

MACKINEWS



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MacKinnon's 2010 Recital Success

It seems like everyone has recovered from our adventure with the 33rd annual smash hit – ‘33 And Better Than Ever’. All dancers did an outstandingly entertaining job. The show ran as smooth as vanilla ice-cream! Thank you to **Susie Eskridge** for her amazing organizational skills as well as to the backstage parents who worked so hard to keep the show moving right along. One of the nicest comments we can receive is that people do not want the show to be over – instead of the dreaded...”When IS This Ever Going to End???” We got lots of great pictures also! Tomi Murphy took over 1,000 pictures backstage and Roland DeCrescent took over 2, 000 pictures during our rehearsals. Tomi’s are available through my website – just go aboard and request the event key. Roland’s will show up on a disc that he makes for me every year. I will let you know when I get it, and you can order one if you want to. The posed pictures taken on July 11 and 12 will be available for pick-up at the end of August. Again – thank you to all dancers, instructors, moms and dads for their assistance in putting this fabulous show together

If you enjoyed the program and would like to give a testimonial, please take a minute to email your comments. We would really like to advertise via our very own parents. Please help out by mentioning what you enjoyed about the ‘recital experience’. Whether you worked backstage, or were enjoying the show from the audience, we would love to hear your impressions. I thank you in advance for your comments. Videos were done by Jeff Stone of Channel 1 Productions and are still available to order. Simply go to my website OR pick up an order form in the lobby. Thank you so much Jeff for a lovely job of video recording!



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Dates to Remember:

- **Monday September 6**
MacKinnon's will be closed for Labor Day
- **Saturday September 11**
3:00-4:30 Steve Quintin Workshop
- **Saturday September 25**
Las Vegas Highland Competition
- **Saturday October 2**
ENTRY DEADLINE for Seaside Highland Games Dance Competitors

Our Busy Month

Sunday August 15

We were off to the 135th anniversary of the **Ventura County Fair**. We took some vignettes from the July program and the kids did an amazing job – as always. Thank you to all of the dancers and their parents for performing in the Youth Building – Anacapa Stage. This completed our 30th time at the Fair. It has certainly become a tradition for MacKinnon’s dancers. Thanks also to **Josie Rameriz**, and her “Expressions of Polynesia” dancers who presented a wonderful program as part of MacKinnon’s show and then went on and did her own show. She is really an asset to MacKinnon’s and we are lucky to have her. Thanks again **Josie**.



Sunday August 22

MacKinnon’s took dancers to perform at **Mary Star of the Sea Festival** in Port Hueneme. Our dancers were well received. Thank You to all of the dancers and helpers for doing such a wonderful job.



MacKinnon’s Summer Camp Session 2



Oh My! What a terrific little group of kids we had. **Anna Reed-Sanchez** put her second beautiful Summer Dance Camp together and produced a show at the end of the two-weeks that grabbed the hearts of everyone in the audience. We had a small but dedicated group for the second session, and now we are thinking that maybe we would enjoy small groups where everyone could learn a little more. We are toying with the idea of accepting only 12 dancers for the camps instead of the original 20 we were thinking about. Attending the second camp were: **Callie Merez-King, Victoria Zegers, Tylene Gladney, Halle Escoto, Annie Ruckstuhl, Ashlynn Bryson and Erica Gutierrez**. Anna is tentatively planning a shorter camp (less than two weeks) for the winter holiday – I will post more on this later. *Thank you Anna for a beautiful and informative Dance Camp.*

Seaside Highland Games 2010

The Seaside Highland Games is coming up on Friday October 8, Saturday October 9 and Sunday October 10 at Seaside Park in Ventura. This is a special Highland Dance Competition for MacKinnon Dance Academy because in addition to having a number of our talented dancers competing we host the competition! This year dancers from all over the United States and Canada have registered to attend.

In addition to the Highland Dance Competition there are many other interesting and entertaining events at this venue including Scottish Fiddling Competition, Massed Pipebands, 'Large Men Throwing Things', Scottish Entertainers, Clan Tents, Children's Glen, British Food, Highland Re-enactments, Dart Competition to name a few.



The Games are 9:00 – 5:00 each day with the Highland Dancing Competition scheduled for Saturday (Premiere and Intermediate Dancers) and Sunday (Primary, Beginner, Novice and Special Events) starting at 9:30 each day. Admission prices at the gate are \$14.00 for 13 and over, \$12.00 for senior, \$6.00 for Children ages 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. There are discounted prices available by pre-purchasing or purchasing multiple days. More information may be found at Seaside Highland Games website: www.seaside-games.com

Come on out and enjoy all this event has to offer while supporting our dance competitors!

If you are a Highland Competitor remember the "last to register is the first to dance!" So get those registration forms in- Deadline is Saturday October 2.



FUSTA Seaside Student Workshop

Student Workshop Presented By:
Charlene Ward

Fee for workshop is \$20.00

Saturday, October 9th

Beginner/Novice/Primary
/Non Competitors

Time: 8:30 am - 10:00 am

Location: Fairgrounds in the Fine Arts Building (McBride Building)

Dancers need to bring swords.

Primary dancers need to know fling and sword.

Sunday, October 10th

Intermediate/Premier

Time: 8:30 am - 10:30 am Dancing

Location: Fairgrounds in the Fine Arts Building (McBride Building)

Dancers need to bring swords. Dancers need to know the 2011 steps.

Registration Form is Available on MacKinnon's Website.

If you have any questions can contact Susan at (805) 382-1143 or email at skillfam5@verizon.net



Looking for a Great Dance Class or Workshop?

Circle Your Calendar:
Free-Style Dance Workshop

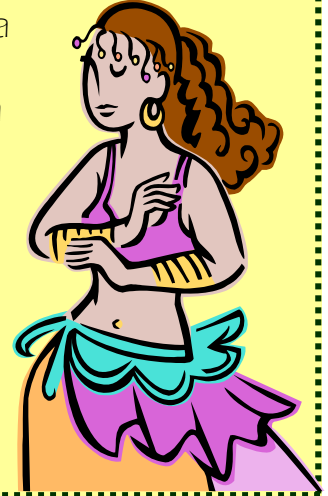
Coming on Saturday, September 11
from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM
10-yrs and up ONLY



STEVEN QUINTIN will teach a workshop on Free-Style Dance, which will include Locking and Popping for our dancers on Saturday, September 11 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Steven has danced with Anthony Thomas who has been involved with several dance projects including Janet Jackson's "Rhythm Nation". He has also danced with 'World Dance Crew' among many other projects. If you are interested in joining this Workshop – please fill in the form below ASAP. Cost for the class is \$10.00 pre-paid and \$15.00 at the door if there is still room. Register early and have a blast. Every style of dance is important to learn and this is an opportunity to expand your dance skills and have fun at the same time. Register EARLY – LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE.

REMEMBER THIS EXCITING NEWS!!!

Every Saturday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 AM MacKinnon's is offering a belly-dance class with Katie Hause. The class is available right now at a special introductory rate of only \$10.00 lesson. Please join at any time and enjoy the wonderful exercises. This class is both stimulating and strength building. Give yourself something *nice* to do just for you. You can sign in at the desk for this class.



ALSO ANOTHER FUN CLASS with some space currently available. Josie Rameriz is presenting a Hula-Aerobics Class on Fridays at 6:00. You can join any time. This is another great way to stay in shape and learn the lovely hula movements as well.

New Adult Beginning Tap Class!



8 Week Session \$120

September 15 - November 3
Wednesdays at 6:00

Staff & Student News



Vanessa Campos Got Married

We had so much fun at **Vanessa's** wedding on July 31. (She was kind enough to delay her wedding until after our July show – that is the sign of a REAL trooper.) Vanessa was beautiful and her children **Avaleen** and **Alex** were adorable as Flower Girl and Ring Bearer, respectively. A great 'dance-time' was had by all of us and it was so much fun to re-connect with Steven Oelrich who lives in Wyoming but came to town especially for the wedding. A highlight of the evening was when Vanessa danced the 'Hawaiian Wedding Song' for her husband.

This made all of us a little teary, because she has danced it so many times at weddings before, but this was at her own wedding, so of course we were all sobbing. The **Caldwell's** handled the video and dance festivities, making it so that the music never stopped – which is very good for dancers. Congratulations Vincent Gonzales for being lucky enough to have Vanessa as your wife. She is terrific. Our best wishes for continued happiness are extended to both of you.



Lisa Laubacher made her fourth trek to Nicaragua as part of a Mission for her church group. Lisa and approximately 12 others assisted in building orphanages for the underprivileged and under-represented children of this sadly poor country. The orphanages are for unwanted children who have functional challenges ranging from blindness to complete physical disability. We are extremely proud of Lisa for this selfless giving of her time and energies and of the people who help support and pay for her trip each year. Perhaps the next time you see her, you can say a simple 'Thank You' to her for her giving spirit.



Sarah Trotter had her baby. She weighed in at 10 pounds 7 ounces. She is, of course, adorable and we can't wait until she becomes the 4th generation of Trotters to dance in this school. No – I am not making this up. – Barbara, her daughter, Kerrie, her son Kelly, her grandchildren, Sarah, Lindsey and now her great-granddaughters, Madison Trotter Brooke Hodgins all dance here. Now we will wait for another great-granddaughter-Jaiden Destinyann Garcia.

We now have SEVEN – count 'em SEVEN- 'ASHES' dancing at MacKinnon's. **Genevieve, Jalen, Makani, Jiaxin, Nikai, Emma and Mikael** all take dance classes with us. There is only one left: **Esme**, who just learned to walk! We are waiting patiently to feature them as the performing group "**The Entirely Amazing '8' Ashes!**" Meanwhile, though, we will settle for "**The Entirely Amazing '7' Ashes!**" Thank you Nathan and Jennifer for bringing us these delightful children.

VENTURA FAIR PRIZES!!!

Sadie McCormick, member of Las Posas 4H Group raised a lamb named Rosie, and won the following prizes: MARKET – 3RD PLACE in Rosie's weight class weighing in at 138 lbs. 4th Place in the category "All Novices, All Ages". She then sold Rosie for \$16.00 a pound. Sadie also submitted a homemade pillow and received 1st place for her pillow. **Congratulations Sadie.**



Melissa Gelsing won a prize for a photo she took and entered in the Fair.

Paris Robles won second place in her division for her painting of a shark.



Matt, Angela, Paris and Teddy Whitecomb enjoyed an extended visit to Paris, France this summer courtesy of the parents of their exchange-student. They were gone for a month and said "It was the trip of a lifetime". Somehow, this is not difficult to believe!

Have something interesting or exciting to share with your MacKinnon's Family? PLEASE send an email to joy@mackinnondance.com so we may include your story in an upcoming edition of MacKiNews!

Dancers joining us in July 2010

Clarisse Alcantara
Shaina Alcantara
Alysa Alvarez
Azul Alvarez
Stephanie Alvarez
Shyla Ilapogu
Jocelyn Lopez
Ivan Murillo
Samantha Patton
Joanna Sanchez

Dancers joining us in August 2010

Hazel Acosta
Alexis Alfaro
Blythe Cammack
Sophia Carro
Ava Caster
Allison Irwin
Amanda Irwin
Maya Landeros
Star Lopez
Suzie Luna
Ayreana Martinez
Genesis Monroy
Michelle Monroy
Emily Montes
Giselle Moreno
Marilyn Nevarez
Fiorella Peralta
Allison Rice
Michael Sawyer
Caitlin Soria
Brianna Souza
Aurora Belle Taylor
Aimee Thanteraphong
Chloe Zarrinkelk

MacKinnon's August Birthdays

8/3 ♦ Emily Montes
8/4 ♦ Diana Agustin
8/5 ♦ Katie Crane
8/8 ♦ Julianne Tuttle
8/9 ♦ Tonantzin Solorio
8/10 ♦ Allison Rice
8/12 ♦ Savannah Losey
8/13 ♦ Kaitlyn Herrera
8/14 ♦ Paris Robles
8/15 ♦ Elizabeth Tenorio
8/15 ♦ Elena Jaloma
8/16 ♦ Katherine Gonzales
8/16 ♦ Gabriella Nunal
8/17 ♦ Sarah Coccillos
8/17 ♦ Callie Meraz-King
8/18 ♦ Trinity Woods
8/18 ♦ Ayreana Martinez
8/18 ♦ Melia Hiji-Madrid
8/18 ♦ Emma Palay
8/19 ♦ Kamila Alvarez
8/19 ♦ Celeste Gonzalez
8/19 ♦ Makenzie Rivera
8/21 ♦ Kaylee Alonzo
8/21 ♦ Clara DeLaCerde
8/23 ♦ Sophia Carro
8/25 ♦ Kaylee Ortega
8/25 ♦ Chandra Marie Padua
8/27 ♦ Samantha Munoz
8/28 ♦ Sophie Hollub
8/28 ♦ Catie Trude
8/29 ♦ Bryanna Aguilar
8/29 ♦ Samantha Patton
8/29 ♦ Adriana Peralta
8/30 ♦ Danielle Bonucchi
8/30 ♦ Amanda Coulson
8/30 ♦ Sophia Roblee
8/31 ♦ Samantha Beltran



MacKinnon's September Birthdays

9/1 ♦ Samantha Skinner
9/2 ♦ Phoebe Birchfield
9/6 ♦ Genesis Monroy
9/7 ♦ Erica Gutierrez
9/8 ♦ Janice Lustre
9/8 ♦ Aja Madrigal
9/8 ♦ Janessa Mares
9/10 ♦ Brielle Sandoval
9/11 ♦ Anyssa Gonzalez
9/11 ♦ Madison Paniccia
9/11 ♦ Sarah Trotter
9/12 ♦ Celeste Ornelas
9/12 ♦ Isabel Velasco
9/13 ♦ Chloe Ruiz
9/14 ♦ Katelyn Brenner
9/14 ♦ Marcela Munoz
9/15 ♦ Crystal Ponce
9/15 ♦ Juliette Zavala
9/16 ♦ Jazmin Villanueva
9/22 ♦ Sage Schneiderbauer
9/23 ♦ Marina Busby
9/24 ♦ Shyla Ilapogu
9/24 ♦ Lorelei Narula
9/25 ♦ Michael Sawyer
9/26 ♦ Samantha Beatty
9/26 ♦ Kaitlyn Loya
9/26 ♦ Ileene Garcia-Arreola
9/27 ♦ Alyssa Escarcega
9/30 ♦ Alexis Alfaro



Studio Space Available!

Did you know MacKinnon's rent its studio's on an hourly basis for dance, exercise or similar classes.

If you are interested please contact Joy directly in the lobby at MacKinnon's, call her at 485-0115 or email her joymac@mackinnondance.com