

Vancouver dance centre

NEWSLETTER

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The Feasibility Study for the CENTRE continues. Meanwhile we've been developing the first of our direct member services, expanding the CENTRE'S role as advocate of the Vancouver dance community, and continuing work on the 3 major projects currently underway.

At the same time, several options for a physical space are being investigated and the response of the funding bodies is encouraging so far.

The VANCOUVER DANCE CENTRE IS unfolding...

ONGOING PROJECTS

'86 GUERILLA DANCE PROJECT

We have been delighted with the response to the '86 Guerilla Dance Project! The first four proposals to be unleashed on the streets are from DEBBIE BROWN, OSCAR NIETO, REBOUND DANCE COLLECTIVE, and LORRAINE THOMSON. We can't tell you when or where they'll be happening but rumour has it that the performers themselves might crack under pressure and give you a hint. Keep your eyes open - you just might be in the right place at the right time!

The DEADLINE for proposals for the second half of the project is June 10th. Applicants are reminded that this is a joint project of the VANCOUVER DANCE CENTRE and DANCE IN CANADA/B.C. Region. Membership in either organization is a requirement for all choreographers and performers (musicians excepted).

INTERNATIONAL DANCE CRITICS SYMPOSIUM

Preparations continue for the INTERNATIONAL DANCE CRITICS SYMPOSIUM. Deborah Jowitt, dance critic for N.Y.'s "Village Voice", and John Mueller, highly respected dance film archivist, will be jointly leading the sessions. Participants have been accepted from Canada, the U.S., New Zealand, Australia and Yugoslavia.

PROMENAUTS

Have you wondered who the fantastic creatures are, wandering around the Canada Pavilion? Well those are the Promenauts! This project, administered by the VANCOUVER DANCE CENTRE, is providing jobs for dancers and performing artists throughout the duration of Expo. The Promenauts participated in the greeting of the Royal Couple at the official opening of the Canada Pavilion.

MEMBER SERVICES

The DANCE CENTRE is pleased to extend to its members the following services and opportunities:

- 20 % DISCOUNT at "Willson/Williams & Mackie" stores, on a wide range of standard stationary/ office supplies. (By pre-arrangement with the store, call the VDC for details)

- 10% DISCOUNT off fees to the Paul Langland Workshop to be held in Vancouver June 3 through 14. Full and partial registration available. For information contact Monique Leger at 730-1541.

- PHOTOCOPIES - Member price:
 - .10 each for our paper (white)
 - .08 each for your paper

- Non-member price:
 - .15 each, our paper
 - .13 each, your paper.)

***** A CHANCE TO SEE BARYSHNIKOV! *****

The VANCOUVER DANCE CENTRE has an orchestra seat for one lucky person to win. Tickets for "Baryshnikov & Co." (Vancouver July 12) were sold out within one hour of the time the Box Office opened. HOWEVER, by dint of much searching (and good luck) the VANCOUVER DANCE CENTRE obtained one coveted orchestra seat to be drawn by raffle on June 15.

Tickets are \$3.00 each, available now at 1 Alexander Street. Only 50 tickets have been printed, so every chance is a good one!

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES...

Arising out of a suggestion from Diana Conway we have begun a "Dancers Availability List". It's such a good idea that we've expanded the concept to include a variety of other services required by the dance community. If you would like to take advantage of this free networking set-up, send us a letter outlining your strengths and interests along with a resume of applicable training/experience. Please indicate clearly which category you wish to be "marketed" from:

- DANCERS AVAILABILITY LIST

- TECHNICIANS AVAILABILITY LIST

- PUBLICISTS AVAILABILITY LIST

- STAGE MANAGERS AVAILABILITY LIST
- ADMINISTRATORS AVAILABILITY LIST
- PHOTOGRAPHERS AVAILABILITY LIST

And we're happy to expand this further if we've missed a burning need you satisfy!



"TAKE ADVANTAGE OF US!"

The VANCOUVER DANCE CENTRE receives regular phone calls and letters from people wanting to find out about performances, workshop opportunities and summer schools. We pass on whatever information we have on hand so please "take advantage of us"! Add us to your mailing list; drop off brochures, posters, summer school information...

OFFICE HOURS

Our thanks to everyone who has left messages on our indispensable answering machine recently. The variety of projects the DANCE CENTRE is involved in and our ongoing computer training (which takes place elsewhere) means that the office is not manned as consistently as we'd like it to be.

In an effort to address this we are actively seeking volunteers to answer phones, type, xerox, etc. We don't have a budget for additional staff, but if you want to be part of the most interesting dance experiment going on in the country, this is your chance to get in on the ground floor - AND your time would be a wonderful contribution to the DANCE CENTRE.

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VDC AS ADVOCATE

MINISTRY OF TOURISM STUDY

The VANCOUVER DANCE CENTRE participated in recent meetings with Noreen Angus, who is on a fact finding mission for the Ministry of Tourism. The Ministry is conducting a study to determine the feasibility of marketing B.C.'s Cultural Resources to would-be visitors to the province. This approach could have a tremendous long-term positive impact on the Arts in general and Dance in particular.

Following a series of meetings with company managers, the Independents Representative and DICA, the VANCOUVER DANCE CENTRE prepared a report for Noreen indicating the dance community's support for this prospective approach, and outlining a variety of ways that Dance in B.C. could be promoted.

BRIEF TO VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL

Joyce presented a brief to Vancouver City Council recently, commending the City's increased support of the Social Planning Department and the Civic Theatres.

GENERAL BUSINESS

VDC MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A proposal for membership and organizational structure has been submitted by Grant Strate, Maureen McKellar, Gayle Bertrand and Jamil Brownson. This proposal covers such things as categories of membership, membership fees, and the structure of the Board of Directors. Copies of this proposal are available to read at the VANCOUVER DANCE CENTRE. A reminder from Maureen McKellar (acting VDC Executive

Director): "This is only in the proposal state so the time to suggest any changes is now."

"OVERWORKED DANCERS DAY"

In an offhand comment at the VDC the other day, LEE MASTERS said we needed an "OVERWORKED DANCERS DAY". Joyce thought it was a great idea and wants to work it into the Calendar right away. Tricia agreed but can't see how either of them will be able to work it into their schedule. Lee?...

