

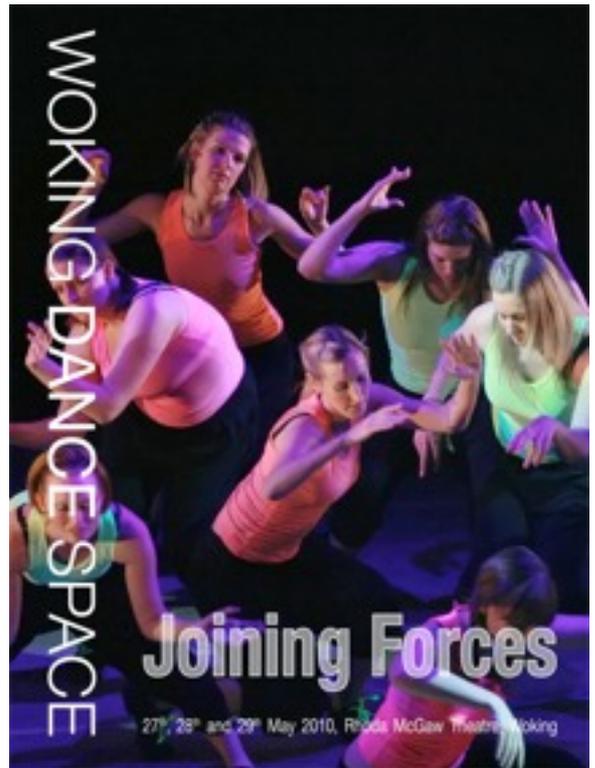
May 2010

JOINING FORCES

WHEN ARE YOU COMING?

Lots of people are getting involved in Joining Forces – and this year we are welcoming the Irish group again, as well as a cool Salsa number, some belly dancers and some exciting numbers from the First Dance Show, plus of course our very own fantastic dancers.

The dates of the performances are 27-29th May 2010 at the Rhoda McGaw. Please come along and support us and your classmates in this community venture, as you know a full house always helps make it special for the performers – ticket forms are available in the changing area or via the website.



REFURB

Many thanks to Lucy Russell for making some super curtains and matching cushion to annex off the changing area. Everyone seems to appreciate the cubbies and the full length mirrors, and we think the studio looks much more welcoming now. We will be looking into the heating options as the next project, so any suggestions let us know.

CHANGES AND NEW CLASSES

Delva Robinson has decided to resign as a full trustee, but has agreed to carry on helping us out as a Studio Manager – which is absolutely great. We are sad to lose her from the Board but are delighted she is still going to be actively involved with the studio.

Helen Chapman has decided to focus on her performing career, so she will not be taking the Thursday night classes from next term. She will still be involved in the studio (in her time off!) and taking some summer classes as well, and we wish her all the best. We are hoping that Jodie Read will be joining us from September: Jodie joins us fresh from MAMA MIA in London, and has taught at Arts Ed in Tring. You will be able to see both Helen's and Jodie's fantastic choreography in Joining Forces.

And Gill Barnes will be taking every Spring off to go and visit her daughter in New Zealand (well wouldn't you?), so during this time we are hoping her daytime classes will be taught by Emma from next year.

Gen Howgate has agreed to become deputy wardrobe mistress so will be in charge of our growing store of costumes while Gill is away.

Finally due to popular demand, we have decided to run a new daytime ballet class at 9.45am every Tuesday. It will be taught by Philippa Jarrett who has

been teaching for 18 years after being a professional dancer, and is also Co-Artistic Director for the Southern Youth Ballet in Sussex. It will be called Basic Ballet, suitable for beginners to Elementary level, and all are welcome. She promises that it will be fun!

So please join us in thanking those people who have joined us and those who continue to help us make Woking Dance Space such a great place to dance. And maybe this year its time to try a new class or drag that friend along!

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Could we remind everybody that the first aid box is hanging up in the kitchen and is stocked with a full range of items including cold packs. It also contains the accident book. Also if you see anything in the studio that you think presents a risk to others, please make your teacher or a trustee aware of it so that they can take remedial action. There is always floor tape available in the studio for repairing any large tears that occur.

TASTER DAY

We are going to host a dance taster day on 31st October. We are inviting some of our guest groups to offer workshops throughout the day, plus maybe some other special visitors, with all proceeds going to Chase Hospice in Guildford.

Chase provides support and care for life limited children, and we hope that you will be able to help us further their fantastic and vital work.

So far we have got slots for Tap Attack, Raw Release (hip hop plus a sexy street – think Pussycat Dolls) plus some belly dancing, Irish and Salsa. Price to be announced, with donations and proceeds of refreshments etc going to Chase. Details to be confirmed so keep an eye on the noticeboard and the website!

TRIPS OUT

A group of WDS dancers went to see Giselle at the New Vic in Woking. A good time was had by all even if it was decided that legs shouldn't be able to go those angles! Next event is the NDT at Sadlers Wells on 9th July. There's often a sign up sheet for special events throughout the year so don't forget to check the noticeboard regularly.

Dates for your diary

Video Night: Sunday 19th September

Taster Day: Sunday 31st October

Autumn Term Dates

Term starts 6th September

2 week half term from
18th-29th October

Term ends 10th December

Mincing Pies

Sunday 5th December at 5pm

(Yes it's a Sunday, and earlier so bring the family to the party!)

