

Vacani (Clapham)

School of Dance

Broomwood Methodist Church Hall

Newsletter – Summer 2010

Summer Term Dates:

PLEASE NOTE: dates are different from dates listed last term

Term starts on: Monday 19th April 2010
classes

Term ends on: **Tuesday and Wednesday**
end on 6th and 7th July

Half term will be: 31ST May – 6th June

Monday and Thursday classes
end on 12th and 15th July

No classes on Bank Holiday 3rd May and Polling Day 6th May

Welcome back

Welcome back to Vacani. I hope you all had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the few moments of English sunshine as much as I did. I extend a particularly warm greeting to our new pupils starting this term.

Teachers

Mrs Loftie, Miss Titinai and I pride ourselves for our consistency and commitment to our schedules and our pupils.

However, we would like to apologise in advance for the temporary change in teachers for the coming term.

Mrs Loftie, has just had a hip operation and I am sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. Mrs Loftie will need a good rest and time to recover but hopes to be back with us in September.

Miss Steph, is qualifying to be and fully registered ISTD teacher in ballet and ballroom. Miss Steph currently teaches ballet at the Susan Handy School of Dance (Susan Handy is one of the Cecchetti's leading examiners) and has been doing her teachers training at Vacani and assisting for us on Tuesdays and Thursdays for almost two years. **Miss Steph will be teaching the Tuesday (babies 2-4 year old) classes next term.**

After having her baby girl, **Miss Amanda is returning to Vacani to teach Mrs Loftie's classes on Thursdays this term.** Miss Amanda has also taught for Elvida Eden at the Hurlingham Club, and also runs her own ballet school in central London.

Our Flamenco queen, **Miss Lizzie, will be teaching the Standard 6 and 7 classes on Tuesday evenings.** Miss Lizzie is dancing in Carmen at the Royal Opera House again this Summer. Her **Saturday Pointe Work classes have been cancelled on 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th May** – these classes have been deducted from your invoices.

As many of you may have noticed, I am very pleased to announce that I am pregnant again. The baby is due in August and all being well this time I should be back after the birth, fit and ready to start in the Spring Term. **Miss Titania has kindly agreed to cover my classes in the Autumn Term.**

Class Fee and VAT

It is with great regret that due to a change in VAT regulations the Vacani School of Dance must now pay and charge parents VAT on their children's ballet classes. To minimize the impact to parents we have reduced the Vacani class fee so that the total class fee does not exceed £10. We hope some day that British VAT regulations will fall in line with other European countries, i.e. Eire, where ballet schools are exempt from VAT and ballet training is classed as education. In the meantime, unfortunately, we are obliged to register and pay.

Method of Payment

You can now pay your school fees electronically direct from your bank account to.

VACANI CLAPHAM

SORT CODE: 20 80 71

ACCOUNT: 60252247

Please ensure that you reference your child's full name and the invoice number so that we can locate your payment. Additionally, please send an e-mail to Enquiries@vacani.com confirming that an electronic payment has been made, including your child's full name and invoice number.

TIMETABLE FOR AUTUMN 2010

Due to several children moving up after their ballet exams in the summer it has been necessary to adjust the timetable according to class demand for the Autumn Term. We have spent many hours planning a timetable which works for the majority but unfortunately the new timetable may require some parents to change their children’s schedule. Of course we will do everything we can to help you but unfortunately we cannot change the finalised class schedule below.

	Main Hall		Junior room	
TUESDAY	Mrs Loftie		Miss Lizzie	
2-3 YEARS	14:30	15:15		
3-4 YEARS	15:20	16:05		
STANDARD 1	16:10	16:55		
STANDARD 2	16:55	17:45		
STANDARD 2/3	17:45	18:30		
STANDARD 6			18:00	18:45
POINTE WORK			18:45	19:15
STANDARD 7			19:15	20:15
WEDNESDAY	Miss Titania			
3-4 YEARS	15:05	15:50	Miss Angelina will be	
TRANSITION	15:55	15:40	returning to teach	
PRIMARY	16:45	17:30	after Christmas 2010.	
STANDARD 3	17:30	18:15		
STANDARD 4	18:15	19:00		
STANDARD 5	19:00	19:45		
THURSDAY	Mrs Loftie			
2-3 YEARS	14:15	15:00		
3-4 YEARS	15:05	15:50		
TRANSITION	16:00	16:45		
PRIMARY	16:45	17:30		
STANDARD 1	17:30	18:15		
STANDARD 6	18:15	19:15		

Exams

We will be holding Cecchetti Syllabus Ballet Examinations this term. Please note that children studying ballet up to Standard 2 level require a minimum of 1 year working towards exams. The higher the level, the longer it takes to work towards passing a ballet examination. Despite our original plan to only hold exams in the Summer we have come to the conclusion that it will be necessary to hold an additional examination session before Easter next year. It is not practical to plan exams straight after the Summer holidays in the Autumn Term as children tend to forget their work.

We have applied to the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing for the following dates in June 2010:

Saturday 19th June

Saturday 26th June

A letter confirming you child’s examination date and time will be sent to you as soon as we receive confirmation from the ISTD. Please keep both dates clear in your diary.

EVENTS

As well as following her passion for teaching Miss Titania also creates professional dance and theatre performances and this May she and her company "Open Door Enter" will present a site specific adaptation of the well-loved classic The Secret Garden at The Brighton Fringe Festival.

Miss Titania has been working with professional performers as young as 10 years old to stage this show in an exciting hidden venue in Brighton. The show features Rosie Taylor-Ritson (13 yrs old) who recently starred as the lead role in film Nanny McPhee 2 alongside Emma Thompson. For tickets and more information see www.brightonfestivalfringe.org.uk

Miss Titania is also busy organising and managing an exciting event called Dance Challenge(TM). Dance Challenge is a competition which recognises and awards the talent and creativity of dancers between the ages of 5 and 26 yrs old all across the UK. There are 5 rounds in total, each held at the prestigious Cadogan Hall in Sloane Square, Chelsea. The nail-biting final takes place on the 3rd of July and will be judged by professionals from across the dance industry. For more information see: www.dancechallenge.co.uk

Miss Titania teaches Modern Dance on Mondays at Vacani.