



October 2020 Newsletter

Kia ora!

2020 has certainly been an interesting year!

Dance Collective Mohua has been quietly ticking away in the background, with half of its usual amount of yearly classes, its sights set on the November Performance.

It has been a pleasure to share the d.c.m dance waka with 2 other teachers this year... A dream come true! Ali Tylee has taken a ballet class for 2 very dedicated dancers from the Tui daytime programme and Milo Haigh has taken on the Dove class who are the youngest of the d.c.m dancers. The skill and energy of these ladies has added a rich texture to d.c.m's dance environment and has given the much needed companionship for myself in the what has been a very isolated place. A special mention here to Holly Hewison also who has taken on more admin with the d.c.m website, Facebook and Instagram, as well as being a huge support with pretty much everything to do with running a dance school. Holly is always seeking to make d.c.m everything it can be for the dancers. One of those things being some very cool hoodies and t-shirts printed with the d.c.m logo. A wonderful unifying factor added into our dance year.

This year for the Tuis (Day time dance classes for those 10 +), we have welcomed Cora, Que and Lowri into the Mask and Improv class. This class is a lot of fun, exploring the use of masks, creation of characters and development of skills in improvisation. In Choreography class Tui students Areya, Deva, Harmony and Isa have been busy working on solo, duet and group choreography for the upcoming performance in November.

An opportunity came up in September for the ballet dancers of Golden Bay to audition for the Nutcracker. Primarily dance in Nelson has brought together dancers from around the entire top of the south island and onto the stage. Two of d.c.m student's Areya & Harmony, were successful as well as some of Ali Tylee's younger, Ballet in the bay students.





The Christmas ballet, The Nutcracker is set to open December 17/18/19 at the Theatre Royal Nelson.

For more information on the Nutcracker & tickets, see:

<https://www.theatreroyalnelson.co.nz/show/the-nutcracker-2/>



Now we are in the home stretch towards the November performance titled COLOURS. Performing Art teachers from Golden Bay have been invited to put forward child and youth students willing to brave the stage and those needing a performance space with high production and technical elements.

This year I have also invited the teachers to put forward themselves to the stage with the idea of inspiring the younger students. There is something very special about watching your teacher perform and so the dance teachers of d.c.m will be struttin their stuff for all to see!

Aside from dance it will also include silks, song, music and theatre. Antony Hodgson and myself will be the Production and Technical management team bringing together a long history of putting together events and performances. Due to the amount of participation this year we have also included a matinee.

Pohara hall is once again our venue.

Performance dates are:

Friday 20th November 6pm

Saturday 21st November 3pm and 6pm

\$5 entry and under 5 is free

See you there!

Cynthia



To watch us dance is to hear our hearts speak