

Extravaganza

NEWSLETTER OF THE YORK
SCHOOL OF DANCE & DRAMA

Spring 2009

Spotlight on YSDD

Another big "thank you" to everyone for the recent success of our show, Masquerade, everyone loved it, thank you children for all your hard work!

We have so much to be proud of and the name of our School seems to be reaching far and wide, especially after the filming of our Summer School last year. We were again approached by another TV company who make the programme *Secret Millionaire*, to use our school for the basis of a new programme. After making further enquiries into the subject matter of the programme, however, I decided not to proceed further.

More recently, I was approached by International Opera, who are coming to York on May 17th to perform *Aida*, and was asked to choreograph the Temple dance. I was thrilled and delighted as the project would give our students an amazing opportunity to work at the Grand opera House with

120 professional singers and forty musicians. Tia has been chosen to perform a solo and I know she will be fantastic. Well done Tia!

Many of you know Gemma, my daughter, who has been a student of the school ever since she could walk. Gemma obtained a 2 -1 degree in Dance and Choreography and is now about to go to America to teach dance in Massachusetts. Well done Gemma! She will be teaching in our school until she departs for the states and when she returns will continue to work with us on our next production, *Urban Jungle*.



Tia Hancy in Masquerade, 2009



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YSDD Online
reducing our CO2...

"Tread softly because
you tread on my
dreams"

"Nullos Limos"

We are hoping to present a "work in progress" of *Urban Jungle*, at Millthorpe School on July 1st at 6'o clock in the evening, giving our new members of the School, Key Stage One Infant Dance Class, the opportunity to perform in public for the first time, along with new members of the Drama Class. More information will be given about this later. We have now also been given permission to hold our popular annual Summer School at Park Grove School and it will be our venue from now on.

You may have noticed our new music system - a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Paskaoukus for their continued support of the school and for their help in finding us a fantastic music centre! We are also in this month's *Marie Clare* as part of what is best in the heart of York! It is a great privilege to be featured and see our logo in a national magazine! I would also like to thank Jim Semlyn for his great work on our website and his continued support to the school, also Jacky Frere who quietly in the

background keeps our Friends newsletter going. Thank you Jacky.

But most of all thank you to all parents who make our school such a friendly, family based unit.

I hope everyone enjoys the forthcoming summer term!

Lesley Ann Eden



Tia and Nina, Masquerade, 2009

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: Jacky Frere
20 Fountayne Street
York YO31 8HL



Be part of our family!

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The company: Masquerade, 2009

The summer term will bring the presentation of our **Achievement Awards** across all classes. These seek to celebrate pupils' progress. It may be they have overcome a particular difficulty, show particular promise or simply always give 110%!

Choose from all the fabulous pictures of our show. Visit www.kate.mallender.co.uk enter the password 'Yorkshire2' and follow the links for Masquerade.



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Contacts & Classes



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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	3.30pm to 4.30pm 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.

Fees:	
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



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