



Arabesque

From the desk of



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and

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Young Friends *Dance Bonanza*

"Tutus on Tour"

Jete, Arabesque and all the people who attended this event agreed it was fantastic and everyone had a great time. Arabesque and I have some photos and write-ups by Young Friends.



Young Friends collecting autographs from Stacey White, Dance Educator

Contemporary Workshop

By Lydia Easter

We started in a circle, sitting next to the people we knew then we were told to mix ourselves about and sit next to someone we didn't know. We then introduced ourselves to that person telling them our name, our age, our favourite chocolate bar and an interesting fact.

After that we chose a part of our body (e.g. our tongue) and wrote our initials in the air with that body part.

Next we learnt the Stacey White step which was just writing Stacey White in the air with various body parts and I must say it was very very interesting. We then made up our own steps using our own names. And put the names together in a group. We then performed our bit of choreography to the rest of the class.

After we had performed we sat in a group and waited for our guest to arrive.

There was a knock on the door, that must be our guest we all thought, it was indeed. Maree White, one of the company dancers, had come to talk to us. We asked many questions and got her and Stacey White to sign the cards we all got.

Then it was time to go home.

- It was a truly fun day! ●

Lydia Easter - Aged 11

Tutus on Tour Workshop

I couldn't wait for Saturday morning and the workshop. We met at the lift in St James Theatre at 9.45 am, there was quite a crowd waiting. I went with my friend Natalie who also loves ballet. We often go to workshops together. I also caught up with a few girls from my dance school that had come along for the workshop also and I entered the raffle.

We were met by Stacey who was also born in Australia, like me. She took us up in the lift into a studio, where she taught us some contemporary dancing. We had a lot of fun experimenting with using our bodies to spell out our names. Then we turned our body names into group dances. We used voice in the dance to create sounds that matched the actions. I liked this type of dance because it was different and it energized me.

At the end of the workshop we met a professional dancer named Maree White who gave us her autograph. This was one of the best workshops ever. I can't wait until next time.

Michelle G. Keating - Aged 10

What a Dance Bonanza!

When we arrived Ingrid greeted us. After getting changed we went by lift up to the room where we were going to dance. On arriving upstairs, we were met by Stacey who was going to be teaching us some steps. She was very nice.

We then went into the dance room and did some exercises to warm up our joints. Stacey then asked us to form letters using our bodies. She told us to try and make our names. However, first we practised doing hers and we did that all together, then we had to do our own. It was really amazing seeing the girls' creativeness.

After that we got into groups of four, and using Stacey's name first, we then put in our own and made up a dance and then put it to music. There were about seven or eight groups of us dancing and we took it in turns to dance in front of each other. Watching each group was like seeing a show only much shorter!

After that Maree White came in to see us. Unfortunately, she had broken her toe and could not dance with us so instead she sat down and we asked her lots of questions and she answered most of them. I asked her how long she had been dancing for and she said 20 years!

After that it was time to go. We went back down in the lift and said good-bye.

Isabelle Lane - Aged 12

It was great fun!

Dancing with Stacey White was great fun!

We had to write a letter of her name with part of our body and make sound effects to go with it, like 'Y' where we jumped up in the air and make a 'Y' with our bodies and called out "Ya Char" to go with our actions.

We learnt the "Stacey White Move" - it was most funny making a 'C' with our backside and saying "C" in a high pitched voice!

We also had to make up our 'own name' and turn it into a move - we did this in a group where Stacey said we only had a few minutes to work it out. Once our few minutes were up Stacey told my group we were first up and away we went! - to a very quiet CD player (it wasn't working too well!!). Once we had finished everyone clapped and Stacey asked the rest of the group what they enjoyed about our group (they liked the ending as we all finished at a different time). Every group performed and we all had different ideas - all the groups were good!!

At the end of our workshop we got a big surprise because a dancer from the Ballet company joined us (Maree White) and we were able to ask her questions about dance.

This Dance Bonanza was fantastic fun and I am looking forward the the next one.

Thank you Stacey and "Friends"

Paige Shand - Aged 12

Next Young Friends *Dance Bonanza*

And 4th Birthday Party

Saturday 19 May - 10:15 - 11:15 followed by the *Behind the Scenes* Forum at 11:30

Congratulations to Rachael Wiltshire who won the raffle at the Dance Bonanza!

Congratulations also to our sponsored dancers Abigail Boyle and Qi Huan
- Happy *Chinese New Year* to Qi Huan.

TOWER Tutus on Tour - Don't forget this is on at Upper Hutt's Expressions Theatre, 5 April at 7:30. Bring a gold coin for our Easter Raffle

Our Very Best wishes to all our Young Friends who have had or are having birthdays ...



Month of December

Andrew MCNaughton

Emma Rudge

Madison Ryan

Francesca Sharpe

Emma Thompson

Month of January

Ava Gordy

Laura Gower

Christina Guieb

Lillias Henderson

Paris Lloyd

John Paul Rowe

Jessica O'Neil

Laura O'Neill

Felix Sampson

Katrina Scoble

Paige Shand

Elize Van Drimmelen

Olivia Yeo

Month of February

Juliane-Estella Bush

Kate Collins

Lydia Easter

Alexandra Gower

Kura Hotsteede

Georgia Hotsteede

Emily Jones

Giovanna McLaughlan

Chenice Wearty

Sheryl Wong

Month of March

Zara Andrews-Goss

Francesca Zoe Griffin

Coco Mathieson

Georgina Matich

Francesca Sampson

Lilly Shaw

Molly Waddington

Rachael May Wiltshire

