

**No 2 2008**

**Hi there!**

*Romeo & Juliet* is the next ballet to be performed by the Royal New Zealand Ballet. There have been lots of versions, but this production was choreographed by Christopher Hampson especially for the Royal New Zealand Ballet. One of the very famous productions was choreographed by Kenneth McMillan in 1965. It starred Margot Fonteyn and Rudolph Nureyev, two of the greatest names in ballet. Margot Fonteyn was 46 at the time, dancing as Juliet who is just 16 and Nureyev was 27. But there was such magic between them that the age difference lost all importance. You can read the story of *Romeo and Juliet* over the page.

Check out the RNZB website to read about the exciting merchandise you can buy and also about your favourite dancers:  
[www.nzballet.org.nz](http://www.nzballet.org.nz)

**Romeo & Juliet word search**

P X V G N D B Y V E R O N A L  
M O P S A W M N E P Z T U O A  
L U T N B U O O Q Q T H V P O  
Y L C I Z T T C L D U E F K T  
I E A J O B V L O E M O R L L  
R J Y B B N G A R S K O H D K  
N W A O E F T B X R E M N I D  
D K M C E M W C W U A J M O E  
C V N L O G F H T N F M E L P  
H P X V T B A E B I W P I H L  
O O K M E H I I H P F X E Y Z  
W I B C E L G Q R M E B Y O F  
N S I T U I P I O R F R I A R  
B O R J A E U V F R A F J S N  
A N R P V V Q U G W T M V Z H

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| BALCONY  | FIGHT  | EXILE  |
| FRIAR    | FEUD   | CHOWN  |
| JACOB    | NURSE  | POISON |
| JULIET   | POTION | ROMEO  |
| LOVE     | TOMB   | VERONA |
| MARRIAGE | BALL   | DANCER |

**DANCER PROFILE**

**Jacob Chown**



**Our featured dancer in this issue is Jacob Chown. Last year Jacob performed the roles of Silk Moth and Shoemaker in *Cinderella*. Watch out for him in *Romeo & Juliet*. He has written to you over the page.**

**Utube Spot**

This girl is amazing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dy4zEKxkAe8>

and so is this elephant –

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=He7Ge7Sogrk>

Send us your favourite links to share with other Young Friends:

**susie@nzballet.org.nz**

## Here is a letter from Jacob Chown

Hey Kids

I started trampolining with my bro' at our local Police and Citizens Youth Club where they taught Judo, boxing, gymnastics, trampolining and darts when I was 5 and Ben was 8. We became State Champions of Western Australia that year and kept winning gold medals in every competition for another year.

We then started gymnastics to improve our skills and strive for bigger achievements with our passion to flip, get airtime, bust tricks and swing around bars like monkeys. Our training was strict and serious at the West Australian Institute of Sport, but in 1994 the program moved to Canberra and Ben and I stopped gymnastics. Even though we were getting quite good at it, we both decided to do something else which would give us a choice career, instead of going to the Olympics, which was our original dream.

Our two sisters had started ballet at a small ballet school which made Ben and I want to learn it as well. Encouraged by our parents, we took it up and eventually joined a full time dance course whilst doing school. Our dreams had changed to wanting to dance around the world and get paid for it. Now my younger sister Iliia who is 19 has been given a job in Dresden, Germany. Ben is in his fifth year with the Royal New Zealand Ballet and I am in my third. My older sister Katie is coming to New Zealand next week to look for a dance job and catch up with us boys. She has trained at Rotterdam Dance Academy in Holland, worked for Linx Dance Company in Perth and has travelled around Europe and some of Asia.

I am looking forward to **Romeo & Juliet** because I have never even seen the ballet and **Don Quixote** because I have performed in it six times before. But there will be a few changes to this version compared to the ones I have done.

In my spare time I like skating, surfing, fishing, bike riding, watching movies based on true stories, and recently I have started running long distance with a friend from work.

Your friend

Jacob Chown

## Have a giggle

Q. What do dancers say when they give up?

A. What's the point!

Q. Why is it cool to be a dancer?

A. Because no one tells you off for having too much attitude!

## The Story of Romeo & Juliet

### ACT ONE

The scene is the market place in Verona. Romeo, Lord Montague's son, tries unsuccessfully to tell Rosaline that he loves her and is consoled by his friends, Mercutio and Benvolio. As day breaks a quarrel develops between Tybalt, a nephew of Lord Capulet, and Romeo and his friends. The Capulets and Montagues are enemies and a fight soon begins. The fight is stopped by the Prince of Verona, who demands that the families end their feud.

In the next scene Juliet receives her first ball dress from her mother, Lady Capulet, who tells her that Count Paris has asked to marry her and she will meet him at the ball that night.

Romeo and his friends arrive at the height of the ball. The guests watch Juliet dance and Romeo is spellbound by her. Tybalt recognises Romeo and orders him to leave, but Lord Capulet intervenes.

As the guests leave the ball, Lord Capulet stops Tybalt from going after Romeo.

Later that night, Juliet can't sleep and goes onto her balcony. Romeo appears in her garden and they tell each other how much they are in love.

### ACT TWO

The next day Romeo can think only of Juliet. Meantime, Juliet's nurse comes to look for Romeo, to give him a letter from Juliet telling him she has agreed to marry him.

The lovers are secretly married by Friar Laurence, who hopes that their marriage will end the feud between the Montagues and the Capulets.

But meantime in the market place, Tybalt fights with Mercutio and kills him. Romeo avenges the death of his friend by killing Tybalt and is exiled from Verona.

### ACT THREE

It is dawn, and Romeo must flee from Verona. He says farewell to Juliet and leaves as her parents arrive with Count Paris. Juliet refuses to marry him. Juliet's parents are angry and threaten to disown her. Juliet runs to see Friar Laurence.

Juliet implores the friar to help her. He gives her a sleeping potion which will make her fall into a deathlike sleep. Her parents, believing her to be dead, will bury her in the family tomb. Meanwhile, Romeo, warned by Friar Laurence, will return at night and take her away from Verona.

That evening, Juliet agrees to marry Count Paris, but next morning she is found on her bed, apparently dead. Romeo, does not receive the Friar's message and returns to Verona believing Juliet is dead. He goes to the crypt and in grief drinks a phial of poison. Juliet awakes and finding Romeo dead stabs

# Wellington Young Friends News



Arabesque

From  
the  
desk  
of

and



Jeté

Mice, mice, oh delicious mice! Art work that has made us purr with delight! Thank you Sheryl Wong (aged 11).

## Young Friends Birthdays

### April

Lucy Brewerton, Hannah Clayton,  
Michelle Keating, Karen Kotzé  
Rebecca Lee

### May

Lauren Benseman, Natalie Howell,  
Georgina Matich



### June

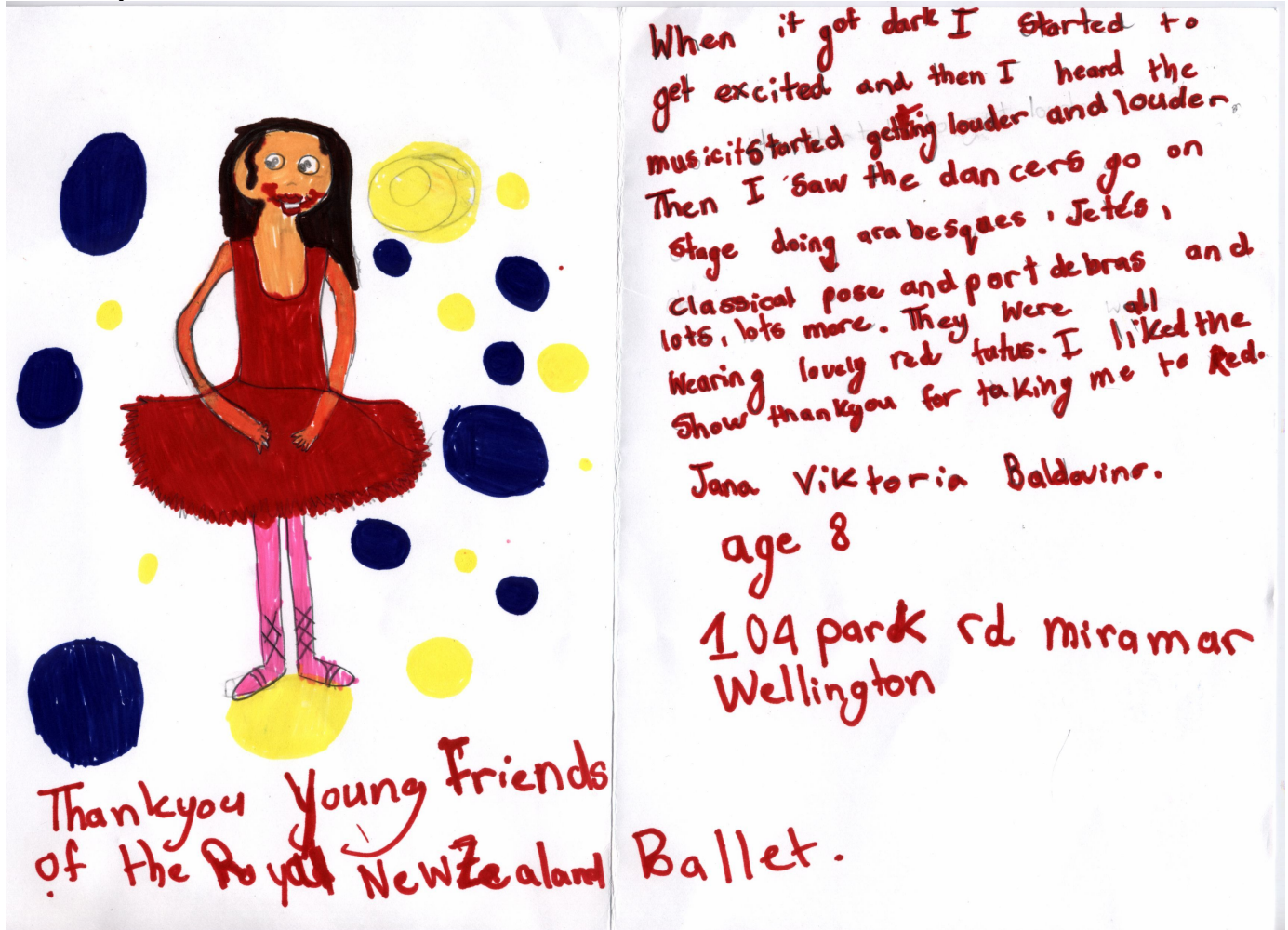
Eddie Brunton, Anneke Corich-Hermans,  
Isabelle Earley, Beth Jones, Ina Kleinsman Hill,  
Bryony Marriott, Ariel Middlemass

### July

Maddie Le Marquand, Isabelle Leask, Lloyd Paris,  
Tigerlily Mathieson, Freya Milner, Katie Musgrove  
Natasha Louise Milton, Camryn Roberts,  
Hope Robyns-McKay, Myra Roche



We also received a lovely card from Jana Baldovino (aged 8) who was delighted with the RED triple bill. Jana's card is reproduced below so you all can enjoy her creativity.



## Coming Events

**Midwinter Lunch** – Sunday 6 July, noon at The Pines restaurant, 50 The Esplanade, Houghton Bay. On site parking!

This is an open invitation event – bring your friends and family and join with other Friends for an excellent 5-course lunch, dancing demonstration and meet our partnered dancers, Abigail Boyle and Qi huan.

See booking form for all the details.

**Closing date June 25**

**Dance Bonanza, Masterclasses, & Behind the Scenes Forum** – Saturday 28 June

Junior MasterClass – 9:00 – 10:00

Intermediate MasterClass – 10:00 – 11:30

Make-up class with Sir Jon – 10:30 – 11:30

Behind the Scenes Forum – 11:30 – 12:30

### *Young Friends 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

Young Friends Lunch (bring your own packed lunch with you) & **Birthday Cake** 12:30 – 1:00

Young Friends **Peter Pan** video – 1:00 – 2:45

See the booking form for details

*Don't forget to bring \$2.00 for sheep fridge magnets and \$1.00 for the raffle!*

**Closing date June 25**

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## Cinderella Filming

This was a delightful surprise to get the opportunity to see *Cinderella* again or, if you missed it last year, to see it for the first time.

Many of you went along to this event and I hope you enjoyed it very much.

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## Would you like to perform?

If any Young Friend would like to perform a competition dance, in costume, at an adult Friends event, please contact Ingrid with details on [ingridw@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ingridw@xtra.co.nz)

## Do you know someone who has moved?

We are having a lot of mail returned as people have moved house. If you know of anybody who has moved, please remind them to advise Pam of change of address - otherwise they will miss out on all the fantastic events we are holding.

Pam can be emailed at:

[pam.reader@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:pam.reader@parliament.govt.nz)

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## National Raffle

A big **"Thank you"** to all Young Friends who sold raffle tickets in this year's national raffle.

If you have not yet sent in your raffle butts and money then please do so now as the closing date was the end of May!

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## All New, All Dance, All Video Website dancemedia.com

Launched by publisher of Dance Magazine, Dance Spirit, Dance Teacher and Pointe.

NEW YORK, June 3 /PRNewswire/ -- Created by the world's leading publisher of dance publications and events, dancemedia.com promises to do for dance what YouTube has done for general social video networking. The all-video website provides its users -- dance students, professional dancers, teachers, choreographers, and dance enthusiasts -- an online platform to share their passion for dance. Users can easily post their videos, make comments, and vote for their favourites

"Building upon the most respected editorial dance publications with over 1.2 million readers and the exceptional reach of the magazines' current websites, message boards, and e-newsletters, dancemedia.com uniquely captures the power of targeted online video for users and advertisers," says Karla Johnson, President of Macfadden Performing Arts Media. "Dancemedia.com hotwires the dance community in a way no single website has before -- it allows dancers worldwide to easily and enjoyably showcase their talents to peers, family and future employers."

High-profile, prestigious contests attract users to dancemedia.com every month. Editorial teams from each magazine choose winning stand-out videos in a variety of categories. Viewers also vote for their favourites. Teen targeted Dance Spirit conducts its blockbuster "Cover Model Search" as well as selecting a "Future Star" each month on dancemedia.com. The site launches with eight channels, five of which coincide with the individual magazines. The Ballroom Channel and Triple Threat Channel (dance, act, sing) draw on the ever-growing popularity of reality shows such as *So You Think You Can Dance*, *Dancing with the Stars*, and *American Idol*. The Dance on Camera channel highlights exceptional dance made specifically for film. (DANZ)