

TO THE POINTE

Victoria Academy of Ballet

January 2016



Welcome Back

Happy 2016! Wishing all the VAB families, students and staff a wonderful new year.

Winter and Spring bring about very busy schedules here at VAB with preparations for festivals and recital. We would like to remind all students and families of the importance of regular attendance and commitment to all classes. Too many unexcused absences may cause students to be removed from festival or recital

pieces.

If your child is unable to attend class due to any reasons, please contact

Exciting Announcement!

Victoria Academy of Ballet is incredibly excited to announce Vancouver Island's newest dance company!



VAB Dance Theatre Co. was created to facilitate young professionals who have completed a post-secondary training program whom are trying to secure jobs within the industry, or find themselves between independent artistic engagements.

Led by Artistic Director, Bleiddyn Bellis, VAB Dance Theatre members will have the opportunity to work with renowned guest choreographers as well as the professional VAB artistic staff to create new and engaging works which will be showcased in various performance opportunities including tours throughout British Columbia, with plans of National and International tours in the near future. Company members will partake in daily company class and rehearsals in their 35 week season while being given the resources needed to help launch their professional careers.



Conception: The Idea of a Beginning

Come see VAB Dance Theatre's premiere on January 30, 2016 at 2:00PM at the Metro Theatre presented by Dance Victoria as part of Dance Days 2016.

Tickets are now available from the VAB office or at the door on Jan 30 for \$10.

Vancouver Island's newest dance company, [VAB Dance Theatre](#) was created through the collaboration of emerging artists and choreographers

that will stimulate and re-invigorate the way you see dance. Performing contemporary and classical works *Conception: The Idea of a Beginning*, will showcase a premier by Canadian choreographer, Alysa Pires, as well as other new works created by KerryLynn Turner and Andrew Pronger.

YAGP

Please help us in wishing the best of luck to the following students participating in the Youth American Grand Prix competition in Seattle, Washington this weekend!

Bridge and PTP students Azusa Okamoto, Yukiho Kiri, Seiji Suzuki, Miki Takahashi, Airi Miyata, Yuka Otsuki, Adrian de Leeuw, Paula Cobo Botello, Marika Nakama and Rin Nagakura will be competing against students from Canada, the US and New Zealand in soloist and ensemble categories.



VAB Scholarship Society News

Please check the [VABSS Facebook page](#) for updates. Board Member Jeremy Fiddy has pledged to keep our FB page interesting and informative.

If have an idea to share or would like more information please write us at vabss@telus.net

Cecchetti Awards Candidates

Congratulations to students traveling to Burnaby on January 31 for the Cecchetti Awards Competition. Students were selected at the Cecchetti Workshop in October and have been practicing their solos in preparation for the upcoming competition.



Hazuki Kishida, Layanna Robinson, Robin Butterfield and Abigail Bowering will be competing for the Junior 1 category while Paula Cobo Botello and Adrian de Leeuw will be competing in the Senior category.

A huge thank you to the VAB Scholarship Society who have offered scholarships to all awards candidates to help with their travel expenses.

Summer Programs

Registration is now open for VAB Summer Programming 2016, make sure to reserve your spot today before classes fill up!

Visit <http://victoriaacademyofballet.ca/summer-programs/> for program descriptions or to download a registration form.

Under the Sea Camp (Ages 3 to 6)	July 4 - 8, 2016	9:00AM - 11:30AM	\$385
Candyland Dance Camp (Ages 3 to 6)	July 11 - 15, 2016	9:00AM - 11:30AM	\$385
Princesses & Pirates Camp (Ages 7 to 11)	July 4 - 8, 2016	12:30PM - 4:00PM	\$385
Storybook Ballet Camp (Ages 7 to 11)	July 11 - 15, 2016	12:30PM - 4:00PM	\$385
Under the Sea + Candyland Camps (Ages 3 to 6)	July 4 - 15, 2016	9:00AM - 11:30AM	\$600
Princess/Pirates + Storybook Ballet Camps (Ages 7 to 11)	July 4 - 15, 2016	12:30PM - 4:00PM	\$600
Junior Summer Intensive (Ages 11 to 13)	July 18-29, 2016	9:30AM - 3:30PM	\$750
Senior General Program Intensive (Ages 13+)	August 1 - 19, 2016	Full Day	\$1,450
Professional Training Program Intensive (Ages 12+)*	August 1 - 26, 2016	Full Day	\$1,700*

*PTP Intensive is by audition only.



VAB Marketing Committee

Are you interested in getting more involved with the VAB community? Students and parents of all programs are welcome to join the VAB Marketing Committee to help share ideas and spread the word

about our wonderful studio.

Please contact admin@victoriaacademyofballet.ca if you are interested in participating.

Important Dates

January 7 to 11 - YAGP Competition in Seattle

January 30 - Conception: The Idea of a Beginning at the Metro, 2:00PM

January 31 - Cecchetti Awards Competition, Burnaby BC

February 6 - Odyssey Performance, Nanaimo BC

February 8 - Family day, No classes

February 10 - DanceWorks Soloist Spacing Rehearsal

February 11 to 16 - DanceWorks Soloist Competition

March 13 to 28 - Foundational and General Program Spring Break, No classes

March 13 to 20 - PTP and Bridge Spring Break, No classes

April 7 - GVPAF Spacing Rehearsal for all festival pieces

April 10 to 15 - VPAF Performances (schedule to come)

April 21 - DanceWorks Festival Spacing Rehearsal for all festival pieces

April 22 to 27 - DanceWorks Festival (schedule to come)

April 30 - GVPAF Highlights Concert

May 15 - DanceWorks Gala

May 19 - Mandatory Year End Recital Dress Rehearsal

May 20 - Year End Recital Performance

May 23 - Victoria Day, No classes

June 11 - Last Day of Classes

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