

# Susan Robinson School of Ballet

## Newsletter April 2008

Dear Parents and Friends,

A warm welcome to what promises to be an eventful and exciting term.

We are proud to report the achievements of our students. 16 candidates took Royal Academy of Dance vocational examinations with 100% success.

Advanced 1:- Hannah Punter – Distinction; Emily Bignell, Rosanna Cain, Reade Kiefer, Jennifer Leighton, Rebecca McVeigh, Annabel Pearce and Catherine Stanbrook – Merit; Amy Punter – Pass

Intermediate :- Lara Lucano – Distinction

Intermediate Foundation :- Lauren Hurst, Sophie Lewis, Katie Rogers, Isabella Sew-Atjon –Distinction; Julia Guy, Paige Pilgrim – Merit

Special congratulations to Lauren Hurst who obtained 90%.

Miss Lucie's ISTD Tap and Modern candidates also achieved 100% pass rate with 12 Grade A's and 9 Grade B's with top mark of 90% going to Ella Warwick for her Grade 3 Modern examination.

Congratulations to Sarah Osprey who passed her Advanced 2 Tap examination with grade A.

Bravo Girls! 62 pupils also took Royal Academy of Dance grade examinations in April, news of these will be put on the school website ( [www.susanrobinsonballet.org.uk](http://www.susanrobinsonballet.org.uk) ).

The prestigious Fonteyn Nureyev Competition was held at the Bloomsbury Theatre on the 13<sup>th</sup> April. Remarkably our school had three finalists and a thrilling result entitled Charlotte Evans to a monetary prize and a scholarship to the Wells Summer School for being placed second in Level 2. We are delighted to announce that Sophie Lewis won the Level 1 title and a prize of £1500. Miss Sue would like to place on record how proud she was of Charlotte, Sophie and Lauren for representing the school so magnificently.

Congratulations to Lara Lucano who was awarded a scholarship to the 2009 Easter course in Dulwich. and to Reade Kiefer for the Helen Robinson Scholarship to the Yorkshire Ballet Seminars this summer awarded by the Ballet Circle. We are grateful for the sponsorship.

Outstanding results were obtained in the various festivals with Reade Kiefer winning the Richmond Upon Thames Festival Young Dancer of the Year. She will receive her cash prize and perform before the Mayor in May. Runner up was Michelle Breese. Congratulation to both girls.

A small group of students visited two homes for the elderly in Woking to entertain the residents. A very touching statement was made by a lovely gentleman who, after the performance, remarked " This is what I fought for in the war".

Rehearsals will soon be in full swing for our show Ballet Variations to be held at the Rhoda Mc Gaw Theatre in the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> July. Please watch the website for details.

**IMPORTANT** . There will be a change to the billing procedure. Invoices will be issued before the end of each term and all accounts must be settled before the start of term without exception. Cheques should be posted or delivered to Miss Sue at Arden Cottage, 3 High Road, Byfleet KT14 7QE. Please remember to put pupils name and class on the back of the cheque. If you have not received a bill by the end of term contact the Administrator on 01420 86876 or email [sadmin@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sadmin@tiscali.co.uk) or via web site. As ever, in cases of hardship, post dated cheques may be considered by prior arrangement. There will be a surcharge of £5 per class on any outstanding accounts.

Many thanks to Dr Phillipa Woodward for running the coffee shop, the £130 will be used wisely for the benefit of the school.

**DATES** Half Term 26<sup>th</sup> May-31<sup>st</sup>May inclusive. Ballet Term ends 5<sup>th</sup> July. Watching week last week of term. Ballet classes resume Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**NB** Owing to the school show there will be no grade examinations for ballet this term.