

BENNETT SCHOOL OF BALLET & JAZZ

OCTOBER 2019



BALLET EXAMS

Congratulations to those who participated in the recent ballet exams. We were extremely pleased with the reports.

BALLET EXAM PHOTOS

Ballet exam photos can now be viewed on Photobucket at www.photobucket.com
User name: bennettballetandjazz Password: bennettballet

LABOUR WEEKEND

The dance school will be closed on Saturday 26 October and Monday 28 October for Labour Weekend.

HALLOWEEN – THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER

For a bit of fun, students are welcome to dress up and wear a Halloween costume to their dance class on Thursday 31 October. **This is completely optional and please don't go and purchase clothing specifically for this event – just use what you have at home or can borrow.**

END OF YEAR SHOW – “A XMAS CAROL”

As you can probably imagine, Mrs Bennett is incredibly busy at this time of the year designing costumes, purchasing fabric and props, sewing, choreographing dances and, of course, teaching! Consequently, all communication about the End of Year Show (questions, offers of help, etc.) should be sent to Tor at endofyearshowbennettschool@gmail.com
Thank you! ☺

Our end of year show for parents, relatives and friends will take place on Friday 6 December at 6.00pm and Saturday 7 December at 1.00pm and 4.30pm at the Kavanagh College Auditorium (corner of York Place and Tennyson St). There are lists up on the corridor wall at the Dance School showing what each class will be in the show. The Tiny Tots (Frost, Fog, Snow, Icicles and Starlight) may perform in just 2 of the 3 shows if you feel that your young child will find performing in all 3 shows too difficult and/or too tiring. (But they are welcome to dance in all 3 shows if you would like them to.) All other students will be required for the 3 performances.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS FOR SHOW

Parents/Caregivers are needed to help with the following jobs for the end of year show:

- * Supervising children in a dressing room during one of the shows. (This requires you to stay in the dressing room for the duration of the whole show.)
- * Helping with front of house for one of the shows (taking/selling tickets, giving out programmes, etc.).
- * Helping the Tiny Tots into and out of their costumes at the dress rehearsal (Thursday 5 December, 3.45pm-5.00pm, Kavanagh College).

If you can help with any of the above jobs, please let Tor know via text (027-635-1512) or email (endofyearshowbennettschool@gmail.com). Your support is very much appreciated.

TICKETS

Tickets for “A Xmas Carol” will be available for purchase from Saturday 16 November. Tickets are general admission and can only be purchased using cash or cheque. **(There are no eftpos facilities at either the Dance School or at Kavanagh College.)**

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To purchase tickets you can send your child to class with the correct money or a cheque in an envelope with the following details on the front - your child's name, the performance you wish to attend and the number of adult, children or family tickets required. Tickets will be then be given to your child at their next lesson.

Or, you can purchase tickets from Tor in the Dressing Room from 10am to 12pm on Saturday 16 November, Saturday 23 November and Saturday 30 November.

Tickets will also be for sale during the rehearsals at Kavanagh College the week leading up to the shows in the auditorium foyer. There will be some door sales available, but it's preferable if most tickets are purchased before the show as this speeds up entry to the auditorium.

In order to watch all or part of a show, a ticket must be purchased. Unfortunately we cannot accept IOUs and people are not allowed to just pop into the theatre to watch their child dance. The revenue from ticket sales is very important for helping to cover the costs associated with putting on the show and having people coming and going from the auditorium is very distracting for both the performers and the rest of the audience, as well as being a health and safety issue.

Ticket prices are as follows:	Adult (18 years & over)	\$16.00
	Child (5 years & over)	\$8.00
	Child (under 5 years)	Free
	Family Ticket	\$40.00 (2 adults & 2 children)

MEETING FOR NEW DANCE SCHOOL PARENTS

If this is your first Bennett School of Ballet & Jazz show it would be helpful if you could attend a quick meeting on Saturday 23 November at 10.15am in Studio 2. This will be to go over any questions you may have and to run through how things work at the shows so that you are aware of what happens. Also, on Saturdays from 16 November onwards Tor will be in the Dressing Room from 10am to 12pm to answer any questions you may have.

MAKE-UP & HAIR DEMONSTRATION

For the performances, all dancers must have their hair in a bun (fringes and any loose wisps of hair must be pinned back) and short hair must be in a ponytail or clipped back at the sides with bobby pins. As the auditorium has stage lighting we need to use a small amount of make-up. Mrs Bennett will be holding a make-up and hair session for parents and children on Saturday 23 November, 12.00pm-12.30pm, in Studio 2. Those who have attended other years do not need to attend unless you would like to go over it again. There will also be links on the BSBJ Facebook page leading up to the show demonstrating how the make-up and hair should be done.

"A XMAS CAROL" REHEARSALS

For a successful show it is important that students attend classes and rehearsals. All rehearsals prior to the final week of rehearsals at the Kavanagh College Auditorium (see below) are held at the Dance School and during class time.

Rehearsals At Kavanagh College Auditorium

The week of the show (the week starting Monday 2 December) all classes will be replaced by rehearsals at the Kavanagh College Auditorium. Some information about these rehearsals was contained in the FAQs notice that was sent out at the end of last term and more detailed information will be provided in the next notice.

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Got a question about "A Xmas Carol"?
Want to offer to help at a show?
Contact Tor on
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