

important dates

may 7 & 8

Pre-Ballet and Pre-Primary
The **WIZARD of OZ**
rehearsals at the 2384
Yonge St. West Side
location.

All other classes please
refer to your personal
schedules regarding these
two days!

may 9, 10, 11 & 12

Pre-Ballet and Pre-Primary
The **WIZARD of OZ**
performances at the
2384 Yonge St. West Side
location.

All other classes please
refer to your personal
schedules regarding these
four days!

may 4, & 5

Primary 1, Primary 2,
Pre-Jazz, Jazz 1, Pre-Hip
Hop and Pre-Tap **Country
Gardens** rehearsals and
performances at Eglinton
St. George's United Church.

All other classes please
refer to your personal
schedules regarding these
three days!

may 31, june 1, 2 & 3

Senior students perform
zhǎn' res shows.

director's letter

Hello and welcome to our 2nd edition of the **mini POINTE OF VIEW**. This newsletter is specifically written for our junior school – so as not to bombard you with additional information that you simply do not need to know! We have a very special place at our school for our youngest dancers – and their parents – and we know this is often the first time for many children to be part of an organized activity. We want to make things clear for you so that this busy time of year continues to be an enjoyable experience for parent and child!

Our middle school will be presenting **Country Gardens** on May 4th and 5th. This year we are having the performances at St. George's Anglican Church on Duplex Avenue. As mentioned earlier, our previous venue The Capitol Theatre, was originally unavailable to us, as it was hosting a long-running play. We know that you will enjoy this charming production which features our dancers as flowers, butterflies, bees and other garden creatures – perfect for getting everyone in the mood for Spring! We will be professionally videotaping these performances, so if you want, you can simply sit back and enjoy this show.

Our junior ballet dancers will be performing in a special rendition of **The WIZARD of OZ** from May 9th to May 12th. In most cases, every student is taking on the demanding role of Dorothy, complete with ruby slippers and a blue gingham dress. However, we are also fortunate to have several young male danseur nobles, who will be multi-tasking as Toto, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion. Each class will have their own performance which will take place in our west side main studio – transformed for the occasion into the land of OZ. We welcome parents, family and friends to attend this memorable recital, and please come equipped with a camcorder if possible!

On May 31st we will begin our run of nine shows featuring our senior school. These shows are exciting and diverse, showcasing students in ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, modern, musical theatre and our talented MHSB Company. This year our theme is

zhǎn' res (genres) – focusing on the many different categories of music that can be divided into groups based on styles and musical language. This theme gives our teachers lots of flexibility when it comes to choreographing their wonderful pieces! Each year we are very proud of these shows and more importantly the students in them. We are also so pleased to get such positive feedback, often from people who perhaps did not expect to enjoy the show (possibly read as brothers and /or other family members!) It is truly satisfying to pleasantly surprise our audience with great entertainment.

Since many of your children may be in this show as early as next year, we would like to suggest that you perhaps bring them along to one of these performances. We have several matinees and the show runs about two hours. This is also a great opportunity for your child to see other dance forms that she might like to try out in the future. Every show is different however, so if you wanted to see TAP for instance, you might want to call the studio to find out which shows have tap in it. There is more information on the senior show on the back of this newsletter, and if you have any additional questions we would be happy to answer them at the studio.

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MINI SUMMER CAMP

for 5 to 6 year olds

JUNIOR SUMMER CAMP

for 7 to 9 year olds

SENIOR SUMMER CAMP

for 10 to 12 year olds

For ten wonderful years, MHSB has been delighting children with a unique and rewarding camp experience right here in the city.

Our summer programs are a perfect way for children of all ability levels to try new dance forms. Children can continue to dance in the forms that they enjoy the most in our 2007 - 2008 dance season beginning in the fall.

If you would like additional information please contact us at 416.484.4731.

On-line registration is available for our summer programs. Please visit us @ www.mhsb.ca and go to the Summer Programs tab.

tickets for zhǎn' rēs

As mentioned earlier, the senior school will be performing from May 31st- June 3rd at the Isabel Bader Theatre. The theatre is centrally located at Bloor and Avenue Road and is handy to both parking and the subway. This year's production entitled **zhǎn' rēs**, will be an interesting mix of dance forms and musical styles that will surely captivate audiences of all ages.

In this package we have included a ticket order for you so if you would like to purchase tickets, simply fill out the form and either mail it to us or drop it off at our main office. Someone will call you shortly to confirm your order. If you would like to enquire about the content of the shows, please call the office and we would be happy to answer your questions. Due to the demand of tickets we ask you to provide us with a second choice of show time in the event that your first choice is sold out.

We know that you and your child will be thoroughly entertained by our senior students and be inspired to pursue the joy of dance. (Yes we have adult classes!)

When will fall 2007 - 2008 registration packages be ready?

Pre-Ballet & Pre-Primary:

Your registration packages will be handed out at The **WIZARD** of **oZ** rehearsals (2384 Yonge St. West Side) on May 7th and 8th, 2007.

Primary 1, Primary 2, Pre-Jazz, Jazz 1, Pre-Hip Hop & Pre-Tap:

Your registration packages will be handed out just inside the front entrance of Eglinton St. George's United Church on the day of your child's rehearsal / performance of **Country Gardens** on May 4th and 5th, 2007.

****Registration for junior and middle school students will begin on Wednesday, May 9th, 2007. Full details will be provided in your 2007-2008 registration package.**

director's letter cont...

I would like to congratulate all the ballet students who entered exams this year. These exams require a great deal of work and commitment from the students. Thank you to the ballet teachers for preparing and supporting your students through this process.

I would also like to wish all the jazz and hip hop MHSB Company members the best of luck as they prepare to enter the Kiwanis festival at the end of March. Lindsay Roden once again has done a great job managing the company and giving them exciting teachers and performance opportunities.

A note about fall registration: packages will be ready closer to the time of your performances. Details are on the back of this newsletter.

Thank you all for being part of our 2006-2007 here at MHSB. We are excited about all the upcoming performances and look forward to seeing you there!

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