

2011 Post show feedback - The Hills Are Alive!

I wanted to thank you wholeheartedly for the beautiful concert you and your staff and helpers staged this weekend.

It was without doubt the nicest ballet school concert I've seen. (And I've seen a lot !!) Having a theme which so beautifully carried right through the performance was such a success!!!

There is a lovely atmosphere in your school, not an easy thing to achieve.

I am sure it may take you some days to wind down from the hectic schedule, but I do wish you a relaxing and happy festive season.

What a wonderful show and what a fabulous feature in The Canberra Times! I hope you're so proud of what you achieve every year :)

And.....what a wonderful Show last weekend. It's the best I've seen yet. So very professional, sophisticated, surprising. I watched Friday night; would have loved to watch again on Saturday. Can't wait for the DVD. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.

Firstly, than you so much for organising such a wonderful concert. I've seen quite a few dance concerts where the standard has been very basic and many acts age-inappropriate. It was such a pleasure to watch such a classy and professional show. My daughter had such a wonderful experience. It's been so lovely to see her confidence blossom. Thank you and all your helpers for all your hard work.

Thank you to you and your wonderful teachers for an excellent end of year production. It was a great experience for myself working back stage and for my daughter, who loved every minute of it. She has been dancing around at home, pretending to be like the big girls that she watched in the production.

All of our extended/family members really enjoyed it... She came home after Ballet today saying, "Mummy, I love dancing". I'm so pleased she is doing something that gives her so much pleasure. So thank you for all your hard work (and your teachers) as it really makes a difference, even in the littlies lives.

I wanted to let you know what a great time we had on Friday night watching (and dancing in) the performance. Everyone involved did a great job and the kids all seemed to be having a ball! I wanted to let you know because my daughter has typically been a very shy and often anxious child and being a part of the performance has done wonders for her self confidence. She has looked forward to the whole experience everyday which means you have done a great job at keeping the stress out of the equation for the children- well done!!

We really did thoroughly enjoy the performance and both my girls are looking forward to dancing next year....

Thankyou yet again for another wonderful performance. Apologies for my squealing sister who apparently squealed one minute and bawled the next, and was apparently blubbering audibly during one dance. :-).

I've genuinely enjoyed this show, more than any others I've ever been a part of. Everyone involved are great people, and you've pulled everyone together so well. It's been great fun and I'm really looking forward to next year.

Congratulations on the most wonderful show - it was fabulous in so many ways - the choreography, the music, the costumes, the lighting and of course the dancers! You have so much for which to be incredibly proud. We look forward to continuing to be part of the CBCC family. Again, congratulations and rest well after this very busy and fulfilling time.

Mum said it is the best show she has ever seen. The costumes where all so beautiful, the children were so well rehearsed and the stage was a feast for the eyes. Thank you for all the hard work, it certainly was enjoyed and appreciated.

My daughter was soooo impressed by Mrs. Georgia: she is her big hero now!

Congratulations Lorraine for sensational performances. I thoroughly enjoyed working back stage this year. Everything was so well organised before and during the shows.

Congratulations to a wonderful concert, I always wonder where all the ideas come from! The kids were all great!

... my daughter and I really enjoyed (the show) and it was clear that everyone in the show was having a great time. Congratulations on a terrific performance. I hope you had a well earned rest today.

Congratulations on a fantastic concert - the students looked amazing (I was really impressed given the size of some of the littlies groups) and the production hung together beautifully (not to mention the costumes), I thought the dancers in Act II were stunning.

My husband could only stay for Act 1 and he said 'who was that governess, is she a professional that was brought in!!'. So you'll have to pass on to Emily that he thought that her performance was top notch!!

Many thanks for everything you do!

You clever things. :-) Xxxx

My daughter had such a great time with the show, every night she came home with a huge smile and couldn't stop talking about it all...

I can't believe the show is over, it was absolutely wonderful, I loved watching the show as well as helping out on Sat, I hope you have got some sleep!!

I just wanted to drop you a quick line to say thank you once again for a wonderful show, it was fantastic. My daughter had an absolutely wonderful time (and so did I). I cried my way through the whole first Act (hopeless) and finally pulled myself together to watch the second Act with clear eyes.

Firstly, congratulations on the most wonderful show! My daughter's grandparents, aunts and uncles (not to mention her mum and dad!) were all raving about the professionalism of the show and the skill of the dancers. We all enjoyed it so much. It was an added thrill that our daughter's often extreme anxiety was kept at bay (she's been known to go into full scale panic attacks) which also demonstrates how beautifully supported she felt. We feel this is a real breakthrough - and wanted to say a huge thank you to you, and the other staff.

I just wanted to say a big congratulations on another wonderful show! It was truly fantastic and some of the dancers you have trained, just breathtaking.

Firstly let me say how fantastic this year's show was. We all enjoyed it so much and my daughter had a ball preparing for it.

We all had an awesome time in the show. Congratulations to you and all the teachers for organising it - it is such a massive undertaking, I'm in awe of all your energy and enthusiasm. The girls are extremely inspired...

It was a great pleasure for me to be involved backstage and see all the hard work of your wonderful teachers, students and helpers - I can't wait for next year, but am sure you need a big rest!

Firstly congratulations on a wonderful performance – it was SO polished and SO enjoyable! And my daughter really enjoyed the experience! The end result was a credit to you and the hard work you have put in!

Firstly, congratulations on a wonderful concert!! It truly is a credit to you and all involved. I attended the Saturday show along with my parents-in-law and they thoroughly enjoyed it.

Well I don't know how- but you've managed to do it yet again! The performance was fantastic! I was so proud of all the children and again inspired by what you have done on such a large scale.

Many thanks for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment...

Congratulations on yet another wonderful show. My grand-daughter loved being in it as was the case last year – a bit of a big show girl I think. Her godmother and her two daughters also came with us this year and the girls in particular, sat there absolutely mesmerised.

Loved, loved, loved the show.
Well done to everyone.

Thank you for another fantastic year of ballet for my daughter. Your efforts, enthusiasm and fabulous team are all greatly appreciated by our family. We often sing the praises for you, your school and your team to many families in the area.

I have been most impressed with you and your ballet school. The performance of your senior students in *The Hills are Alive* was a real credit to you. I was amazed at their standard and I was very happy with the way the senior girls looked after 'the Bees' :-)

Thank you for a fantastic performance for "The Hills Are Alive". Both my girls have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and already asking me about next year.

Thank you for the wonderful performance opportunity this year. My girls enjoyed every single second of the rehearsals and performance. The show was outstanding in terms of the quality of the choreography, dancing, costumes and music.

I loved the show - a very professional and entertaining one. Thank you.

We have just arrived home after watching our beautiful daughter (and so many other talented dancers) in the "Hills Are Alive". Never mind the hills, we feel completely alive with wonder and amazement that our daughter could be part of such an outstanding production! The show was awe-inspiring and the quality of dancing was breathtaking.

Your dancers have the most beautiful port-de-bra – each arm movement spoke volumes without ever needing any words – and their musicality and expression was of a quality far beyond their tender years. I felt every emotion – the joy, the sorrow, the love.

The group numbers were wonderfully precise with amazing choreography. The intricacy of "It's a Mad World" made it a favourite and "The Hills Are Alive" was so much fun! To be honest, every number was spectacular – there are too many favourites to mention! Most importantly, every dancer that came on stage seemed to be having the time of his/her life. Of course, they were totally infectious and we had the time of our lives watching their joy!

I can't finish this note without mentioning the beautiful and clever costumes – they showcased each dance perfectly.

Thank you Lorraine and to all your talented dancers for entertaining us so completely! We will be humming the tunes for days to come!

Could I also send a note of thanks to the lovely people that helped backstage. Our daughter has mentioned several times how 'nice' and friendly everyone that has helped her has been. She enjoyed every second of the rehearsals and she seems to have grown in confidence exponentially. What more could a parent ask for?

Thank you again and congratulations to every dancer, teacher and person that has been involved in bringing such an incredible show to life.

[In my previous email I actually didn't express very well the crux of what made the show so special and so enjoyable for me. I've been pondering it for the last few days and it finally came to me in an unusual moment as these things often do.

I believe you have embedded in your dancers the true 'art of ballet'. To me, ballet as an art form, is about using your body to tell a story and to communicate your feelings to such that they feel what you feel. It is so much more than technique, it is more than a series of breathtaking leaps and turns. While incredible technique is dazzling, the real art is in being able to move an audience to the highest of joys and the lowest of sorrows – all the while never needing to utter a single sound.

I also forgot to congratulate your senior dancers on their exquisite fouette turns!]

The dancers I watched last Friday and Saturday were dance artists of the highest form. As I mentioned in my previous note I felt their emotions and they took me on a wonderful journey. They did this through their port de bra and through their bodies. It was so beautiful to watch.

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