

LONDON JUNIOR BALLET

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NEWS

Spring 2001

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I was delighted to see such a high standard at the assessments this year. The assessors were also very impressed.

To those of you who left us this Easter I wish you all the best with your future plans and good luck to all of you auditioning. Enjoy the rest of your Easter holiday and see you next term.

ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL SUCCESS

Congratulations to Natasha Jones and Ami Thake who have both been offered places at the Royal Ballet Upper School.

Nicola Bowden



Natasha Jones & Amy Thake

BRITISH YOUNG DANCER OF THE YEAR

It was nice to see some students and parents from LJB in the audience at the British Young Dancer of the Year finals. Hayley Taylor (she left LJB last summer) was also there. Hayley is having a wonderful time at the London Studio Centre. A nice surprise at the prize giving was the announcement of five summer school places to be awarded to dancers from outside the Royal Ballet School. Natasha won a place on the Yorkshire Ballet Seminar and Amy won a place on the Rambert Summer School. Well done to both of them.

GROOMING

Ballet is a visual art form. Therefore, excellent grooming is of great importance in becoming a successful dancer. In London Junior Ballet classes next term we will be working hard on this aspect of the student's training.

AUDITIONS

We shall be holding auditions for new students on Sunday, 3rd June & Saturday, 1st September, for entry in September 2001. Application forms may be obtained from the office or by writing to LJB.

Peter Railton

SUMMER TERM DATES 2001

21st April - 7th July

No classes - 26th May & 2nd June

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TERM DATES

Autumn 2001

15th September - 1st December

No classes - 20th & 27th October

Spring Term 2002

12th January - 30th March

No classes - 16th & 23rd February

Summer Term 2002

20th April - 6th July

No classes - 25th May & 1st June

ASSOCIATION NEWS - The one with the Marathon

It has been a term of planning, plotting and negotiating and thanks to the grand efforts of Nicky Bowden the LJB uniform will now be available in the new term. I will hesitate to say when as there have been so many problems with the cut, colour and stretch of the material. As I am sure most of you are aware the uniform should have been available by the assessment date but due to the problems previously stated this was just not to be. They were literally in the palm of my hand, but when they were examined the colour was right, the stretch was right but the cut was wrong. No matter how many children tried them on, and there were a few, (special thank you to Stephanie Clayton for her high speed quick changes), the cut was wrong and looked unattractive. Hopefully this has now been sorted and as soon as I receive the leotards I shall inform all of you.

It has been agreed with Porcelli that the LJB can sell the leotards through the LJB Association. This means that they can be purchased from the Association on a Saturday. Therefore, children will be able to try on the leotard and get the right size straight away. The Association will be giving parents a 10% discount. **The only stipulation from Porcelli is that parents do not go into the shop and ask for a discount for any leotard purchased there. They will not get one, and it would be embarrassing for the staff at Porcelli. LJB uniform should be purchased through the Association.**

The Association is also stocking tights, pointe shoe ribbon, hairnets, and hairspray. It was decided, after some discussion with parents, that if we could hold uniform in stock it would save them the extra expense of having to travel to Covent Garden for the uniform and let

the children have the facility of purchasing essential items at a discount price. Should anybody wish to ask anything about the uniform please contact me on

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And now we come to the real event of the season - the London Marathon. John Holdsworth, a very plucky father, has agreed to run the London Marathon on behalf of the London Junior Ballet Association. Not only has this intrepid chap agreed to run, but he will be running in a tutu. He would have worn a Tiara also, but as he does not have long hair it would have been impossible to pin it on and glue was never an option. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that it would be better if he did not have the distraction of trying to keep the tiara from falling off his head. Please badger everybody you know to sponsor John. He deserves huge sponsorship. I shall be cheering him on and it would be nice if anyone else can get there. What a fab man!!! What a lovely dad you have Michelle!!!



Marathon Man - John Holdsworth

I should like to finish with a big thank you to all the members of the Committee for all their hard work. Thank you to Nicky Bowden and all the ballet staff for their ongoing fab teaching and the support they give to students and parents. To the children who have done so well in their auditions, many congratulations. Lastly I would like to wish you all a happy Easter and may you have many Easter eggs.

Kay Wraith