

# February "On Your Toes" Newsletter

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Litchfield Dance Arts Academy

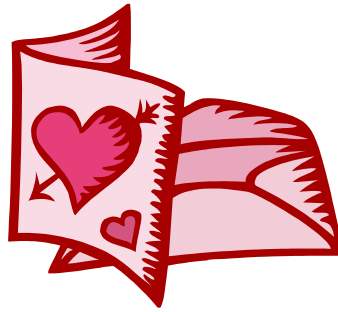
## Happy Valentine's Day!!!

### Items to Remember:

- \* **February tuition is due** the first day of your child's class. A late fee of \$10 will be applied if you pay after the 10th of the month.
- \* **Costume Balances are now past due!** Please check with the front desk for your balance. Now that costumes have been ordered there will be **no refunds**. You are now responsible for paying the costume balance.

### New Classes

We are very pleased to announce that we will now be offering an Adult Jazz Class on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 beginning February 7. We still have spaces available. Be sure to register soon!



### LOFT 2007

The "LOFT" Program will be returning to LDAA in February. We will be creating new classes for students who may not want to join a class mid-year and don't want to be in a recital. You pay in advance for the month with no commitment from one month to the next. Ask about our potential new classes. Be sure to stop by the front desk for more information or to register!

### New Staff Member

We would like to welcome Edna Lee Kuhn to our LDAA staff. She will be working on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the front desk. Lee comes to us from Maryland where she owned her own studio for 40 years. She is a member of Dance Masters of America and has a lot of experience. We are very excited to have her on board!!

### Royal Academy of Dance Coaching

- \* We had our first session of RAD coachings for Pre Primary, Primary, Grade 2, Grade 3, and Grade 4 on January 27. The next coaching sessions will be on February 24th. **This session will also be open for parent observation.**
- \* Please check with the front desk for the schedule of coaching sessions for February.
- \* We would like to especially thank Elsie Pollock for playing the piano for our coachings and exams.

### RAD Exams

Exams will take place in March on one date during the time frame of the 13-22. Once we have learned our exam date we will pass this information along to the parents.

Make sure you have your complete uniforms ready for the second coaching as well as the exam.

### What is RAD?

The Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) is a highly prestigious professional ballet syllabus developed in 1920 and constantly update. The current patron is Queen Elizabeth II of England. RAD is dedicated to certifying teachers to pass on the technique and artistry of classical ballet. LDAA implemented the RAD system for the 1998-1999 dance season and has had tremendous success over the past 8 years.



## Upcoming Events and Info

### January Assistant of the Month



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The January Assistant of the Month is Samantha Tansey. Samantha is the assistant for Megan's Wednesday 5:15 Primary Jazz Class. Keep up the good work Samantha!!

### Inspiration of the Month:

**"The heart and soul of dance is to enjoy the process of learning to dance."**

### 2007 Photo Week

We will be having our photo week with Gail Healey from Exposures from March 26-29 during your regular class time. This will also be your chance for solo pictures to be taken. Be sure to pay your costume balance before this time so you will have your costume for pictures!! Start thinking about buying your souvenir ads for your child for the year book.

LDAА hosted the University of South Carolina Summer Conservatory auditions on January 28. Ten of our students auditioned for the program and all ten were accepted. Several of our students were also accepted into the North Carolina Dance Theatre Summer Intensive.

### Save the Date

Be sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming performance here at Litchfield Dance Arts Academy's Theatre

**Saturday, April 21:**

Annual Litchfield Dance Company Spring Concert

**Tickets are \$15. Children under 3 years old are free.**

**We are also preparing for our April 15 performance of "Carmina Burana" with the Long Bay Symphony Orchestra at Myrtle Beach High School at 4:00.**

### New York City Dance Alliance

February 2-4 **Rachel Bailey, Kinsey Besser, Katie Brackett, Sarah Hepler, and Carlie Mills** traveled to Orlando, Florida to compete at New York City Dance Alliance. **Rachel** and **Katie** received a **Platinum** on their solos, **Sarah** received a **Gold** on her solo, **Rachel** and **Kinsey** received a **Gold** on their duet, **Carlie** and **Katie** received a **Platinum** on their duet, and **Sarah** and **Katie** received a **Platinum** on their duet. **Rachel, Sarah, Katie, and Carlie** also received a **Platinum** on their quartet. The girls also received the **Sportsmanship Award** for their outstanding backstage behavior towards the other dancers. **Rachel** received the **high score mini solo** and **Katie** tied for the **high score teen solo**. The **quartet** received **high score junior lyrical group, high score junior groups, overall high score for all junior dances, and Junior Critics Choice**. **Rachel** and **Kinsey** received the **outstanding costume award** for their duet. **Rachel** and **Sarah** were runners up for the **mini and junior scholarships** and **Katie** received a **full scholarship** to the two week intensive to be held in NYC this summer. Great job girls, we are so proud of you all!!

Stop in the "dancing through life" boutique for our Red and Pink Valentine's Day sale. We are always getting new shipments, be sure to stop in often to see what's new!



### Youth America Grand Prix

February 9-11 **Lida Fox, Gretchen McCutcheon, and Sydney Wood** will be traveling to Orlando, Florida for the YAGP Regional Competition. This competition can qualify them for the National Competition in New York City in April. Good luck girls!



