 15th – Concert (Evening)

Saturday 16th – Concert (Matinee and Evening)

MORE IMPORTANT DATES TO COME IN THE NEW YEAR.

Ringwood Ballet Group



*A Midsummer Night's Dream
December 2016*

DVD ORDER FORM

DVD \$45.00 each Blue Ray DVD is \$60.00

Please pay for your DVD when ordering,
DVD's not paid for will **NOT** be ordered

Please return by **10th December** – eftpos **WILL** be available at the Theatre

Name: _____

Saturday Matinee - Blue Cast Qty _____

Normal or Blue Ray (please circle)

Saturday Evening - Red Cast Qty _____

Normal or Blue Ray (please circle)

PAYMENT DETAILS

Name: _____

Total Payment: _____ Receipt No: _____

Paid by (Please circle) CASH CHEQUE DIRECT CREDIT CC/EFTPOS

Credit Card Details: _____ Exp Date: _____

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