

Conservatory Newsletter

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Dance Intensive 2010

The Conservatory's Summer Dance Intensive 2010 presented its showcase on Thursday, July 1st.

The performance is the culmination of their hard work during the three weeks of the intensive. And that is exactly what always amazes everyone in the audience; that such a polished performance is put together in barely three weeks!

During those three weeks, participants had classes with Miss Danella Bedford, Miss Patricia Strauss, and special classes with Aeeta Diaz (Bollywood), Mariana Alvarez (Ballet), Erika Johnson (gymnastics and acting), and Ali Goudreau (Hip Hop). They also learned about stage crew, musical theater, dance critique, and choreography. They had a hat competition, a choreography competition and a special 4th of July competition. And let's not forget a whole hour at the Spa, where students—and teachers get to pamper and be pampered after so many days on their toes!

This year, the showcase included repertoire from *Swan Lake*, and *Cats*, as well as pieces with original choreography by the students. The showcase culminated with an original choreography for *Alice in Wonderland* by our very own, Miss Danella Bedford. To make the performance extra-special this year, most of the costumes were handmade! The students who played the cards made their own costumes in a sewing class they had as part of the intensive; Miss Danella turned her home into a costume shop, working on many of the costumes herself; Ana and Anela's grandmother made their costumes to play Tweedledee and Tweedledum; and others were a mix-and-match collective effort, which included help from moms too! A special thanks to Momentum Dance Company for the Alice costume. It is amazing what can be done with a lot of imagination, hard work and loads of enthusiasm.

In a nutshell, that describes the spirit of the entire Dance Intensive. These are three weeks packed with hard work, but presented with such enthusiasm that it brings out the absolute best in all the participants. The Dance Intensive is also an extension of what our students get as part of their education at the Conservatory. Our students receive thorough training in their discipline by dedicated teachers who can communicate both technique and love for the art. They also learn the discipline of an artist and experience the adrenaline rush that comes with every performance, and the pride of sharing one's art.

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Above, Ms. Danella leads a class.



Above, accompanist, Ally Tejas, joined the Dance Intensive once again. Below, students in class.



Mrs. Yero and some of the moms of the dancers helped Ms. Danella with the props and scenery for the showcase. Above, a student helps too in between classes.

CONSERVATORY DANCERS TAKE SPECIAL CLASSES THIS SUMMER

Patricia Strauss has started a series of six intensive ballet classes from July 13 through July 29. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Call the office for more information. Ask about joining CEA's Summer Fun Camp for students who cannot be picked up until later in the afternoon.

Leiza Mendez has started a series of ten intensive Spanish Dance classes from June 28 through July 30. Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Call the office for more information.

CONSERVATORY INFO!

August 30 - September 3 - Conservatory Orientation Week.

September 7 - Conservatory Classes Begin

November 10 and 11 - Music Recital

November 25-26 - Thanksgiving Holiday

December 11 - Christmas Performance

MORE SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVE HIGHLIGHTS...



Left, Ms. Danella in class with students.



Below, left, Ms. Patricia poses with dancers before the July 1st Performance.



Ms. Patricia received three VIP visitors: her daughters and grandsons!



Left, Ms. Danella in the Segovia Theater's sound cabin, working the lights and sound for the performance.

The dancers repeated a shorter version of the evening performance the following day for the summer scholars and campers. (below)



Have a great summer vacation!

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