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# Victoria Academy of Ballet

*November 2015*



## Festival Permission Forms

Many General Program students will receive a Festival Permission form in each class that will be participating in festival this year. These classes include Ballet Levels 3 to Senior GP, Jazz A, B and C, as well as certain contemporary classes.

**Please ensure your completed form is returned to the VAB office by November 14, 2015.** One form is required for each class (ballet, jazz, contemporary) that is preparing for festival.

**Watch Week**

Family and Friends Watch Week runs from Monday November 12th to Saturday November 21st, 2015.

Please come out and see all the hard work your students have been putting in since September.

Looking forward to seeing you and your loved ones there!

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## Cecchetti Examinations

Cecchetti Examinations have been scheduled for December 9th and 10th. The schedule has been emailed to parents and it will be posted on the studio bulletin board.

Extra classes for Grade 4 Candidates are as follows:

Monday Nov 23rd 7:00 -7:30

Monday Nov 30th 7:00-8:00

Mon Dec 7th 7:00-8:00

Tues Dec 8th 6:30-7:30

Wishing all candidates the best of luck!

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## A Candy Cane Christmas

Victoria Academy of Ballet Scholarship Society is excited to present "A Candy Cane Christmas: Solo Selections and Other Works" sponsored by the CIBC Children's Foundation at 3:00PM on December 13, 2015.



This is a free performance showcasing some of our Professional Training Program and Bridge Program students. Many of the solos you will see will be taken to the Youth American Grand Prix competition in Seattle, Washington this January!

Tickets are available on November 23, free of cost, from the VAB office with a donation to the food bank.

3:00PM Sunday, December 13, 2015 at the Metro Theatre, 1411 Quadra Street.

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## VAB Scholarship Society News

Poinsettia Order forms are due to the VAB office by November 10th. Don't miss out on this wonderful Christmas tradition! Your purchase supports Society projects such as the Candy Cane Christmas production.

We need 5 volunteers for the Candy Cane Christmas Show- taking tickets, usher, concession etc. If you can volunteer for an hour before the show - 3pm Sunday Dec 13 contact [VABSS@telus.net](mailto:VABSS@telus.net).

A few people who purchased umbrellas unfortunately found they had a dud! If your umbrella had any issues please let us know so we can replace it. Clothing orders should be arriving at the end of this week. Thank you for patiently waiting.

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](mailto:vabss@telus.net) Finally, thank you to Board members Corinne and Carol who have spent many hours organizing the Clothing sale and Poinsettia fund raiser.

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## Pay Your Age - Dance Victoria

Did you know that audience members ages 12 to 29 can pay their age at many Dance Victoria performances?

There are so many wonderful performances to see, we really suggest taking advantage of this great deal!

Check out [www.dancevictoria.com](http://www.dancevictoria.com) for more details.

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## Congratulations VAB Students!

Congratulations to 2nd Year Bridge student Yukiho Kiri, who will be performing as a guest artist in the role of Clara in the Arbutus Club's Dance Programs production of The Nutcracker in Vancouver on December 5.

Congratulations to 2nd Year Bridge student's Rachael Harper and Kei Hirozane who will both be guest artists in the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy in Stage West School of Performing Arts and Urban Beat's production of The Nutcracker. Each of the dancers will have the opportunity to perform in 2 performances in Port Alberni and Campbell River.

Congratulations to Layanna Robinson, Annissa Granegger, Robin Butterfield, Abigail Bowering, Adrian de Leeuw, Paula Cobo Botello and Hazuki Kishida. These students have all been selected as Candidates in the Cecchetti Classical Ballet Awards Competition 2016! This competition will take place at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts in Burnaby, BC on January 31, 2016.

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## The Nutcracker

Alberta Ballet's The Nutcracker presented by Dance Victoria is just around the corner and many VAB students will be performing in this special event.

Performances run from Friday December 4th to Sunday December 6th at the Royal Theatre.



For more information or tickets to see the show please visit [Dance Victoria's Website](#).

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## Important Dates

November 11 - Remembrance Day, No classes

November 14 - Festival Permission Forms Due

November 16 to 24 - Family and Friends Watch Week

December 9/10 - Cecchetti Examinations

December 12 - Last Day of Classes for Foundational & General Program Classes

December 13 - A Candy Cane Christmas: Solo Selections and Other Works the Metro Theatre

December 14 - Optional Make-up day from Thanksgiving

December 19 - Last day of Classes for PTP and Bridge Classes

January 4 - First Day of classes after Winter Break

January 7 to 11 - YAGP Competition in Seattle

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