

Tiptoes Senior Student Company

Tiptoes (Senior) (TS) offers our more advanced students aged 12 (approx.) to 18 the opportunity to focus on performance skills and technique in a variety of dance styles. Dancers are *invited* to join the group based on a number of factors: performance ability (both on stage and in the classroom), strong ballet technique, versatility/ability to perform confidently in other dance styles ie jazz or modern, a good work ethic, and commitment to the studio and fellow dancers.

Requirements: *Dancers invited to join Tiptoes must take 2 ballet classes a week*, and are strongly encouraged to take at least one other dance style (jazz or modern). Dancers in Grade 12 may be permitted to take only one ballet class/week; this will be determined on an individual basis. (Tiptoes dancers who joined the group in 2008 or earlier are permitted to take one ballet class/week but are strongly recommended to take two). Tiptoes students taking **two** ballet classes may use the special cheaper rate for **both** of the **ballet** classes.

The Tiptoes Senior company class will focus largely on choreography and will normally be taught by two different teachers each year, who will each choreograph a dance for the group. These dances will be performed in the DanceWorks Festival and the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival, as well as in the Year-End Show. Festival dates are usually in March/April and Tiptoes dancers are expected to participate. The group may also prepare a third dance which will only be performed in the Show - ie a pointe dance, or a dance prepared by a guest choreographer.

Tiptoes Junior Student Company

Tiptoes (Junior) (TJ) offers our younger dancers (approx. ages 8-11) the opportunity to focus on choreography and performance skills. Dancers are *invited* to join the group based on performance ability (both on stage and in the classroom), strong ballet technique, and commitment to the studio and fellow dancers.

Requirements: Dancers invited to join TJ must be taking ballet. Dancers in Ballet Gr. 3 and under should take one or two ballet classes/week; dancers in Ballet Gr. 4 and up must be taking two ballet classes/week. TJ students who take **two ballet** classes may use the special cheaper rate for **both ballet** classes. Study of other dance styles (modern, jazz, or tap) is also strongly recommended.

The TJ class will focus largely on choreography and will normally be taught by a different teacher each year. The group will prepare one dance which will be performed in the DanceWorks Festival and the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival, as well as in the Year-End Show. Festival dates are usually in March/April and TJ dancers are expected to participate. The group may also prepare a second dance which will only be performed in the Show - ie a dance prepared by a guest choreographer.