



Newsletter

Center for Modern Dance Education...Nurturing the Dancer Within Since 1962

Winter-Spring 2008

Saturday, June 7th is Danceathon Day 2008!

Danceathon Day is the Center for Modern Dance Education's day of celebration of dance! All classes will perform on the beautiful professional stage of the Ciccone Theatre at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus NJ.

The Danceathon is a relaxed, fun day of dance. Younger students sit in the audience with their teachers until it is time for them to perform, and teachers accompany young students on stage to do short demonstrations of dance activities that they like the most. Many older students sit in the audience and enjoy the show, while others wait back stage until they perform. Everyone performs at his or her own level, and everyone is a star!

The Danceathon is CMDE'S big fund raiser of the year, and the Center relies on this event to help close the gap between operating costs and expenses. Because CMDE is a non-profit organization dedicated to making dance available to everyone, we provide many programs that do not pay for themselves. Public funds and foundation grants cover only some of the additional costs, so we rely on people like you to help make up the difference!

We ask students to send letters to friends, relatives, and business associates asking to be "sponsored" in the Danceathon. CMDE will create a standard letter and provide 10 copies with envelopes for each student, who can then add a personal comment to each letter and address the envelopes. We ask that you bring your letters in the addressed envelopes back to the office unsealed, where we will add return envelopes, stamp them, and mail them. Every one who addresses 10 envelopes will get one free ticket to the Danceathon, and there will be prizes awarded to the students whose letters brings in the most donations. Even if students can only address a few envelopes, they should still participate — every donation really helps!

Closing Dates

Presidents Day

Monday, February 18

Easter Weekend

Friday, March 21—

Sunday, March 23

Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, May 24 —

Monday, May 26

Unplanned closures due to inclement weather or other emergency will be announced via telephone.

As always, students are invited to try any first class free-of-charge.

Performance at Actors' Fund Home



Since September 2007, acclaimed artists Claire Porter and Irving Burton have been teaching and creating with residents of the Lillian Booth Actors' Fund Home. On February 23rd, they will present what they have accomplished! Members of CMDE Repertory and Junior Repertory Companies will also perform.

This collaborative program has been made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

The performance will be on:

Saturday, February 23 at 2:00 pm

at the Lillian Booth Actors' Fund Home,
155 -175 West Hudson Street, Englewood.

Irving Burton also teaches the Elder Dance class at CMDE. Check class schedule.

February 1, 2008 Second Semester Begins

Try any class once for free, call office at 201 342 2989

Class Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	9:30-10:30 Dance Exercise Adults Elissa		10:00-11:15 Elder Dance Age 60+ with dance experience Taught by Guest Artist Irving Burton Feb - June \$115		Studio 1 (Upstairs) 10:00-11:30 Modern Adult Elissa 11:45-12:30 Modern Ages 3-5 Elissa 12:30-1:55 Modern C Ages 10-17 Silinea 2:00-3:30 Saturday Workshop Age 6-16 Sarah	8:00 am-1:00 Shared Space 1:00-4:00 Seventh Principle Rehearsal 4:00-5:00 African Dance Age 8-Adult FREE if qualified: call 5:00-6:00 Real Men Dance Free Men & Boys Only
**4:30 -5:30 Yoga Ages 10-Adult Elissa	4:30-5:30 Ballet Kids Ages 7-Teens Silinea	2:45-3:45 Ages 3-5 Modern Silinea	5:00-6:00 Hip-Hop Kids Ages 8-12 Roger		2:00-3:30 Saturday Workshop Age 6-16 Sarah Free with any other class Alice in Wonderland March 8 3:30-4:30 Musical Theatre Age 8-17 Sarah S. 4:30-5:30 Family Latin Class Juan Carlos Free if qualified call for more information	
5:30-6:30 Kids' Dance Ages 4-6 Elissa	5:45-7:00 Ballet Teen-Adult Silinea (Downstairs)	5:30-6:15 Adults With Disabilities Sarah W. starts March 5	6:00-7:30 Hip-Hop Teen-Adult Roger			
6:30-7:30 Afro-Jazz Teens-Adult Lateefah	5:30-7:00 CMDE Junior Repertory Company BY AUDITION Ages 7-13 Karen	5:30-6:30 Tap Ages 8-Adult Silinea (Downstairs)	7:30-8:45 Moving Experience Dance Co. Teen-Adult w/ Disabilities Sarah	7:30-10:00 Shared Space		
7:30-9:00 Middle Eastern Teen-Adult Lateefah	7:00-8:30 Modern Teen-Adult Karen	6:30-8:30 CMDE Repertory Company. BY AUDITION Janelle				
	8:30-9:30 Afro-Modern Teen-Adult Roger	8-9:30 Modern Adults Elissa (starts downstairs)				
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All classes are coeducational unless otherwise noted, and inclusive. • CMDE Repertory and Junior Repertory Company are by audition. • FEES: February-June \$290, \$275, if paid in full; 2 classes per week \$525; \$500 if paid in full • Unlimited classes, \$700, \$650 if paid inf full • Single classes \$17 plus one time fee of \$35 <p>**New Classes!</p> <p>Teachers are available for private or group lessons by special arrangement. Private lessons in Social Dance (Ballroom, Latin Etc.) are available. If you and four friends are interested in taking a class that is not on the schedule let us know, we will help you find a teacher to start the class.</p>

Summer Mini-Session

CMDE will once again be offering a Summer Mini-Session of classes, from June 16 — July 25. Six weeks of one class/week for \$90, two classes/week for \$150, or unlimited weekly classes for \$200. Call the office in April for the schedule.

Free Summer Dance & Multi-Arts Programs

CMDE is pleased to announce the 2008 Season of its free Summer Stars multi-arts day camps for children 7-12 years old, and its Summer Moves intensive dance program for teens. Both programs are made possible with special funding from the Bergen County Department of Human Services, and are open to eligible students; please call Elissa Machlin-Lockwood at 201-342-2989 for eligibility information.

Please note: To take part in these programs, students must attend complete sessions.

The Summer Stars and Summer Moves programs will meet as follows:

Summer Stars for Girls for ages 7-11 years old, Monday - Friday, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, July 28 to August 8.

Summer Stars for Boys for ages 7-11 years old, Monday - Friday, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, August 11 to August 22.

Summer Moves for Teens (co-ed), Monday - Thursday, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, July 28 to August 22.

Monthly Play Reading Series Kicks Off

Everyone is invited to take part in the reading of new plays!

Audience members can help writers through "Play With a Play", sponsored by **Boz and the Bard Productions, Inc.**, and held at **CMDE**. You can take a script in hand and be part of the show — no experience necessary — or you can sit back and watch an original story unfold before you! **Steve Hess** and **Frank Avellino**, as directors, will guide you through the process. Afterwards, you engage in a fascinating conversation, often directly with the writer, and provide constructive feedback on the work in progress.

The "Play with a Play" sessions will continue the first Saturday of each month at CMDE. All sessions start at 7:00 PM. Admission is \$10 at the door, \$7 for students and seniors.

Contact Frank Avellino at frank@bozandthebard.com or call 201-489-3308.

Saturday Workshop's "Alice in Wonderland"

The next Saturday Workshop performance, "Alice in Wonderland," will be presented on **March 8th** in CMDE'S "Little Theatre".

Saturday Workshop is a unique free performance program run by children for children. Young choreographers select music, create and teach their original choreography to the cast. Everyone who tries out gets a part.

The upcoming performance of "Alice in Wonderland" is choreographed by **Danielle Shmuel** and **Michele Dyagileva**, with **Ruthie Levinstein's** assistance. **Addie Model** is dancing Alice, **Katie Dickey** is the Cheshire Cat, **Liam Cristello** and **Thomas Wertheimer** are Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, **Amanda Ortiz** is The Mad Hatter, **Peter Lascala** is the White Rabbit, **Victoria Barris** is the March Hare, **Tianna Henderson** is the Dormouse and the King of Hearts, **Ruthie Levinstein** is the Queen of Hearts, and **Jade Evans** is Rose.

Let The Music Move Me!

The **Moving Experience Dance Company** will be presenting its performance, in a concert with CMDE's **Musical Theater Class** on Saturday, May 10, at 5:00 p.m. **Come share the joy of music and dance!** \$5 donation requested.

Go Bananas at Bananas Comedy Club

Saturday May 3, 8:00pm!

**The Holiday Inn 283 Route 17 South,
Hasbrouck Heights, NJ**

They say laughing is good for the soul and burns calories too! Your donation of \$25 for one and \$45 for two, payable to CMDE, will benefit programs for people with disabilities.

Harlan Jamison, the owner of Bananas has generously donated tickets to CMDE. He started the Bananas Club over 20 years ago and has presented some of the hottest names in comedy from Seinfeld to Chris Rock Limited tickets available: call 201-342-2989 to reserve by April 23.

CMDE Cameo Concert

CMDE's "Cameo Concerts" are small performances that enable CMDE student dancers, ages 9 and up, and CMDE instructors, to perform in the same concert. The next Cameo Concert will be on **March 29th**, and will include the following classes: **CMDE Junior Repertory** and **CMDE Repertory Company, Moving Experience Dance Company, Real Men Dance**, and **Karen's Tuesday teen/adult class**. Individual students who wish to audition an original work of their own may do so one of the following times: March 11, 6:30-7:15; March 12, 7:15 - 8:00 pm; March 15, 2-3:30. Please sign up to attend an audition. Space in this concert is limited, and acceptance of work is not guaranteed.

The performance will be on **Saturday, March 29**, 5:00 pm, at **Fair Lawn Community Theater**, 10-10 20th Street Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. \$15 adults, \$10 students and seniors.

CMDE Dancers to Perform At Free Family Fun Festival—Bring the Kids!

CMDE will present a multicultural, multi-generational dance program as part of a free "Family Fun Festival" on **Sunday, April 13**, at the **Richard Rodda Community Center** in Teaneck. It will feature performances by CMDE staff, students and guest artists. The lively demonstration will be followed by an interactive open dance workshop.

The festival, which runs from 1-4pm is sponsored by Bergen County Department of Human Services, the Bergen County Office for Children, and several other Bergen County agencies. The festival is part of the County's celebration of the "Week of the Young Child." In addition to dance, the event will feature storytellers, face-painting, clowns, music, crafts, and other engaging activities for young children.

Lillian Pitkin Schenck Fund Renews Support



Board President Ruth Bauer Neustadter (far right) accepts a check from the Lillian Pitkin Schenck Fund on behalf of the Center for Modern Dance Education. The Schenck Fund renewed its support of CMDE in 2007-2008, to help make dance accessible to people with disabilities and youth at-risk. In addition to Ruth, the photo show. (left to right): Susan Madden, Trustee, Michael Brundage, Senior Vice President/Market Manager of PNC Bank, and Claudia LaTorre, Vice President, PNC Bank.



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About CMDE

Founded in 1962, the Center for Modern Dance Education is a non-profit organization dedicated to the mission to promote modern dance and preserve its legacy, to make it available to everyone, to nurture talent and instill confidence through quality teaching, and to serve as a resource for the professional dance community. The Center's principles of dance training include small classes, highly qualified faculty, emphasis on the individual, and frequent chances to perform. We believe that a dancer lives within every human being, and seek to help every student develop that dancing self.

CMDE is dedicated to bringing the joy of dance to everyone, including individuals with disabilities, youth at-risk, older adults, and people from financially limited circumstances. At our studio, both serious students and those who dance for fun, fitness, and relaxation can find exactly what they need.



CMDE is located in a wheelchair-accessible facility. Patrons needing special accommodations for any program should call 201-342-2989. For hearing-impaired call NJTTY at 800-952-7897 or email: cmde1962@aol.com

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