

February 2012

COME SEE OUR BALLET DANCERS IN 'IOLANTHE'



A number of our ballet dancers are starring as fairies in Knaphill and St Johns Operatic Society's (KASJOG) performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's Opera Iolanthe.

Sporting fluorescent wigs and sparkly wings, our intrepid ballet dancers are not only going to do the piece en pointe (and they are on stage a lot, poor toes), but are also attempting to act. This is a "not to be missed" event (and probably not to be repeated!!!) so come along and support the team.

Performances are on 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th March (including a matinee on the Saturday) at the Rhoda McGaw, and tickets can be purchased from www.kasjog.org.uk (or call them on 01483 473657).

Dates for your diary:

Iolanthe:

7th-10th March 2012

First Dance Show:

17th-19th May 2012

Term Dates

Spring Term end

Friday 6th April

Summer Term starts

Monday 16th April

Half-term break

Monday 4th to Friday 8th

June

Term end Friday 13th July

NEW CLASS

Hopefully many of you have been enjoying Tunde's new Zumba class on Tuesday – everyone seems to be coming out with a smiley (pink) face, and the studio is lovely and warm after their class. If you haven't seen this new dance phenomenon, why not pop down and give it a go. It is the definitely the dance style of the moment!

Following a number of enquiries, we have decided to start a new beginner's jazz class on Monday at 6.30pm for people new to dancing, and for those who want to learn some of the basic moves and progress at a slower pace to our current classes. Our own fabulous Claire Hopkins has agreed to teach the class, and it's going to be great fun, so spread the word among your friends and family. It will be a fantastic opportunity to start dancing, and at only £25 for a whole term its accessible to everyone who wants to have a go. Its due to start after Easter and we are opening a list for enquiries – so email names to us at info@wokingdancespace.org.uk or let one of the trustees know.

CHANCE TO PERFORM IN MAY THIS YEAR

Woking Dance Space has been asked to provide a ballet number for inclusion in the First Dance May Show BEHIND THE SCENES. If you are currently taking one of our ballet classes, you are automatically invited to be in the number. A group of 16 dancers took part in their show in 2010, and it was a really fun experience and very liberating being honored guest performers!

Rehearsals start on Tuesday 21 Feb, so let Gretchen know if you are interested, or put your name down on the sign-up sheet in the studio. Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights, after ballet class, from about 9:30 - 10pm.

Other important dates are: Sunday 15 April and Sunday 29 April - show run thru (around 4pm), Monday 14 May - Technical rehearsal, Wednesday 16 May - Dress Rehearsal, Thursday 17 May and Friday 18 May - Show, Saturday 19 May - Matinee and Evening Shows

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. Remember there is always tape available in the studio for repairing any large tears in the floor that occur.

MINCING PIES

It was a great Mincing Pies celebration as usual! So we can't resist sharing a few photos:





COMMUNICATIONS

You may have received this newsletter by email, but if not please note that we are increasingly operating an email system to spread the word (well it saves lots of trees and saves lots of pennies).

We have a mailing list of dancers, but you have to agree to be on it to receive stuff from us. So if you haven't got onto it yet, go to http://www.wokingdancespace.org.uk/mailman/listinfo/dancers_wokingdancespace.org.uk and enter your e-mail address and name, then hit 'Subscribe'.

Remember you can also find us on Face Book, look for the Woking Dance Space group page.

CONGRATULATIONS

Lots of congratulations are in order: to Louise Bradbury for getting engaged, to CL Ellis who's expecting a baby in July and also to Jasmine Lomanto who had baby Mia on 29th January! The Woking Dance Space family keeps on growing!