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2013 A Year to Remember!

Wow! What a year it was!

Two shows in one year plus a short performance at 'The Pink Ladies Bazaar'.

Congrats to all the dancers!

First there was '40Tude' celebrating 40 years of teaching dance in the Cayman Islands.

This two hour long production played to packed audiences every night transporting them away from their busy schedule to an evening of sheer enjoyment from the tiniest ballerina to the seasoned dancer. It was a Show that left everyone asking for more as the final curtain came down.



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Anya Belfonte is studying medicine at Durham University in the UK. Anya auditioned with 60 other dancers and was one of the 11 dancers chosen for a place on the contemporary dance team Congrats!



Alexandra Williams is attending St. Paul's School in New Hampshire – finishing her General Education with a view to studying International Relations / Political Sciences and then Law.

There were so many wonderful comments about 40Tude (too many to list) and so many people to thank.

Kerrie McMillan for agreeing to become my Production Manager. Anya Belfonté who helped with the rehearsals. Peter John Balls who jumped in at the last minute to take on the daunting task of Stage Manager. Paul DeFreitas and Tom Burke who tackled our sound and lights. Valerie Cottier for handling the 'spot'. Maxine Everson who sewed the Mother Ginger and Fusion Costumes. Penny Phillips and Pat Bazel-Taylor who supplied the marvelous banquet for the Gala evening. Karen Chung who designed the cover for our program. Last but not least Martin Wicks who flew all the way from Australia to help the School celebrate this amazing milestone.

And of course our sponsors, without whose generosity the Show would have been very difficult to produce. The School was able to make a small profit enough to give the Studio a facelift and make a \$300 donation toward Children's Diabetes.

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The Seasoned Dancers
&
Miss Jackie



A CHRISTMAS RECITAL

What a beautiful evening it turned out to be ... framed by a sparkling Christmas tree, fairy lights and snow falling, the Dancers transported the audience into a magical Christmas wonderland.

When I first received the invitation for Miss Jackie's School of Dance to perform at Camana Bay my first reaction was "My girls don't dance on cobble stone", so I made a few stipulations. We needed a stage, no less than 24' x 32', lights and a good sound system. My requests had to be presented to the Planning Committee for approval and this took a few weeks before a final decision was made. It was not until well into the Christmas term that we got the 'green light' that the Recital was 'on'.

I decided that we would present a few items from '40Tude' along with some new pieces like 'Run Rudolf Run' (which turned out to be a crowd pleaser) and for the first time 'The Cayman Rockettes' would perform a number which would involve some of the senior students dancing along side with some of my 'seasoned' dancers. So with five Saturdays before the Recital the dancers had to learn the dance which involved a lot of teamwork. It was not good enough just to know the dance but the dancers had to sync with one another to make this dance one of the biggest crowd favourites that Cayman has ever seen. Ladies you made me proud!

Special mention must go to Anya Belfonté who arrived in Cayman on Wednesday and danced with the Rockettes on Saturday to fill a last minute vacancy. A huge thank you to Hannah G for teaching Anya the steps.

Thanks must also go to Claire Anderson who flew in from the UK and literally stepped off the plane and onto the stage to dance in 'Sail'. Kudos also to Hayley Grizell who danced with a swollen ankle following an accident during rehearsal the night before the Recital.

Thank you to all the dancers from the littlest ballerina to my 'seasoned' dancers for helping to make 'A Christmas Recital' so magical.

A very special thank you to Hanna Gómez my Assistant Teacher who helped with rehearsals and much more.



COMMENTS

The following comments were expressed from local and overseas visitors in the audience.

‘I did not know what to expect – but that was fantastic’.

‘This is truly amazing – ‘ I could be in the UK if it was not for the weather. This is unbelievable!’

‘The show is spectacular’

‘They won’t start on time’ – ‘You don’t know Miss Jackie’ was the reply. The Recital started promptly at 6:30pm.

‘It’s unbelievable how she got the whole show to run so smoothly – truly breathtaking’

‘If you weren’t in the mood for Christmas before, you sure are now after seeing that Show’.

‘The evening was truly magical’

I had not yet left the stage when I heard ‘You are you going to do this next year! Aren’t you?’ .

‘It is so beautiful! I have got goose bumps’
This came from a gentleman who was in awe by the whole performance – he showed me his goose bumps after the first dance.

‘You have got to do this next year, word will get around about how magnificent it was and you will have double the crowd’.

‘I can’t wait to see the dancers again .. when’s the next Recital’ ... this was said not ten minutes after the Recital finished.



Parent’s Day

Miss Jackie’s Classes will be having Parent’s Viewing Day on April 8, 9, 10 & 12.

Miss Sue’s Parent’s Viewing Day on Saturday April 12 at the regular class times.

Parents are allowed to come into the Studio on this day and may take photos.

1 EASTER HOLIDAYS
School
Closes April 12
Reopens April 29

2 SUMMER HOLIDAYS
School
Opens April 29
Closes June 28

3 FEES ARE DUE
January 15 2014.
Please make sure
your fees are paid
before the beginning
of the term.