

# Extravaganza

THE YORK SCHOOL OF  
DANCE AND DRAMA

Newsletter  
Summer 2008

**Here comes the summer!**

A Big "thank you!" to everyone for all the cards and flowers wishing me well and a speedy recovery from my knee operation. I soon hope to be leaping around once more! Having to sit down and watch everyone dancing, instead of participating, has been a very good experience, as it has made me realise just how talented and dedicated all our pupils are, from the Seniors right down to the babies.

Our next production, *Masquerade*, has yet more demanding and difficult dances; some with unusual elements, which always present our pupils with cutting-edge challenges. Many of the dances are deigned to sharpen the pupils' rhythm, especially in the tap, Spanish and stick dances.

The feedback from the last show has indicated how much everyone enjoyed these numbers in particular and the request for more in the next show has been granted, but of course with a few surprises!

Next on the School agenda we're looking forward to the Summer School where we have lots of fun. It never ceases to amaze me how the children are given free time to rest during the day, but instead they choose to go off and devise their own pieces. They are tireless!

As usual it will be held at Archbishop Holgate's School where we have lost of space on the playing field and the freedom to work within our small unit. It will be lovely to see all the regulars and newcomers are always very welcome.



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Melanie Teall of the Rambert Dance Company,  
photography Antony Crickmay

**"Nullos Limos"**

Usually at the end of the Summer Term our Friends' group sponsor Achievement Awards that celebrate the effort and outstanding progress of many of our pupils. This year I hope to make some interesting changes and would like to have a special ceremony in the winter term before Christmas: "a bit of a do", for all mums, dads, carers and pupils, celebrating the pupils' achievements in true style with party frocks...

Watch out for more information.

Finally everyone in the school is delighted to congratulate our wonderful Sally Miller on her engagement to her lovely man, Ramsay. Sally has been one of our principal dancers for many, many years and has given the school her constant support and energy. Thank you Sally, love and congratulations from us all!

Lesley Ann Eden



Sally and Ramsay

### **OUR NEW SCHOOL T-SHIRTS due in shortly...**

For each class the new look dance tops will have their own colour/style.

Buying in bulk the t-shirts are quite reasonable but the printing for them is sadly less so! The cost of the new t-shirts will be around £12.50 for all sizes.

## **Friends' News - Helping to support the school**

Do you enjoy our newsletters, visit our website, read our show programmes and applaud the Achievement Awards?

Without the kind support of our Friends none of these great resources would be available to us and now **our Friends are in need.**

Please consider, or encouraging someone you know who enjoys the school's performances, to join the YSDD Friends.

For just **£20** a year so much is achieved and many distant friends and family supporters are kept in touch with pupils' progress and upcoming events. Our School stands out, not only for Lesley Ann's innovative work but also for all the behind the scenes voluntary support.

Send your name, address and email along with your cheque made payable to **Friends of York School of Dance and Drama** to:

Jacky Frere  
20 Fountayne Street  
York  
YO31 8HL



**Be part of our family,  
join us today!**

## Shoes too tight? Visit Val's Swap Shop...

We have a great resource at YSDD that allows us all to buy dance shoes and clothing at next to nothing prices. Take your outgrown shoes and dance gear to Val and see if she has something that will fit you. If you're swapping a pair of shoes it will only cost you £4 for another pair and they'll already be danced in! If you have nothing to swap you can still pick up a bargain from as little as £6!! This great way to dance and save can only work if everyone takes in their outgrown items so please do. It is a great help to so many in the school—thanks.

If you have any queries please see Val for further details.



## Web-tastic!

Thanks to our fantastic Webmaster, Jim Semlyen at Semlyen.net, talented fire juggler and YSDD parent, our website goes from strength to strength.

You'll find all the times and fees for classes, plus contact numbers, show posters, an archive of all our newsletters and more...

Google, "dance and drama York" and we're at the top of the list! Our site now generates weekly enquires about classes and helps raise the profile of the School. That's great for us and our supporters.

Just recently a young couple have got in touch via our site, enquiring about dance lessons so that they can wow their guests with a 'dirty dancing' routine at their wedding... No problem for Lesley Ann!!

## Summer School 4th — 8th August

It's amazing to think that it is nearly time for another Summer School: the week long fun and frolics that ends the hard work of the summer term and takes place at Arch Bishop Holgate School just off the Hull Road. This years' schedule will be fun packed (and yes Lesley Ann does attempt football) so remember to book your place now! Still available:

Half days £15

Full day £30

Full week £150

Pack lunch required

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# Contacts & Classes



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MA Choreography

**Secretary:** Val Hart  
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**Classes\*:** Park Grove community School, Park Grove, York.

Tuesday	4.15pm to 5.00pm	Beginner Dance
	5.00pm to 6.30pm	Intermediate Dance
	6.30pm to 8.30pm	Senior Performers
Thursday	5.00pm to 6.00pm	Beginner Youth
	6.00pm to 7.00pm	Adult Tap
	7.00pm to 8.00pm	Adult Jazz
Saturday	9.15am to 10.15am	Elementary Dance
	10.15am to 11.15am	Drama Group
	11.15am to 12.30pm	Intermediate Dance
	11.00am to 1.30pm	Academy

\* Check term dates with Lesley Ann or Val.

## Fees:

Beginner/elementary/drama	£ 5.50 per class
Intermediate:	£ 9.00 per class
Adult:	£ 6.00 per class
Senior Performer:	£10.00 per class
Academy:	By invitation

Discounts are available for children/adults attending more than one class.



## Jorvik Academy

Giving students, the opportunity to explore excellence in the field of ART, DANCE DRAMA AND MUSIC, whilst offering a unique opportunity to discover the historic delights of York – England's second city. Weekends, or longer stays are available together with any combination of Arts tuition, tailored to suit any needs. Other specialist courses can be devised such as history visits or language courses in Spanish or French.

Courses are open to all, contact **Tel: 07971 230 716**



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