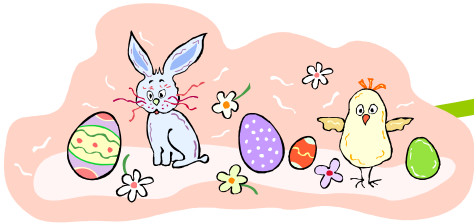


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APRIL 2011



MacKinnon's will
be CLOSED
Fri 4-22 & Sat 4-23

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March Kept Us Busy

First; our FLORA dancers performed at **Oxnard College** during their International Festival on Thursday March 10. Thanks to Jalen Ash, Genevieve Ash, Samantha Beatty, Stefanie Chordigian, Caitlyn Gintjee, Alexandra Hernandez, Kailey Herrera, Kailyn Kerr, Christina Mazzella, Sadie McCormick, and Ashley Skillman .

On **March 12** another group of Highlander Dancers marched and performed in the **St Patrick's Day Parade** in Ventura with the **Pacific Coast Highlanders Pipe Band**. Thanks to Samantha Beatty, Halle Escoto, Mia Fernandez, Ciarra Garcia, Caitlyn Gintjee, Kailey Herrera, Makayla Irby, Denisse Lopez, Sadie McCormick, Kailey Ortega, Madison Paniccia for coming out to participate. *The Pacific Coast Highlander Band, Pipe Major, Mike Reynolds and MacKinnon Dance Academy* captured the 'first place trophy' for **Best Walking Entry**. Thank you Rebecca McCormick for helping organize this. *(Continued next page)*

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Dates to Remember:

- **Saturday April 16th**
FLORA to entertain at Kiwanis Club in Ventura
- **Saturday April 30th**
SHDA Anaheim Indoor Highland Dance Competition. All parents and students are invited!
- **MACKINNON'S CLOSED**
Friday April 22 & Saturday April 23
- **Week of April 25-30th**
Informal Class Pictures will be taken this week for program.
- **Friday May 6th**
Backstage Mom's Meeting at 7:15 PM

All costumes have now been ordered. We are in the process of beginning NEW classes for students who want to join us, but will not have enrolled in time to purchase costumes for our show. Possible times for these classes are: TUESDAY 4 Studio B and SATURDAY 11 Studio B for 3-4 year olds. Wednesday 4, Studio C, and Monday 5, Studio B for 5-7 year olds. (All days, and times are tentative at this point). If you have friends who would love to enroll in MacKinnon Dance Academy's dance studies, please ask them to call me so they can be placed on our waiting lists. 805-485-0115 or write to me at joy@mackinnondance.com. I would love to hear from them.

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On **Thursday March 17th** Julienne Cormier, Stefanie Chordigian, Christina Mazzella, Kailey Herrera, Kailyn Kerr, Samantha Beatty, Ashley Skillman, Caitlyn Gintjee **performed** in several local venues with **Pacific Coast Highlanders Pipe Band** in celebration of Saint Patrick's Day.

March 19th Vallecitas Mobile Home Estates our dancers were invited to perform during their St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Celebration. Alexandra Hernandez, Stefanie Chordigian, Kailyn Kerr, Ashley Skillman, Caitlyn Gintjee, Jalen Ash, Genevieve Ash, Samantha Beatty, Stefanie Chordigian, Kailey Herrera. Thanks to Susie Eskridge for assisting with the music and to Nathan Ash and Lora Beatty for driving us to Newbury Park.

Also on **Saturday March 19th** MacKinnon's Highlanders Emilee Garcia, Ciarra Garcia, Kaylee Ortega, Hailey Cerio, and Julienne Cormier attended the **Balboa Park San Diego Highland Competition**. All dancers received medals with Kaylee Ortega, Beginner Class and Hailey Cerio, Novice Class bringing home trophies.



National Tartan Day

We Scots have our day to celebrate also!

In 1982, New York State Governor Hugh Carey, and Mayor Ed Koch declared July 1, 1982 as Tartan Day, a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the repeal of the **Act of Proscription of August 12, 1747**,* the law forbidding Scots to Wear Tartan. Since Governor Carey and May Koch proclaimed this declaration, Tartan Day has been celebrated all over the United States (confusingly on different days in April.) This year Tartan Day is to be celebrated on April 6 (Wednesday) and we sincerely hope that you will make an effort to wear a wee bit of tartan on this day.

On April 4, 2008, President George Bush signed a Presidential Proclamation making April 6th National Tartan Day. Excerpts from his speech follow.....Americans of Scottish descent have made enduring contributions to our Nation with their hard work, faith and values.....Scotland and the United States have long shared ties of family and friendship...The Scots brought (a) tradition of freedom and dedication to liberty...Scottish clans were among the first immigrants to settle in America....Several of our Founding Fathers were of Scottish descent, as have been many Presidents and Justices of the United States Supreme Court...National Tartan Day is an opportunity to celebrate all Americans who claim Scottish ancestry...

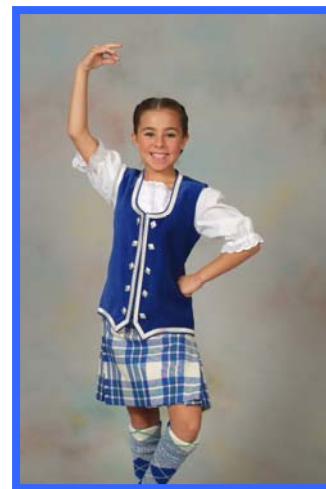


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of American the two hundred and third-second.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Please Wear Your Tartan On Wed. April 6 2011!!

* "The penalties for wearing 'highland clothing' as stated in the Act of Proscription were 'imprisonment, without bail, during the space of six months, and no longer; and being convicted for a second offence before a court of justiciary or at the circuits, shall be liable to be transported....' No lesser penalties were allowed for. "



JoyMacOne Presents

The Nifty Fifties



Wednesday July 20th & Thursday July 21st - 2011
7:00 PM at Oxnard Performing Arts Center

Show News 2011

Show Shirts

You will not need to pre-order Show T-Shirts this year. They will be available to purchase in the lobby beginning in late April. On the front of the shirt you will see our Nifty Fifties logo and on the back the names of all dancers enrolled in the school as of the printing date.



Shoes and Tights:

Please order your tights and shoes EARLY for the July show. Distributors often run out of these items in June and July and with this economy, many are not stocking supplies like they once did.



Ordering early will guarantee that your child will be dressed properly for our upcoming show. Shoes and tights are listed on the bulletin board in the lobby next to your costume picture, or you can ask your teacher, if you are not absolutely certain.

Important Dates:

Informal Class Pictures: Week of 25th – 30th 2011

Please make certain your child is dressed appropriately for class in the color required (if any) Hair must be secured in a bun and tights should be pulled down over feet.

Backstage Moms Meeting:

Friday, May 6, 2011

7:15 PM. ALL moms must attend - even the experienced ones. Lots of kids with costumes changes and even the moms that have worked before need to be there.

Personal and Business Ads for Program Deadline:

Saturday, June 4, 2011

NO Ads will be accepted after deadline. Order form and payment MUST be turned in lobby.

Tights & Shoe Purchase

Suggested Deadline:

Friday, June 10th

Parent Information Meeting:

Saturday, June 18th 2011

12:15 PM. At this meeting we will raffle numbers 1-10 for ticket day and after the meeting we will distribute costumes & start the number draw for ticket day.

Parent Information Meeting:

Friday, June 24th 2011

7:15 PM. Second chance meeting for all who missed the first. Costumes will be distributed after the meeting.

Costume Picture Days:

**Saturday, July 9th &
Sunday July 10th 2011**

This is when your child's class pictures will be taken in their costumes.

Ticket Day:

Saturday, June 25th 2011

8:00 AM. A schedule will be posted and available in May Newsletter.

Dress Rehearsal at OPACC:

**Monday July 18th
& Tuesday July 19th 2011**

Be sure to check your call time!
Rehearsal begins at 5:00 PM.

Performance at OPACC:

**Wednesday, July 20th &
Thursday July 21st 2011**

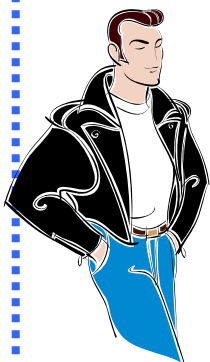
Be sure to check your call time!
Performance begins at 7:00 PM.

Our 34th annual
Performing Arts Center
JOYMAC one PRODUCTIONS presents students, staff and friends of
MacKinnon Dance Academy in

production will be held at the Oxnard
at 7:00 PM on Performance Nights.
MacKinnon Dance Academy in

"The Nifty Fifties"

Come to the recital dressed in 1950's attire? Go for it, have a blast. Hint: Poodle skirts, saddle shoes, rolled up jeans, white men's shirts tied in front, sweater sets, matching ankle socks, pony tails galore!!!! Get in the festive mood with us and let's make our audience look as awesome as our performers.



MacKinnon's 34th Show Program Ad Order Forms

Personal Ad Order Form

Purchase a personal ad for MacKinnon Dance Academy's 34th Annual Production and you accomplish two wonderful things.

1. Congratulate your dancing school on its 34th Annual Performance.
2. Congratulate your child and have a memento to keep.

I want a 2x3½ Picture Personalized \$45 Ad and 1 Free Program!

Dancer's Name(s): _____

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Ad Message: _____

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 4th

Payment Method: Cash Credit Check# _____

Total: \$ _____ By: _____ Date: _____

Please attach photo to this order. Photo will be scanned and returned upon request. If digital image is being used PLEASE provide original file on cd with completed order form. A completed order form with payment MUST be submitted at the reception counter.

Be aware that image and message may be edited to fit into 2x3½ inch format. When possible choose any image that lends itself to this size. Thank You.

Return completed form with payment to:
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Business Ad Order Form

I want to purchase a Business Ad!

- Business Card \$60.00 (2x3½ inches)
- ¼ Page \$90.00 (4¼ x 5½ inches)
- Half Page \$180.00 (8½ x 5½ inches)
- Full Page \$350.00 (8½ x 11 inches)

Business Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Ad Message Not on Art Work: _____

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER June 4th

Payment Method: Cash Credit Check# _____

Total: \$ _____ By: _____ Date: _____

Please place camera ready artwork or business card in envelope and attach this order form to the outside of envelope. Art Work can be returned upon request. If digital image is being used please provide file on cd with completed order form. A completed order form with payment MUST be submitted at the reception counter.

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File Formats: File types with embedded fonts (.PDF, .jpg, etc.) are best. We want to make you look great in our programs so please ask if you have any questions or concerns about your art work.



Order & Art MUST be in by: SATURDAY JUNE 4, 2011

DANCERS:

Dance classes involve vigorous activity and are designed to use muscles that are not generally employed during every day life. Because of this, I encourage you to take some responsibility for preparing your body for dance class. When you arrive early to the school, as many of you do, you can begin your own warm-up as soon as you get here. A simple stretch or a loosening of your tendons (warming) may be accomplished while you are waiting, just by circling your feet from the ankle a few times to the right and then back to the left. You can relax your shoulders and warm your torso just by moving it around. It is possible to be very warm even before you walk into the dance room. I often see dancers coming in to the room and just standing there waiting to be told what to do. It would be more beneficial for you to begin warming your body before the teacher even sees you. In addition to helping prevent injuries, your teachers will take you seriously and believe that you really want to be here. This cannot be emphasized enough.

Your hair should also be prepared for class before you walk into the room. Most of you get a ride here, just do your hair in the car and you won't have to waste time putting it up during class. The instructors all thank you for your cooperation in all of the above.

Dance Interest Quiz

No Need to Sign – Please Return to Front Desk!

This quiz is designed for you to learn about how you feel about your dance studies. I do not want to know your names, but I would appreciate it if you would turn these papers in to the desk in blank envelopes in a box provided in the lobby, so I can see where my students are coming from. There is no right or wrong answer. Please participate in this little survey. Thank you so much.

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| I watch at least one dance event each week on TV | YES | NO |
| I look up dancers biographies online | YES | NO |
| I consider my dance lessons fun - but not too serious | YES | NO |
| I come to dance because my parents make me | YES | NO |
| I think dance class is a great place to socialize | YES | NO |
| I like to learn more about dance, than just steps | YES | NO |
| I attend dance concerts when I can | YES | NO |
| I have favorite famous dancers. | YES | NO |
| I work as hard as I can during every class | YES | NO |
| I love dance, but don't like to work hard | YES | NO |
| I don't always enjoy learning new steps | YES | NO |
| I practice when I think about it | YES | NO |
| I do not have time to practice dance | YES | NO |
| I have aspirations to pursue a career in dance | YES | NO |
| I will take dance classes in college | YES | NO |
| I will major in dance in college | YES | NO |
| I dance from my heart always | YES | NO |
| I feel that I am reasonably talented | YES | NO |
| My family supports my dance by coming to watch me in class | YES | NO |
| I take more than five classes each week | YES | NO |
| I always wear warm-up clothing to and from the studio | YES | NO |
| I try to eat healthy food and not sugars and junk food | YES | NO |

Answers to last month's MATCH-UP QUIZ

1. Bill 'Bojangles' Robinson; 2. Debbie Reynolds; 3. Fred Astaire;
4. Paula Abdul; 5. Angel Corrella (apologies to readers: Mr. Corella is from Spain – not Cuba.) He was one of four ABT dancers who appeared in the video Born to Be Wild – The men of the American Ballet Theatre.;
6. merde: means good luck on your performance.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Last month's Match-Up Quiz was completed and returned first by Julienne Cormier & Caitlin Soria. Please select an item of jewelry from our collection in the lobby.

Dancers joining us in March 2011

Jessie-Marie David
Melanie Malagon
Grace Osborn
Paige Osborn
Chloe Casta
Kathy Ayala
Callie Meraz-King
Isabella Ambriz
Natalie Liera
Marley Burt
Kaitlyn Cable
Katherine Kaplin
Jazmine Reyes
Jadyn Kenefake
Kealy Besserud
Amelia Greybiehl
Ailani Navarro
Stephanie Vazquez
Addison Nikula
Madison Koff

Welcome!

MacKinnon's April Birthdays

4/1 ♦ Anna Reed-Sanchez
4/3 ♦ Felicia Quezada
4/4 ♦ Ellynore Rose Ramirez
4/5 ♦ Aalayah Batiste
4/6 ♦ Thomas Crawford
4/8 ♦ Marissa Schwieder
4/10 ♦ Selina Bellin
4/10 ♦ Corrine Garo
4/10 ♦ Gisselle Miranda-Vazquez
4/11 ♦ Maritza Saavedra
4/12 ♦ Madison Caldwell
4/14 ♦ Alana Perez
4/14 ♦ Mayela Rodriguez
4/17 ♦ Julia Behrens
4/17 ♦ Jadyn Kenefake
4/18 ♦ Valerie Vargas
4/19 ♦ Vanna Mendez
4/19 ♦ Paige Osborn
4/19 ♦ Laylani Rodriguez
4/21 ♦ Ashley Phenix
4/24 ♦ Leilani Powell
4/26 ♦ Valeria Martinez
4/27 ♦ Marisela Alatorre
4/27 ♦ Stephanie Alvarez
4/27 ♦ Kathleen MacKinnon
4/28 ♦ Amelia Greybiehl



Articles of clothing that are left behind in the Lost and Found will be recycled every two-weeks. Please check the Lost and Found regularly to recover your shoes and clothing from the studio. Lost and Found is located in a bin near the door behind Studio B.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Southern California Highland Dance Association (SCHDA) Spring Competition and Workshop April 30, 2011

Registration: 8:30 AM
First Presbyterian Church
310 W. Broadway Road
Anaheim, CA 93805
Entry Deadline April 15, 2011

Saturday, April 16

MacKinnon's FLORA will perform for the Kiwanis Club in Ventura.



In the Month of May: The Costa Mesa Highland Competition will feature the first ever TARTAN SPELLING BEE - start practicing, this will be a wonderful fund-raiser to help with our competitions. **ALSO: in Costa Mesa - We will have another Parent's Fling.** Money will be collected for YOU PARENTS who attempt, fail, succeed or just dance during this exhibition. I KNOW that all MACKINNON'S parents will participate. I feel really confident about this.

Parents a reminder: Tuition for your child's dance classes must be paid on the first class of hers/his dance class each month. After the 8th of the month, there is a late charge, and this charge increases substantially if not paid by the 15th. We have been experiencing a great deal of late payments during the past six months. Will you please help us by making certain that tuition is paid by the due date? My landlord does not accept late payments from me with a very nice attitude; therefore I need to collect tuition so I can pay my landlord and my instructors in a timely manner. There are several ways you can keep your tuition up to date: 1) simply walk up to the desk and pay with cash, check or credit card. If paying cash be sure to wait for a receipt and keep it. Please write your child's name on the message line on your check, or at the bottom of the credit card receipt for our bookkeepers. 2) You can enroll in our automatic-withdrawal program. Your tuition will be drawn from your credit card on the fifth of each month. No more late fees or wondering when it is due. 3) You can mail your tuition to us to arrive on time even if you are out of town, or cannot come directly to the studio to pay.

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