



August - October 2011

Save the Date

Saturday 3rd December - Christmas Showcase Dress Rehearsal
 Saturday 10th December - Christmas Showcase
 18th December - 5th January - Christmas Break

From the Director (Vicki)

We have had a super start to the new term. All classes have been great! The students are getting to know each other and have been working really hard at team building and building up performance confidence particularly in voice & body language. Since September we have seen the growth of our new venue in Clearwater Bay School for Junior & Senior students. In term two (January 2012) we hope to have a tots class at this venue also! The new classes for Tots & Adults in Flex Studio in Aberdeen have been going great & are growing rapidly. Thank you for your continued support of Fusion and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Essentials

Pick-up and Drop off

All students on Saturday are to be dropped off outside the multipurpose halls on Level 3 at WIS & in the covered outdoor area at CWBS. Fusion class assistants are responsible for making sure each student is accounted for between lessons and will do their best to make this run as smooth as possible. Please make sure your children are picked up on time. Fusion teachers often have work commitments after class and cannot stay long waiting for students to be collected.

During Class

To ensure your children receive the best class experience possible we would appreciate if parents could wait outside quietly during lesson time. We understand you are anxious and excited to see the children however peeking through the door, waving or hanging around the classroom can be distracting. If you need to speak with staff please do so before or after class.

Photo/Video Release

Please be aware Fusion will use photographs and videos of the students from time to time, solely for the purpose of promoting our school. If you do not wish to have your child appear in any Fusion promotional material (newsletter, website) please notify our staff immediately.

JAZZ SHOES are COMPULSORY for all Junior and Senior students, please make sure your child wears them every week at their class to avoid injury and promote proper dance skills. Thank you.

Christmas Showcase

We are currently working towards our end of term show. The show will feature all Junior and Senior students from Clearwater Bay School, West Island School, Central Dance Studio and Flex Studio. We will be holding a dress rehearsal on Saturday 3rd December at WIS and CWBS during normal class time (9:30am - 12:30pm). Please make your best efforts to attend this rehearsal. The students will cover numerous songs and dances, in a high energy, fun and creative show. Prepare to be entertained! There will be a photographer & a videographer at both venues on the day of the performance & these photos & videos will be available for you to purchase.



Costumes

All students are to wear BLACK clothing (t-shirts, tank tops, pants/leggings) & jazz shoes.



Having a Party? Make it a fun filled Fusion one!



In this picture the children have just learned where the diaphragm is. To practice its proper use, they have held their tummies & felt their muscles moving, while singing staccato...In the process, they were singing so much "ha-ha-ha-ha" that they ended up laughing while learning . . . we had a great time!
Miss Crisel at WIS.



Senior Fusion

Seniors have been working on team building & on how to use the 4 actor's tools: the face, the body, the voice and imagination, together with a co-actor and working individually. They have been working on a variety of songs, singing in different styles of music from week to week. Our focus has been on developing basic singing technique as well as critical listening skills. We have been working on vocal exercises & vocal discipline - posture, breathing, enunciating, support, etc. Currently we are working on singing together and with added vocal dynamics. Keep up the great work!

Tap at Fusion

We are delighted to have a new tap class on Fridays from 5.30-6.30pm at CDS. We have been working on the basic tap steps and tap dancing technique – each week we add some new tap steps & each lesson consists of some technique exercises followed by a short tap routine covering combinations of steps learnt. Tap is quite a challenging form of dance. The students have been very focused and are a very talented group. Happy tapping!

Farewell to Liz

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our beloved Liz Merendino, who has been teaching singing with Fusion since our first year. Liz is leaving Hong Kong to start another adventure in her life. She will be greatly missed by the Fusion team and her students alike. She has been an invaluable part of our Fusion Family and we wish her all the best in her new venture. We love you Liz!

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Adult Fusion



This has been a very exciting semester for the new adults' class at Flex Studio. The students have been exploring characters through improvisation techniques and games, actors' tools, contemporary monologues and duologues from British and American playwrights. They have been fantastic, enthusiastic and a great class to work with. In singing, they have been working on proper breathing technique & the difference in vocal placement. So far they have learned "I Don't Know How to Love Him" from Jesus Christ Superstar and "All That Jazz" from Chicago. Keep up the great work!

Junior Fusion

Juniors have been working on projecting their voices & warming up properly both physically and vocally. They are beginning to gain confidence singing, acting & dancing in front of the class. They are a talented group of performers. They have a great sense of rhythm & have sound dance technique. We have been looking at further improving these skills as well as focusing on strengthening their memory and co-ordination. Super work Juniors!



Tots Fusion

Tots have been working on losing inhibitions & communicating in class. They really enjoy movement & music especially during free play with classical music (Waltz in A-Flat by Brahms and Waltz of the Flowers by Tchaikovsky). They have spent a lot of time bopping & doing basics — wiggles, jumps, hops and body songs (Tommy Thumbs, Head-Shoulders-Knees-Toes, If You're Happy and You Know It). They are learning how to walk in steady beat and "stop" to indicate rests. We've also done stretches and ballet points-and-flexes. They all enjoy singing "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah" and "I Love the Mountains" (Boom-dee-ah-dah). Values we've been learning are listening (through our "Listen" song) and loving family. Well done tots!