

March "On Your Toes" Newsletter

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Litchfield Dance Arts Academy

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

Items to Remember:

- * **March 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 have now started an Adult Modern class on Wednesdays at 1:00. There are also spaces still available in the Adult Jazz class on Wednesday night at 7:30.



Royal Academy of Dance Exams

Exams will take place on **March 20** at LDAA. Please be here **one hour before** your exam is scheduled to begin. We have school excuses available to those who need one.

Make sure you have your complete uniforms ready for the exam.

- * We have successfully completed all of our coaching sessions for our RAD Exams. We have strong groups going into the exams this year and wish everyone the best of luck!
- * Please check with the front desk for the schedule of exams.
- * We would like to especially thank Elsie Pollock for playing the piano for our coaching sessions and exams.

LOFT 2007

The "LOFT" Program returned to LDAA in February. We are still 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!

Costumes

Class recital costumes are beginning to arrive and we are trying them on in our students' classes. However, you must have a **zero balance** due in order to bring home your costumes. We are also including a **coupon** in the costume bags for classes that will need tights with their costume. You can redeem this coupon in the retail store for your free pair of tights.

What is RAD?

The Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) is a highly prestigious professional ballet syllabus developed in 1920 and is constantly updated. 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

February Assistant of the Month



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The February Assistant of the Month is Cornelia Beck. Cornelia is the assistant for Leo's Wednesday 3:15 Open Ballet Class for 5-7 year olds. Keep up the good work Cornelia!!

Inspiration of the Month:

"Always be a first-rate version of yourself instead of a second-rate version of somebody else."
-Judy Garland

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 recital year book.

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
Primo Vere in Memory of John McLeod

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.

Youth America Grand Prix in Orlando, FL

February 9-11 **Lida Fox, Gretchen McCutcheon, and Sydney Wood** traveled to Orlando, Florida to compete at Youth America Grand Prix. Gretchen competed in the Pre-competitive Division where she qualified to compete in the National Finals in New York City in April. Lida competed in the Junior Division and was invited to participate in the Intensive Classes that will be held during the National Competition. Sydney also competed in the Junior Division.

Stop in the "dancing through life" boutique for our ongoing sale. We have many new items in the store as well, be sure to check it out!

Youth America Grand Prix in Greenville, SC

March 9-11 Junior and Senior Company competed in Greenville at the regional competition for YAGP. **Rachel Bailey, Gretchen McCutcheon, Katie Brackett, and Carlie Mills** all qualified for the National Competition in April in NYC. **Gretchen** received the **1st place** prize in the pre-competitive division. **Lida Fox, Abigail Earnest, Sarah Hepler, Sydney Wood, Kaitlin Sweeney, and Kinsey Besser** all were invited to participate in the National Intensive. The **Senior Company** group dance "Captive" placed **2nd in the Ensembles** and have also qualified to compete in the National Competition and received the **Best Choreography Award**. Congratulations everyone on a great weekend!

Dance Masters of America

March 23-25 **Junior and Senior Company** will be competing in the Dance Masters of America Regional Performing Arts Competition in Myrtle Beach. Title holders **Rachel Bailey, Sarah Hepler, Katie Brackett, and Rachel Hutchinson** along with Junior Miss Dance of America, **Carlie Mills**, will be emceeding the solo portion of the competition and performing their solos for entertainment and judge's review.

