

FOOT NOTES

SUMMER 2006

THE NEWSLETTER OF LONDON JUNIOR AND SENIOR BALLET

ASSESSMENTS

Congratulations to the Junior students who took assessments this term. The assessors, Jane Sanig and Jeremy Kerridge, were very pleased with standard of dancing.

BOYS COACHING AND CONTEMPORARY TEACHERS

Many thanks to Laura Gibson, our Contemporary teacher and David Ashmole, our Boy's teacher for their wonderful classes. Both joined us in the 2005 - 2006 academic year.

David Ashmole studied ballet at the **Royal Academy of Dancing** in Melbourne before joining the **Royal Ballet Company** in 1968. He was promoted to Principal Artist in 1975 before joining the **Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet** in 1976. His leading roles have spanned the entire classical repertoire including *The Sleeping Beauty*, *Swan Lake*, *La Fille Mal Gardée*, *Les Sylphides*, *Giselle*, *Coppélia*, *Romeo & Juliet*, *Checkmate* and *The Dream*. He also created many roles including *Night Moves*, *Homage to Chopin* and *Swan of Tuonela*.

From 1984 - 1994 David was Senior Principal Artist with **Australian Ballet**. From 1994 to 1999 David served on Australian Ballet's board of directors and was Senior Lecturer at the **Victoria College of Arts** in Melbourne. In 1999 David became a Senior Lecturer in Classical Ballet at the **London Studio Centre** and in January 2003 became Head of Boys.

Laura Gibson trained at Liverpool **John Moores University** and completed a BA Honours Degree in Dance in 2000. Since graduating she has established herself as a performer, dance teacher, university lecturer and choreographer and is currently working with the **Richard Alston Dance Company**, touring workshops of the company's past and recent repertoire throughout the country. In April 2004 Laura was a dancer for **VORTEX**, a film directed by Gareth Risdale and has recently joined **Two Thirds Sky** under directorship of Lisa Spackman. They have recently embarked on a choreographic commission by Kerry Nicholls (KNDC) and have been touring 'The Size of Thought' since November and to start rehearsals in September in preparation for performances in the autumn. Laura has also been rehearsal director on various youth dance projects including **Arc Dance Company** and **The Dance Movement**. Other performance credits include 'Chance to Dance' Dance Company and **Dance etc...**

Laura teaches Contemporary Technique at the **Stella Mann College** and **De Montfort University** where she also teaches 1st Year BA Dance & Performing Arts students choreography

AUDITIONS

Auditions for new students wishing to start on the programme in September take place on **Saturday 2nd September**. Application forms are available from the office or downloadable from our website on www.ljb.org.uk.

2006 - 2007 TERM DATES

AUTUMN

16th September	4th November
23rd September	11th November
30th September	18th November
7th October	25th November
14th October	2nd December

Half term 21st and 28th October

SPRING

6th January	24th February
13th January	3rd March
20th January	10th March
27th January	17th March
3rd February	24th March

Half term 10th and 17th February

17th March LSB Assessment day

SUMMER

21st April	9th June
28th April	16th June
5th May	23rd June
12th May	30th June
19th May	7th July

Half term 26th May and 2nd June

12th May LJB Assessment day

LJB ASSOCIATION

The London Junior Ballet Association was set up as a fundraising committee to provide a fund to support **existing** students of London Junior and Senior Ballet, who could no longer afford to continue their training due to a sudden change of circumstances, such as redundancy or bereavement.

The Committee is made up of parent volunteers from every level. We meet once or twice a term, on Saturday mornings. Our main source of regular funding is the uniform shop, which is open most Saturdays from 10:00 - 13:00, in the basement of London Studio Centre. We sell all items of uniform at very competitive prices. We also stock hair pins, bun nets, shoe ribbon etc and a wide range of LJB/LSB logo goods. (ie. Fleece, sweatshirts, t-shirts, rucksacks etc etc). Other fund raising events have included tombolas, quizzes, and school photos.

New members are always welcome, so if you would like to join us, please talk to any committee member at the uniform shop.

Sue Pattison

Students going on to full-time vocational studies



Student Name: Natasha Chung
Vocational School: Elmhurst School of Dancing
Local Ballet School: Jayne Marie Dancing School
Years at LJ & LS Ballet: 5 years



Student Name: Kaleigh Pattison
Vocational School: Reynolds Performing Arts
Local Ballet School: Downland Dance
Years at LJ & LS Ballet: 5 years



Student Name: Abbie Mewett
Vocational School: Elmhurst School of Dancing
Local Ballet School: Tankerton Dancing Academy
Years at LJ & LS Ballet: 4 years



Student Name: Anisha Ratan
Vocational School: London Studio Centre
Local Ballet School: The Dance Studio
Years at LJ & LS Ballet: 4 years