

# Extravaganza

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SCHOOL OF DANCE & DRAMA

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## Strictly Lesley Ann

**Welcome back everyone after our summer break. I am relieved and thrilled to report that my hip replacement has been a wonderful success, after two years of constant pain I can now walk and, hopefully, tentatively dance pain free!**

At first I did the zimmer frame shuffle down the hospital corridor, then progressed to the two stick alligator gait and later just with one stick the up and down stairs two step, until I could walk again unaided!

Teaching myself to walk again without limping was very strange and useful to take myself back to the very basics of movement, giving me an insight into what it must be like to attempt to dance for the first time and the difficulties of co-ordination our pupils might encounter.

In this vein, I have some exciting news—Strictly comes to York! I have been asked to choreograph six couples for an evening's competition at the Royal York Hotel on the Saturday, November 21st and anyone may enter - even if you have no dance experience at all!

Camilla Dallerup who won last year's Strictly Come Dancing will be dancing with actor and dancer, Danny Bayne and the three of us will be judging the competition. The Charity Ball is in aid of DANCE AGAINST HUNGER.

The tickets are £50 each and this includes a champagne reception, a gourmet three-course dinner accompanied by wine with the amateur dance competition as entertainment and a live band afterwards for everyone to trip the light fantastic!



*Put your dip and shimmy to good use and dance against hunger!*



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"Tread softly because  
you tread on my  
dreams"

"Nullos Limos"

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I feel very honoured to be asked to do this and present the winners with their prizes. Each competing couple will receive free lessons from me in the run-up to the competition. It is in aid of an excellent cause and if you'd like to come along and take part please call Aimee Hayhurst on 0208 293 6138 or 07956 826895 email [a.hayhurst@aahuk.org](mailto:a.hayhurst@aahuk.org) Tickets are available until the end of September.

The programme we were involved in last summer for ITV1, 'Home or Away' was apparently shown this August and unfortunately I missed it! If anyone saw it or recorded it please let me know.

Our work for Urban Jungle has just begun and I'm pleased to announce that we have newcomers who will be involved. Sunday rehearsals will soon begin and dates/lists will be issued soon. Thank you again for all your thoughts and good wishes for my speedy recovery!

Lesley Ann

## Achievement Award Winners 2009 Celebrating pupils' progress



**Class 1 (Sat)** Leah-Grace Garth, Maddie Carr Rusby, plus, pictured L to R, Henry Pepper, Katy Herbert and India Field



**Class 2 (Sat)** L to R Dianna Chojnacka, Ella Field, Rosie Semlyen and Julia Chojnacka

## Friends' News - supporting the school

Please consider either yourself, 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:

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**Drama (Sat)** L to R Frances Smith, Lucy Beresford, Harrison Lincoln, Shannon Stead



**Star Performer trophies**

L to R back row then front:  
Tia Hancy, Nina Butterworth, Nicole Paskauskas, Imogen Cole and Esmée Frere



**Class 2a (Sat)** L to R back row then front: Freya Lovett, Sophie Dures, Nicola Hattam, Phoebe Frere and Bethany Herbert

**STOP PRESS... DIARY DATE...**  
Our next show **Urban Jungle**  
will be on  
  
**SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY**  
at the **GRAND OPERA HOUSE**



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**Class 3 (Sat)** L to R  
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# Contacts & Classes



**School Principal:** **Lesley Ann Eden** Kidscape Champion  
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 B Ed Music  
 MA Choreography

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

Tuesday	5.00pm to 6.00pm 6.00pm to 8.00pm	Intermediate Dance Senior Performers
Thursday	3.35pm to 4.35pm 5.00pm to 6.00pm 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm to 8.00pm	Beginner Dance Beginner Youth Adult Tap Adult Jazz
Saturday	9.00am to 10.00am 10.00am to 11.00am 11.00am to 12.15pm 12.00am to 1.00pm	Elementary Dance Drama Group Intermediate Dance Advanced Dance

\* Check term dates with Lesley Ann or Val.

<b>Fees:</b>	
Beginner/elementary/drama	£ 6.00 per class
Intermediate:	£ 9.00 per class
Adult:	£ 6.00 per class
Senior Performer:	£10.00 per class
Advanced:	£ 9.00 per class
Pupils attending a dance plus drama class:	£11.00 fee for both



## Jorvik Academy

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



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