

***TO THE POINTE***

# **Victoria Academy of Ballet**

***March 2016***



## **Important info for Parents:**

Festival invoices have been distributed both in class and via email and payment is due by March 15th. Thank you to those parents who have already provided payment.

### **Spring Break Dates:**

Foundational/General Program Spring Break - March 13th to 28th

PTP/Bridge Spring Break- March 13th to 20th

VAB studios will be closed from March 25th to March 28th for Easter.

**Intent to Return:**

In an effort to provide you with information and registration forms for our 2016/2017 School Year as soon as possible, we are asking you to complete the [Intent to Return Form](#).

Please note that we will be basing next year's schedule on the results of this survey so the information you provide to us is vital! Please complete this form and return it to the VAB office by March 12th, 2016 either via email or in person.

**Recital:**

Our annual Year End Recital will take place on Friday, May 20th at 6:30PM.

Please expect a detailed Recital Package by the last week of April. Students should be available on May 19th and 20th from 3:30PM on each day. Please note that all students must be in attendance at the dress rehearsal to be able to perform in the recital.

Recital tickets will be available for purchase on April 4 from the McPherson Box Office!

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## Festival Spacing Rehearsals

**Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival (GVPAF):**

The GVPAF Spacing Rehearsal is mandatory for all students participating in festival. This will take place on Thursday, April 7th at the Farquhar Auditorium at the University of Victoria. Rehearsal times are as follows:

PTP/Bridge-1PM to 7PM

General Program- 4PM to 7PM

Jazz A- 6PM - 7PM

The festival takes place April 10th to 16th at the Farquhar Auditorium at the University of Victoria. A detailed schedule will be available shortly.

If students are chosen for the GVPAF Gala, this will occur on Saturday April 30th, more details will be available regarding the Gala during and/or after the festival.

**DanceWorks Festival:**

The DanceWorks Spacing Rehearsal is mandatory for all students participating in festival. This will take place on Thursday, April 21st at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney. Rehearsal times are as follows:

PTP/Bridge- 2PM to 8PM

General Program- 5PM to 8PM

Jazz A- 6PM - 7PM

The festival takes place April 22nd to 27th at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney. A detailed schedule will be available shortly.

If students are chosen for the DanceWorks Gala, this will occur on Sunday May 15th, more details will be available regarding the Gala during and/or after the festival.

### **Information about Spacing Rehearsals:**

Spacing rehearsals are an important part of the performance process. It allows students a chance to get familiar with the stage prior to the festival and to work out any kinks that may arise with their performance piece beforehand. It is also wonderful time for students to bond with their VAB community as all programs come together to watch and encourage their peers.

### **A few notes regarding spacing rehearsals:**

Rehearsals are closed to parents.

Please ensure prompt drop off and pick up times of your students.

No costumes or make-up are necessary unless otherwise stated.

Dancers should wear proper uniform and shoes during rehearsal.

Please have students bring a light snack and water to the rehearsals.

**Please note that from now until festival, if a student misses the spacing rehearsals or more than 3 regular classes they will be removed from the festival piece.**

Please contact the office with any further questions or concerns.



## **RECITAL VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for parents interested in volunteering backstage during dress rehearsal and recital on May 19th and 20th.

If you are interested in volunteering, please

contact [admin@victoriaacademyofballet.ca](mailto:admin@victoriaacademyofballet.ca)

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## **Spring Break Rehearsals**

During the week of March 21st to 24th we will be running extra General Program rehearsals for some classes involved in festival. While these are not mandatory, attendance would be appreciated if students are in town.

Monday March 21:

4:00 - 5:30 PM - Senior GP Contemporary

4:30 - 5:30 PM - Level 5 Ballet

5:30 - 6:30 PM - Senior GP Ballet

Tuesday March 22:

3:00 - 4:00 PM - Level 5 Ballet

4:00 - 5:00 PM - Senior GP Ballet

5:00- 6:30 PM - Jazz C

Wednesday March 23:

4:00 - 5:00 PM - Level 3/4 Ballet

4:00 - 5:00 PM - Level 5 Ballet

5:00 - 6:00 PM - Contemporary X (Level 4/5)

Thursday March 24:

3:00 - 4:00 PM - Level 5 Ballet



**Summer Registration SPECIAL PRICING!!!**

**We have extended the offer until March 31st to**

# receive a 50% discount for our Children's Half-Day Camps!

**This discount is only applicable if you return your registration forms and payment by Thursday, March 31!**

## *Not sure which camp to sign up for?*

The morning Children's camps are for current Twinkle Tots and Kinder students.

The afternoon Children's camps are for current Pre-Primary, Primary and Level 1 students.

The Junior Intensive is for current Level 2, 3 and 4 students.

The General Program Intensive is for current Level 5 and Senior GP students.

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

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| Under the Sea Camp (Ages 3 to 6)                         | July 4 - 8, 2016    | 9:00AM - 11:30AM | \$385 | <b>\$190</b> |
| Candyland Dance Camp (Ages 3 to 6)                       | July 11 - 15, 2016  | 9:00AM - 11:30AM | \$385 | <b>\$190</b> |
| Princesses & Pirates Camp (Ages 7 to 11)                 | July 4 - 8, 2016    | 12:30PM - 4:00PM | \$385 | <b>\$190</b> |
| Storybook Ballet Camp (Ages 7 to 11)                     | July 11 - 15, 2016  | 12:30PM - 4:00PM | \$385 | <b>\$190</b> |
| Under the Sea + Candyland Camps (Ages 3 to 6)            | July 4 - 15, 2016   | 9:00AM - 11:30AM | \$600 | <b>\$300</b> |
| Princess/Pirates + Storybook Ballet Camps (Ages 7 to 11) | July 4 - 15, 2016   | 12:30PM - 4:00PM | \$600 | <b>\$300</b> |
| 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.

There will be some Grants and Bursaries available for summer programs based on financial need. The application for these bursaries will be available at the end of March. If you wish to apply for a bursary, email [vabss@telus.net](mailto:vabss@telus.net) to indicate your interest.

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## DanceWorks Competition

The week of February 11th to 16th many of our General, PTP and Bridge students competed in the DanceWorks Competition.

Congratulations VAB DanceWorks Competition Soloists!

Hazuki Kishida placed 1st in the Level 1 Ballet Category

Marika Nakama placed 2nd in the Level 2 Ballet Category

In the Level 3 Ballet Category Airi Miyata placed 1st, Paula Cobo Botello placed 2nd, Yuka Otsuki placed 3rd and Rin Nagakura placed 4th!

Amazing work to all the dancers who have competed the past week at DanceWorks.

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## Summer Homestay

We are currently searching for families interested in hosting summer intensive students for 2, 3 and 4 weeks this summer.



Please contact Yuko at [homestay@victoriaacademyofballet.ca](mailto:homestay@victoriaacademyofballet.ca) to learn more.

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Thank you to those who purchased VAB clothing over the last several weeks. Profits from this sale go directly to assisting students with bursaries. We are grateful to PASSION SPORTS who contribute through this sale to our bursary fund.

The Society has been working recently to raise funds for our 8 students competing in NYC at the end of April. We will be conducting an auction from donations starting on March 19. More information will be available on the VABSS Facebook page at that time.

Bidding will take place online through the page between March 19 and the morning of March 24; final bidding will take place at the Gratitude Performance on March 24 from 5-7pm at Dance Victoria studios.

Some of the fantastic donations include massage therapy, dinner at Kim's Vietnamese Restaurant, 2 nights at The Old House Hotel & Spa (Courtenay) and Mat Pilates lessons from Fix Healthcare. The full list will be only be viewable on the VABSS Facebook page so make sure to check!

If have an idea to share or can provide a donation for the auction, please write us at [vabss@telus.net](mailto:vabss@telus.net)

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## VAB Dance Theatre Co.

Our VAB Dance Theatre Co. and Bridge Program students have been busy in their 2016 performing season. Their inaugural individual show, Conception: The Idea of a Beginning this past Jan 30 was presented by Dance Victoria at The Metro Theatre as part of Dance Days, with wonderful reviews and a very warm, appreciative audience.

It was our privilege to be invited back to perform at Lamondance & Friends Gala with, of course, Lamondance along with other post-secondary and training companies this past Feb 29 where the dancers beautifully performed two sections of Ms. Turner's "Trilogy".



### UPCOMING PERFORMANCES:

We are excited to be joining Convergence - Contemporary Ballet Company on Mar 5 at Oak Bay Theatre (7:00pm) where we will be performing Mr. Pronger's "La Valse Éléante" and Ms. Pires's "Spring 1". There are only a few tickets being sold at our

office for \$20, \$25 at the door.

## **GRATITUDE: An Evening of Rough Cuts, Audience Favourites and Appreciation**

- Don't miss dancers on Mar 24, again presented by Dance Victoria, at GRATITUDE- where they will perform some favourites as well as a new work by Ms. Kathy Lang that will premiere in the spring (5:30pm). Tickets are only \$10 from the VAB office and 100% of the proceeds go directly to assist students!

**GRATITUDE**

An evening of rough cuts,  
audience favourites  
and *appreciation.*

Thursday, March 24th  
5:00PM - 7:00PM  
Dance Victoria Studios  
2750 Quadra

Tickets \$10, 100% of ticket sales go to  
dance scholarships,  
call 250-590-6752 to reserve now.

 **VAB DANCE  
THEATRE**

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## **Important Dates**

March 12 - Intent to Return Letters Due

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

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

March 15 - Festival Fees Due

March 24- Gratitude Performance, 5PM

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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## Follow VAB on Social Media

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