



Swiss Cottage Dance

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Swiss Cottage Community Centre
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Dear Parents

Dates for the Autumn Term 2009:

Term starts on: Saturday 19th September

Last class of the term: Saturday 12th December

No classes on: Saturday 28th November

Owing to an external event being held at the Swiss Cottage Community Centre we are unable to run classes on Saturday 28th November. We have decided to continue classes throughout the half term week.

Please remember that if children are to be withdrawn from classes **we do require half a term's notice in writing.**

Welcome

Welcome back to a new year at the Swiss Cottage Dance School. We hope you all had a wonderful summer, and extend a particularly warm greeting to our new students and their parents.

Overleaf we have listed an exciting diary of events including auditions for the London Children's Ballet production of 'Ballet Shoes'; the Cecchetti Association Choreography Workshop and Competition (Miss Angelina had two cup winners at last years competition); a special workshop for Boys given by Kasper Cornish (well known Principal Ballet Dancer who appeared on Channel 4's 'Faking It' – mild mannered ballet dancer trains to become a mean wrestler).

Miss Angelina's Maternity Leave

As most of you know, Miss Angelina is expecting a baby in the first week of September. Of course she is very excited about this and as requested she will post an update on the website once the baby is born. Miss Angelina is slightly worried that she might not be as available as she would like to be for the first two weeks of September so we wondered if you could please help us by referring to our website www.swisscottagedance.com (which we will ensure is up to date) – you may e-mail us at Enquiries@swisscottagedance or you can leave a message on the office telephone number.

Miss Titania, who also teaches at Miss Angelina's other school in Clapham has kindly agreed to teach all the Saturday classes. We were delighted when Miss Titania accepted the position as she is in great demand and is a wonderful teacher. Miss Angelina will be in communication with Miss Titania and Mr Stephen on a weekly basis and they will keep her informed of news and do their best to deal with any queries you may have at the beginning of term. Once Miss Angelina is back on her feet she will be popping in regularly to keep involved in the children's progress. She fully intends to get back to teaching as soon as possible.

Congratulations

- Over 500 children from around the UK auditioned for a place on the Cecchetti Associates Programme. We are delighted and proud to announce that **Diona Fona** was offered a place this year.
- We are also pleased to announce that two of Miss Angelina's pupils gained places at the renowned vocational dance schools:

Arts Educational, Tring and English National Ballet School

Invoices - Fee Payment - Half a term's notice in writing – Surname on back of cheque.

Thank you to all of the parents who pay their fees on time (before the start of term). Swiss Cottage Dance has to cover costs including hall fees, teachers and assistant fees which are payable in advance, and your prompt payment is vital. As I am sure you will appreciate, chasing payments takes up bookkeeping time and costs. Unfortunately due to such a large number of late payments our accountant has **introduced a £10 surcharge for payments made after the half term.** Please ensure, therefore, that payment is made promptly.

We suggest payment on the first day of term. Miss Stef will be collecting cheque payments at the end of each lesson. If your surname differs from your child's surname please ensure their name is written clearly on the back of the cheque

Please could you also remember that if you do wish to withdraw your child we require **half a term's notice in writing.** This is extremely important to us as we do need sufficient time to plan registers, class numbers and inform children on waiting lists.

The Cecchetti Society
Choreographic Competition
Ages 7 – 18 years
Solos – Duets – Trios – Groups

Sunday 29th November 2009
Cecil Sharp House
2 Regents Park Road, London NW1

We are keen to encourage children to explore the field of choreography. If your child would like to take part please download the application form and competition rules from www.swisscottagedance.com

The closing date for application is 9th October
The application form requires Miss Angelina's signature and only choreographies of the highest standard will be allowed to enter.

Children interested in taking part should start choosing their music and start rehearsing very soon.

Swine Flu

If you suspect that your child has been in contact with swine flu please do not let them attend classes. We intend to keep classes running throughout the term but should we have to cancel classes as a result of swine flu we regret we will not be able to refund fees.

The Cecchetti Centre
A Special Workshop for Boys
Sunday 11th October – 2.pm to 5.pm
Held at Dance Attic, Fulham SW6 1LY

Kasper Cornish

Principal dancer and Choreographer
This workshop is offered to boys aged 8 to 13 years working at a minimum of Standard or Grade 2
Fee: £25
Closing date for application 20th September

London Children's Ballet - Ballet Shoes

The LCB is looking for 50 keen dancers of all shapes and sizes, aged 9 -14 (boys 9 -16) to dance in LCB's new production of *Ballet Shoes* in the West End in **April 2010**. The ballet offers a truly special chance to perform as part of a professional production with an orchestra. There are many challenging roles for boys and girls with great scope for beautiful classical dancing and an opportunity to make new friends. Only a small costume contribution is requested with scholarships offered in cases of need. All newcomers welcome!

Special Search: An exceptional 8 year old girl with red hair would be considered for the part of Posy
Application forms can be downloaded from the LCB website www.londonchildrensballet.com and must be submitted by **THURSDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Thank you for all your support and co-operation.
Looking forward to a fabulous new term

Angelina Spurrier

Ballet Director
BA Hons. (Dance), AISTD (Cecchetti)

Stephen Hose

Music Director
L.R.A.M. G.R.S.M.