



NEWSLETTER September 2011

CLASSES START ON TUES SEPT 6

We are pleased to welcome new and returning students and parents to PSB Dance Academy.

New and Achievements at PSB

We are very excited to announce that all our locations at PSB Rylander & PSB Kingston are taking new registrations for the upcoming season. If you are unfamiliar with our schools, we have 3 locations at Port Union & Kingston Rd, Midland & Kingston Rd and downtown at Mt. Pleasant & Davisville. If you would like more information on any of our locations, please visit our web site where you will see links to our sister schools, psbdanceacademy.ca/interplay-dance.ca

****NEW PROGRAMS AT PSB****

Dunbarton High School – Grade 9-12

PSB is happy to be affiliated with Dunbarton High School. Students will now be able to dance during the day at PSB and earn their high school credits for their training whether they are PSB students or students from other dance schools. We are honoured and excited to welcome students into this unique program from the Durham and GTA region. Any students wishing to find out more about the program or wish to audition, please see our office staff.

Parent & Tots Classes on Monday at PSB 2 and Tuesday at PSB 1

Music & Movement 1 – 2:00-2:30 – (10m-18m)
Music & Movement 2 – 2:30-3:00 – (18m-2)
Music & Movement 3 – 3:00-3:30 – (2.5-3yr)

***Please see our office for pricing and start dates for both programs.**

PSB Teachers Announcements:

Faye Rauw, is expecting her first child at the end of October. Adam Sergison will be replacing Faye until Jan 2012. We wish her and her family all the best in their future.

John Ottman, artistic director of the Quinte Ballet School, John is joining us at PSB for the upcoming year. John will be developing the intensive girls and boys divisions as well as working with the Profile Dance Company and Dunbarton students.

Erin Poole, was accepted as an apprentice for the ballet and contemporary company, Proartdanza, Roberto Campanella's company. Erin's next performance will be held from October 5-8 at the Harbourfront centre. Congratulations to your new professional dance career.

Chrissy Burrows, is getting married on April 14th in the Bahamas. We wish her and Chris a very happy future together.

Stephanie Landry, we bid farewell to a great artist, teacher and choreographer at PSB for many years. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Suha Ozler, we also bid farewell to a wonderful teacher from PSB 2. We wish her all the best in her future career.

PSB Staff

I am very proud to announce such a dedicated and talented staff to PSB. I would like to welcome our new and returning staff members to PSB.

Office Staff:

Dianne Fordham — PSB 1 Office staff/Admin
Robyn Harvey – PSB 2 Office staff/Admin
Mary Ann Loyst—School Liason, Wardrobe, Office
Donna Rickman – PSB 1 - Office/Store Manager

Teaching Staff:

Jamie Beattie - Junior Ballet Program
Bretonie Burchell – PSB 1 & 2 Jazz, Hip hop and Contemporary, Dunbarton
Chrissy Burrows – Intensive Ballet
Kendal Charbonneau— Jazz/Tap/Acro/Dunbarton
Allison Gibbons— Junior Ballet, Modern & Jazz
Catherine Kourkounakis-RAD/Int Ballet,National & Dunbarton Program
Faye Rauw – Intensive Lyrical, Musical Theatre, Dunbarton
Jessica Polzella - Junior Ballet Program
John Ottman – Intensive Ballet Program, Dunbarton
Christina Neves-Tughan – Adv/Intensive Jazz, Dunbarton
Nicole Marrello – PSB 1 and 2 Ballet
Erin Poole - Junior & Adv Jazz/Int Jazz
Jannine Saarinen – Musical Theatre/Recreational & Intensive Modern/Adult/Jr Ballet
PSB 2 – ballet, modern, musical theatre
Lucie Ward – Profile Dance Company and Intensive rehearsals

Musicians:

Al Bee – Modern Percussionist
Rima Braslinska— Ballet Accompanist
Gordon Brown— Ballet Accompanist
Michiko Koreedo – Ballet Accompanist
Julia Lifshine — Ballet Accompanist

PSB Office/Store Hours - Rylander

Monday – Thursday 3:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Friday 4:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

PSB Office - Midland

Mon, Tues, Thurs 4:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Open House Week – SEPT 10-16th

MASTER CLASS AT PSB –

MR JOHN OTTMAN – INT 6-8 STUDENTS

Sept 10 – 8:30-11:00 a.m. All Dunbarton, current PSB and auditioning students of this level will participate in this class

During the weeks of **Sept 10 - 16th**, any student enrolled at PSB may participate in trial classes in any dance form within his or her age group and/or appropriate level of dance at no extra charge.

Students will need to take a trial class slip to the class. These slips are available in our office. Parents and students are able to also watch any classes in progress and browse around the studios.

Bring a Friend Week

During the week of **Sept 17-Sept 23**, any student registered at PSB may bring a friend for a trial class. If the friend enrolls in the school during this week only, the current student will receive a \$20.00 bonus! Please note that the final decision for the friend to register in the class is at the teacher's discretion and availability of space in the class.

Profile Dance Company/Intensive Program Auditions

Auditions for the Profile Dance Company, (P.S.B. Dance Academy's Performing Group) and the Intensive Program will be held on **Friday Sept 9th and Saturday Sept 10th**. If you would like to audition and would like to be in our intensive division, please see our office for an application form.

Upcoming Profile Company Performances

The Muskoka Gala will be held in Orillia from October 20 to October 23rd. If you would like more information on the gala, please email Karen. The company will perform the Nutcracker Production & Mixed Program at several schools in December and our special performance at the Betty Oliphant Theatre on Sun Dec 18 at 11 & 2 p.m. More details of these events will be in our next newsletter. Please note that all students & families are welcome to come to any of our upcoming performances. If any parents know of a new venue for our company to perform, please inform the office immediately.

Information Shelf / Notice Boards

There is an information shelf just at the school entry displaying all pertinent information to the school. Please be sure to regularly check the shelf for newsletter's, notices and forms. Also be sure to regularly check the School Notice Boards located in the parent waiting area for holiday closings, schedule changes, important dates and recent news. Please make sure our office has your current email address as information is also distributed by email.

Regulations at P.S.B.

We would kindly ask that everyone cooperate in helping to keep our facility clean. We ask parents and students to remove all outdoor shoes in the shoe room located to the right of the elevators. This avoids sand, dirt and grit from entering our studios and change rooms.

All parents with young children, please accompany your child to the change room, enter them into their class and then wait in the parents' lounge area. At the conclusion of their class, please leave the building as quickly and as quietly as possible as other classes are running at the same time. Please make sure siblings bring quiet entertainment so they do not distract the classes.

All students should arrive to the studio 15 min. prior to the class time. All students are to wait outside the studio door, not in the change rooms. Senior students are to arrive 30 min. prior to class in order for ample time to warm up. This is to avoid future injuries during class.

Gum is not permitted in the school and all food and beverages are to be consumed in the waiting area, not in the change rooms.

Noise Level within the school should be kept to a minimum so that the classes are not disturbed. We ask that parents control all children in the waiting

area to be quiet and respectful of the teachers and students who are dancing.

Please mark all dance clothing and shoes clearly with first and last name. Check the lost and found frequently, located in the waiting area.

For your safety, students who are being picked up after dark must remain inside the building until their rides have arrived. Please remind your children not to wait outside.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dance Shop

PSB sells a variety of dancewear and accessories at comparable prices to other retail stores. Also available are PSB T-shirts (\$17 Adult, \$14 Child), and PSB pins (\$4.00). Snacks are not available in our store so please bring healthy snacks to the studio. Please do not enter the store after closing hours as our office staff is trying to prepare for the following day. The office and store hours will be posted on the door

Thanksgiving Holiday

PSB will be closed on Monday, October 10.

R.A.D. Examination Program

All students wishing to take an RAD exam from Primary to Grade 6 this year, please make sure that they are registered in classes twice per week. It is very important for the student to learn the material and also perfect it to the best of their ability. Once per week will not achieve this goal and eventually the student will get discouraged. These exams will be in the spring.

R.A.D. Character Skirts and Shoes

All R.A.D. Grade 1-6 Ballet Students will require character skirts and character shoes. Character shoes may be purchased at any dance store. Grades 1-2, should be in a low heel character shoe and Grades 3-8, should wear a Cuban heel. PSB no longer orders character skirts. If you are wishing to order a character skirt, please call Malabar Store (416) 598-2581 where you can pre-pay by a credit card. The store will then call you when it is ready. Please measure your child's waist and length prior to calling the store. If you are unsure, please ask your teacher how to measure. Let them know that you are calling from PSB as they will give you a discount.

All Basic Primary and Primary Ballet students will require a pink chiffon skirt, available for purchase in our dance shop.

Important Performance Dates

Orillia Opera House – Oct 20-23 Profile Dance
Nutcracker – Betty Oliphant – Dec 18 – 2 Matinee
Profile Dance Company

PSB Year end Senior shows – May 31-June 2

PSB Year end Junior Shows – June 3

PSB Kingston Year end Shows – June 3

Security Code for PSB Entrance Door

The security code for the door at the top of the stairs is 5, 3, 1. Please try to use the stairs rather than the elevator. The elevator is slow and some times breaks down. Please note that our staff is not responsible for your child once they leave our premises.

Thank you and enjoy your year!
Karen Davies Thomas, Director