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On Behalf of the Board

Hi everyone,

Term 4 is off and flying! Concert time and much excitement is in the air. There are still examinations being held around the country although these are now slowing down.

We recently received notification from David Atkins Enterprises that David recently received a prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. The press release stated: Presented by the Australian Event Awards last night—the pinnacle awards program for the Australian events industry—the award recognised David's remarkable contributions to the Australian events industry and the role he has played in revolutionising how events are created artistically and delivered operationally. Sandy Hollway, co-chair of judges, and former CEO of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games Organising Committee said "From the Olympics and World Expos...David Atkins has raised the bar in global live event production and put Australian event professionals on the world stage..." A letter of congratulations has been forwarded by the Board on behalf of all its members.

There is a plethora of stage productions on around Australia at the moment with many teachers, students and families enjoying various events. I have had the pleasure of seeing West Side Story, Hairspray, Mary Poppins, Climax and Sydney Dance Company's New Creations 2. In each event I had either former students performing,

friends performing or their children or knew the choreographer/s, dance captains etc. So many proud moments. A highlight was Sydney Dance Company's Irony of Fate with former student Amy Hollingsworth in her farewell performance after a successful performing career on the world stage. I was accompanied by Margaret Kirkness, NSW State Organizer and fellow Examiner.

I have also been involved with the review of the Classical Ballet syllabus which was filmed recently at the Queensland Ballet studios in Brisbane. 13 delightful and talented children represented their schools beautifully and I am sure you are all excited to see the various changes. I look forward to seeing you all at the various workshops being held around Australia in January. Please put the dates in your diaries. This new work is compulsory as of 2011. A huge thank you to Energetiks Dancewear for providing the students with their uniforms.

The hardworking Boards of both ATOD and ATODI met early October for their final meeting for 2010. Exciting things are happening in both ATOD and ATODI and we are very excited by the future. You are such a real part of where we currently are and where we are going.

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Save the Date!

Board Meetings
19th January 2011

January Teachers Seminars
VIC: 17-18 January 2011
QLD: 20-21 January 2011
NSW: 22-23 January 2011
WA: 22-23 January 2011
ACT: 24 January 2011



The Come Together Teachers Convention 2011 may now be held in a different State as the preferred venue in Sydney is no longer available on our preferred dates. The venue will be finalized and advised in due course.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish

you all the best for the remainder of Term 4. Have a wonderful end of year show, a fabulous Christmas and New Year and enjoy your well deserved down time during the holidays.

Yours in dance,
Karen Malek



Queensland News

Bonnie Bourke

Since the finalization of the Australasian Scholarships, things have been quiet for us.

We would like to remind teachers of the Dates for the January Launches. These will include the release of the Hip Hop Syllabus Levels 11-12, Up-date of Ballet Syllabus and revisions of the major grades of the Tap Syllabus.

Dates: January 20th - 21st 2011

Keep an eye out for more information in Presidents Reports and on our website. If you require more information, please contact secretary@atod.net.au

Queensland will host a 3 day Workshop for the Teachers Course. Teachers and course candidates what out for more information. This 3 day course will assist students with the remainder of the course in particular Business Practices Unit.

Following are dates and suggested locations for Queensland events 2011

Western Australian News

Jen Powell

On behalf of the state I would like to say a BIG thanks to Mrs Margaret Kirkness and Miss Cheryl Witchell for giving of their time to come and examine students in WA during Term 3.

I would like to say a BIG thankyou to Peta Normandale for all her help in organising our first state scholarships and WA Comp.

And lastly I would like to thank all the WA members for their support and for attending the state meetings. I know that we all value being able to share information and learn from and support one another in this field of dance.

2011: Our first state meeting will be on Friday 25th Feb, 10am At Michelle Ginbey's house, 9 Bushy Rd Spearwood. Please bring along

a shared morning tea. At this meeting we will be discussing dates for the year - Exam session, Master Class dates & grades, Scholarship & WA ATOD Comps. If you are unable to attend this meeting please send along someone who can give your preferences or alternatively email them to footprintz@inet.net.au by Thurs 24th Feb.



1st Meeting: 7th February
Ashfield Ballet Studio- 16/29 Moreton Bay Road, Capalaba
Master Classes: 26-27th March Capalaba
Early Exam Day: 10th April
State Scholarships: 28th-29th May
Cleveland
Sunshine Coast comps: TBA
Maroochydore
Brisbane Comps: 25th-26th June
Cleveland

I would like to thank the hard working and dedicated teachers of QLD. Best wishes also to all Schools with their end of year events. We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday.

South Australian News

Karen Malek

Karen Malek recently visited South Australia for their annual examination session and we welcomed two new teachers to this event. State Organiser Trisha Fleming organised an information session with interested teachers on the Sunday following the exams with a great turn up of dedicated teachers.

Karen was able to showcase our wonderful systems of training and the great work ATOD is doing in tangibly supporting our members and their students. We are looking forward to organising teachers workshops in SA in the near future.



Victorian News

Karen Malek

The Victorian members would like to wish all their fellow teachers both in Australia and overseas the very best for the impending Christmas, New Year and holiday season. We look forward to seeing all our state members at the Teacher Workshops in January, 2011 - remember attendance is important for inclusion on your membership form as ongoing professional development (did I mention it's also great to catch up with our friends, welcome new members, make new friends and have some fun). See you all there!

New South Wales News

State activity is slowing down a little with exams largely finished for the year and most teachers gearing up for their end of year performances.

The New South Wales committee would like to wish everyone the best for their shows and a safe and happy holiday season.

We look forward to seeing you all in January 2011 at the Teachers Workshops

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NSW

Robert Jenkin

Singapore

Sandra Gunawan

Singapore

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Student Friends

Lainey Pearson

Molly Givney

Jordan Predl

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A.T.O.D.I. is the International Company of A.T.O.D. and handles all its overseas operations. The Board of A.T.O.D.I. comprises Pam Broadbent, Tracey Jonsson, Karen Malek and Paul Malek.

Since the last newsletter Simone Dawson has been in New Zealand examining in Christchurch. The teacher and her students continued their training after the recent earthquake although were not able to use their studios until checked for safety.

Welcome to all the New Zealand teachers who have recently joined ATOD. We are looking at conducting seminars for you in the future.

October sees Shana Dwyer heading over to Thailand to conduct teachers' seminars in both Bangkok and Chiang Mai. The seminars will showcase our fabulous Jazz Moves and Hip Hop syllabi. We are looking forward to planning Thailand's first examination session to be held during January, 2011. We will then showcase the newly revised Classical Ballet syllabus.

Mrs. Karen Malek will head to Jakarta and Surabaya in Indonesia during November to conduct examinations and teachers' seminars. Mrs. Ellen Tan has been busy organizing memberships and paperwork for the upcoming examination session. Lots of resources are winging their way across the world to all our new teachers – welcome to ATOD.

Plans are being made for our first information sessions to be held in Canada in December. Exciting times!! Valerie Hamilton is

busy organizing venues and chatting to interested teachers. Advertisements have been placed in Dancestudiolife magazine – a Rhee Gold publication. We are looking forward to this inaugural showcase of our systems of training and to showing our Canadian peers what ATOD has to offer.

The Board of ATODI continues to look at further opportunities for promotion overseas.

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Positive Feedback



Feel Good Snippets

Thank you to all for your words of encouragement – it is so nice to receive so many emails and letters of thanks – it helps to keep us motivated and reinforces our motives for continued improvement. The letters we have received with suggestions for continued improvement are also gratefully received and are always acted upon and given due consideration so do keep those coming in as well.

3.10.10: I would like to say a very big thank you for the ATOD exams held recently at my studio. All of the students had such a positive experience and really enjoyed being examined. Even my seniors stated that was the nicest examiner that they ever had! It certainly made all of the work associated with learning the Jazz Moves syllabus worth it - we are very glad that we made the change to ATOD this year.

....., your positive and cheerful conduct in the examination room was very much appreciated and we are all very excited to continue with the ATOD work next year. I particularly appreciate the very positive verbal and written feedback that you gave me. I was very impressed with getting the results after a week. Wow!

A big thank you to you also Tracey for answering all of my emails. It is very much appreciated.

23.9.10: Just a short note to thank you for your very quick results for our exam students, they were all thrilled to receive their marks so quickly.

21.9.10: Have just finished reading the Presidents report & Australasian newsletter, congratulations on all you have achieved in 2010 & look forward to 2011. Glad to see ATOD expanding far and wide.

9.9.10: Just to let you know I passed on the tickets (Savion Glover competition NSW) I had won to another ATOD teacher Sheryl Carroll as I have been really ill and unwell for 2 weeks and was in bed on the day of the show.

Sheryl has said that the performance was very good with lots of tricky footwork. There was only 3 performers and they performed for the whole duration of the show which lasted 2 hours. They were amazing. It made us really tired just watching them!

We would like to thank ATOD for running the competition and the Opera House for the tickets as it was a great experience and opportunity. We will certainly be up for any other competitions in the future.

Thanks again and regards

Michelle Mestousis

6.9.10: Just a quick note to let you know how wonderful Shana was at the Australian Dance Festival. All went well Sunday not very busy. We still had interest though. A lot of questions about a contemporary syllabus!

What a delight she is. Another asset to ATOD.

1.9.10: Thank you so much, our recent exams were enjoyable for all concerned and we look forward to it being an annual event. We were very happy with the results that came promptly after the day. Compliments to who was great on the day and lovely to the students.....

5.8.10: Just a short note to thank you and the Queensland Committee for the most enjoyable time we all had in Queensland late last month.

The Jazz Factory was proud to be a part of the Australasian Scholarships and the efforts and commitment made by the Queensland and ATOD Committee was outstanding.

Thanks once again and we look forward to welcoming you to our Studios in September for the ATOD exams.

Out & About & Achievements

Congratulations to Kerry Richardson's son who is one of ten lucky winners of the Australian Ballet Nutcracker Competition.

Dance Zone Production

On Sunday night, my new dance partner Conrad Fort and I competed at the Australian National Salsa Classic taking home the winning trophy and becoming the new Australian Champions for 2010! Having only been dancing together for 10 weeks, we are really happy with the outcome and cannot wait for what this will bring!

There were 11 couples who qualified in their state to dance at the nationals last Sunday. It was a fantastic buzz and loads of fun! We hope you enjoy watching our performances on Youtube!

Choreography:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzKJM214efs>

Freestyle: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QLdrAn02uYI>

Yours in dance,
Kate Barnes

The All About Dance Company played host to the "Fresh Steppaz" Breakdance and Hip Hop workshop on the 26th of September. 4 workshops were run aimed at children who

have never danced before through to those that have a dance back ground. It was awesome to see the large numbers of boys that attended the workshops, nice to see that for once the girls were the minority in these classes even the teachers were boys! Hip Hop and Break teacher Izumi Mitsui was extremely impressed with how well the students picked up the steps during the workshop given a large number of them had very little dance



experience. Izumi has recently returned from an overseas trip where he taught hip hop and break to under privileged children. Having him here offering these workshops was a wonderful opportunity for kids to experience this awesome style of dance.

Amy Bujega is the recipient of the ED5 fulltime scholarship 2011 valued at \$10,000. Amy is a student of Cheryl Wade's at Cool Kids. Congratulations Amy and a huge thank you to ED5 for their generosity and support of the NSW ATOD dance community.

Congratulations to Kayli Brown of Bollard School of Dance who has been accepted into

the Queensland Ballet for 2011.

Audition Success

Fletcher Stubbs age 10 from East Gippsland has been accepted into the Australian Ballet School ITP for 2011. Fletcher is the first boy from East Gippsland to have been accepted into ABS ITP and second student to be accepted into the ABS ITP of Jan Pianta.



Fletcher commenced training at Jan Pianta School of Dance studying Hip Hop with Tammy Gilmore, then branching out to study jazz with Justin Zee and classical ballet with Jan Pianta.

Lauree Malek of MAPA Australia recently graduated with a Cert IV in Performance from Brent Street Performing Arts in Sydney.

Former ATOD students and scholars recently graduated from VCASS in Melbourne- School Captain Hara Papoulias, Gabby Camerino, Abby Smith and Megan Reid. Megan has accepted a place at WAAPA in 2011.



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