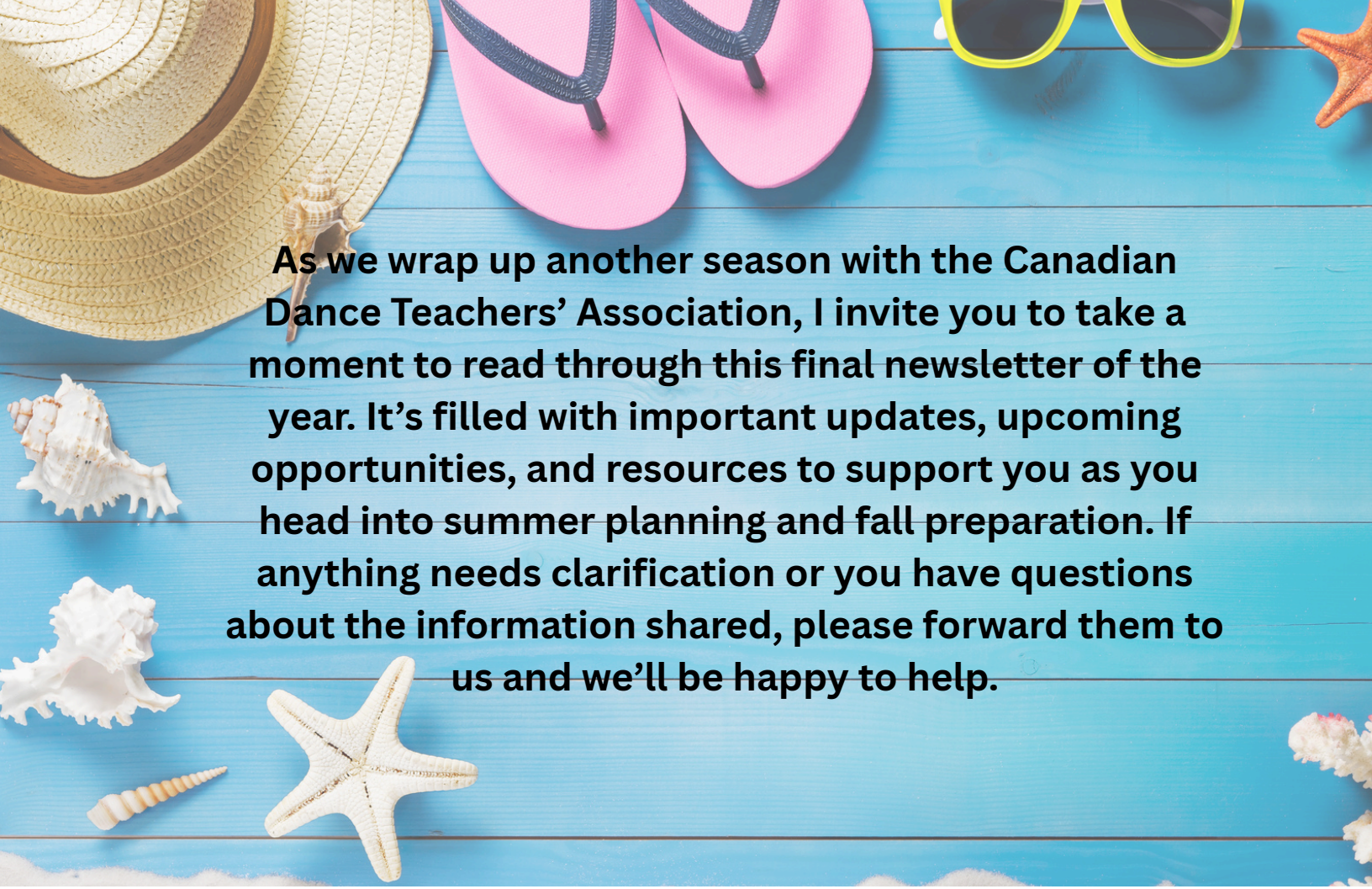


CANADIAN DANCE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION



Newsletter



As we wrap up another season with the Canadian Dance Teachers' Association, I invite you to take a moment to read through this final newsletter of the year. It's filled with important updates, upcoming opportunities, and resources to support you as you head into summer planning and fall preparation. If anything needs clarification or you have questions about the information shared, please forward them to us and we'll be happy to help.

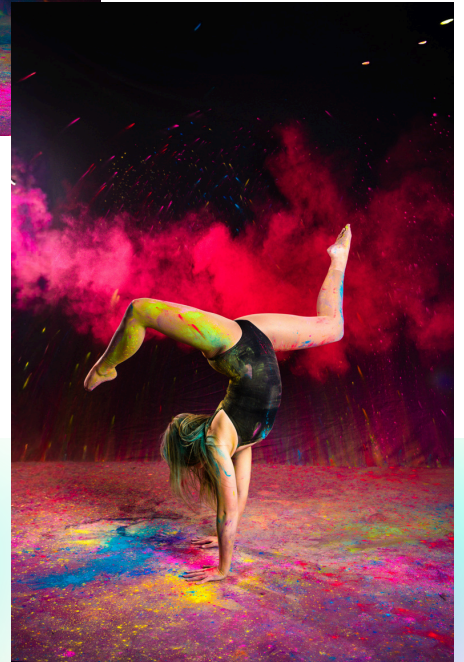
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Monday April 20th**





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- monthly affirmation
- monthly dance clip
- Did you know?
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- Upcoming Webinars/Courses
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CDTA Season

September 1 - August 31

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\$119.00

- Go to CDTANATIONAL.CA
- Login as a member
- Payment Request will pop up

Late Fee Applied on Oct. 1st



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Barbara Dearborn, an Executive Board Member, represented the CDTA in Ottawa. CDTA is working for educational dance classes to be EXEMPT.



for the Pre-Budget Submission
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From the Desk of our Exam Registrar...

Newsletter - July - "From the Exam Registrar's Desk"

Summer greetings to all of you!

It has turned out to be a whirlwind year of exams!

"Thank You to all".

Here are some "fun facts" from our 2025-26 dance season, our fourth as a truly National CDTA organization in Canada:

- * 15 professional examinations were conducted (8 Associate and 7 Licentiate)
- * over 3100 CDTA student examinations and medal tests were conducted
- * over 115 studios' exam session and 150 members entered students in exams
 - 30 CDTA examiners worked hard over the season to evaluate these students and professionals.

Please read my Exam Registrar Annual report for all the details. And in that report, you will also see the new price list for all exam entries now in affect.

Here is the link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uuU22KVsuKm3mDhl3uKccRxOg_pRzBlm/view?usp=sharing

Please mark these two important dates on your calendar:

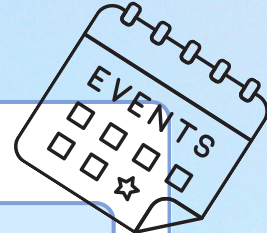
- August 15 - we will be launching our NEW August 2026-2027 "CDTA Student Examination Handbook" and "CDTA Professional Examination Handbook" (with any additions / revisions noted in RED). Entry procedures will have changed because you will be using our new Exam Portal (more details in my AGM report). Please download these Handbooks from the website as soon as you can after they are posted so you can view them well in advance of entering your exams next year. The "Notes for Videoed Exams" will be a separate Handbook. Please follow the exam format in them when preparing for in-person exams as well. That is the general format examiners are to use when examining at your studio or over zoom.
- * September 1 - our first Exam Entry Deadline for the new dance season! It is for exams to be conducted from October 15-November 14 (as stated in the current Handbook). Please note, the deadlines in the new Handbooks will not change.

So for now, let's take July and August to relax, rejuvenate our body and minds in whatever way brings us joy and fulfilment, and spend treasured time with family and friends! Have a wonderful summer everyone!

As ever...yours in dance,
Melody



A NOTE FROM OUR EVENTS COORDINATOR



The first half of 2026 has been filled with exciting opportunities to learn, connect, and grow together as a dance community.

It has been a pleasure working alongside our Professional Development & Health & Wellness Committee to bring members a variety of webinars and virtual learning opportunities covering topics such as teacher development, injury prevention, resilience, Pilates, ballet, tap, social media, and overall wellness. A sincere thank you to our Committee members for their creativity, enthusiasm, and dedication to providing meaningful professional development for our membership.

As our members move through the busy dance season, we continue expanding the CDTA Education Centre by making recorded webinars available on demand and introducing curated professional development collections. These resources make it easier than ever to continue learning whenever it best fits your schedule.

There is plenty to look forward to!

As we look ahead to the fall, planning is already underway for another exciting season of webinars and Dance Jam 2026.

We are also beginning preparations for a very special milestone—CDTA's 80th Anniversary celebration in 2029! If you enjoy planning events, collaborating with fellow members, or simply want to help celebrate this incredible milestone, we would love to hear from you. Join our 80th Anniversary Committee by emailing events@cdtanational.ca.



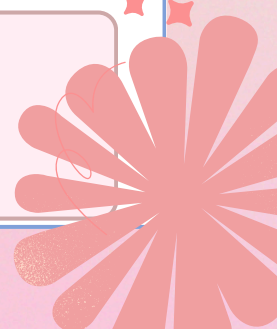
Thank you to our presenters, volunteers, committee members, and participants for your continued support of CDTA's educational programming. It is a privilege to work alongside such passionate people as we continue creating opportunities to learn, connect, and strengthen our dance community.



Melissa Wallace, CDTA-L, ARAD, RAD RTS
CDTA Event Coordinator

CONTACT

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IT'S SUMMER TIME !!



1. Sign up for an outdoor yoga class.
2. Put on some sunscreen, put on a new playlist, and take a walk around your neighbourhood.
3. Help out a friend by petsitting while they're away.
4. Declutter items that no longer serve you and have a sidewalk sale.
5. Watch a sunset or sunrise.
- 6.. Make leafy green salads with seasonal ingredients.
7. Get lost in a good summer read - ideally on a hammock.
8. Take a hike.
9. Unplug from social media and electronics to give yourself a break.
10. Try morning meditation.
11. Start a 30-day challenge with yoga, pilates, walking, meditation or running.
13. Visit a new restaurant or outdoor cafe you haven't been to before.
14. Plan a weekend escape (or day trip) to a beach.
15. Go stargazing.
16. Road trip to a new-to-you town or city. It doesn't have to be far.
17. Dance the night away at an outdoor concert or music festival.
18. Shop at a local farmers market and cook a meal with what you find.
19. Enjoy seasonal fruit at a fruit stand or a local farm.

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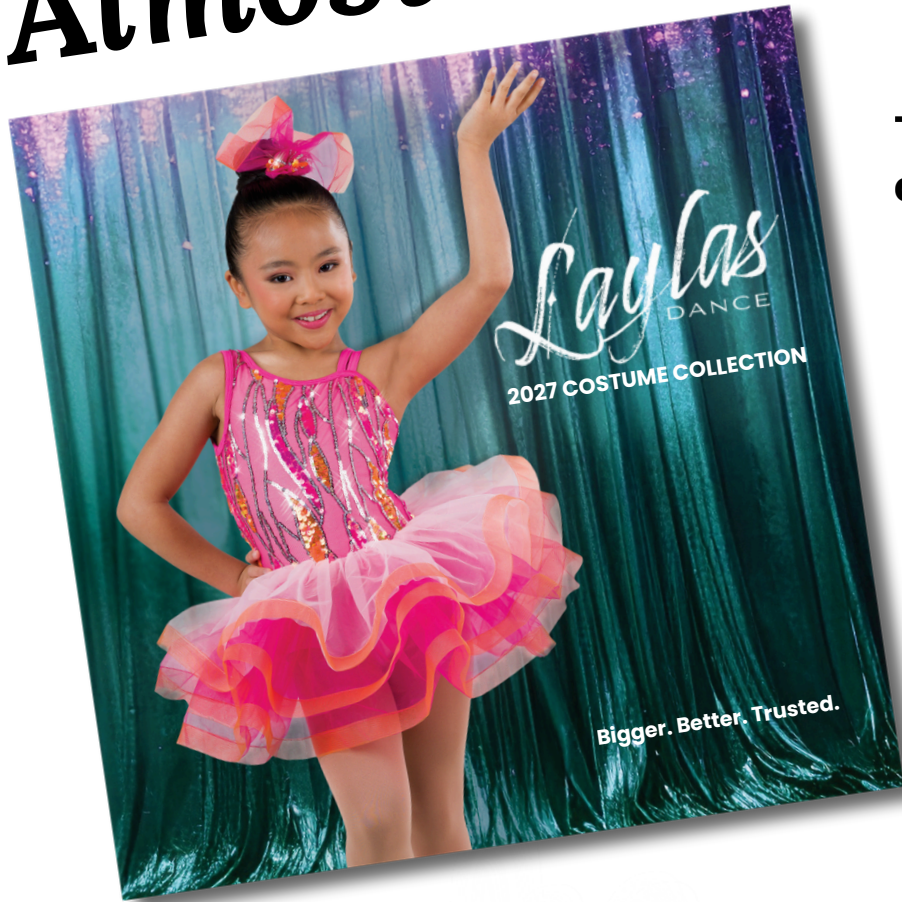
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