

Testimonials 2018

Thanks for another wonderful production! This is [my daughter's] 4th CBCC show and everyone in my family thought this year was the best year yet!!! Costumes were magical!!! You could feel the joy beaming off the stage and for some reason this year the sheer amount of behind the scenes work seemed more apparent – maybe it was the crazy number of quick changes (my goodness).

Thank-you so much for a wonderful year of dancing! Both my girls just love you and everything about your school. They are excited for 2019 and another year of being part of the CBCC family! Have a restful break.

Also, the concert was so amazing. [My daughter] had the time of her life. Thank you so much,

Hi Lorraine

Both [my children] have had another magic year at CCBC. {My newest to dancing} has made some lovely dance friends with year and is more confident with her dancing.

[My oldest] has absolutely adored being '[a character]'. She'd told me that's who she wanted to be ... in the show and the day she found out that's the role you had in mind for her was truly one of the most amazing days of her life. Hands down the best birthday she could have imagined. I have been impressed by the care and support the older ... dancers have shown to her, always making her feel included even though she's so much younger. They are a credit to the culture you foster.

CCBC is such a special and enriching part of their lives. [My husband] and I are very grateful for everything you do.

I hope you have a restorative break.

Thank you for another wonderful show, full of delightful surprises and happy children. You're amazing!

Hi Lorraine,

First of all we would really love to congratulate yourself and your wonderful team on a fantastic show this year. It was amazing and believe everyone in your team and all your students have been so dedicated to its

success. It's a wonderful time of year and we are very proud to be a part of your community. We as usual cannot wait to see what the next show holds. The concert was incredible – thank you again😊

Hi Ms Lorraine

I just wanted to thank you and your staff for your wonderful work with the show and it was indeed an amazing performance. Hats off to everyone involved in this in numerous ways. I am unable to come tomorrow as i am having few personal issues and will be travelling soon. But once again thank you very much for your commitment to this and for guiding and supporting [my daughter] since she started with you. I am sorry i couldn't help as i planned due to some struggles in my life but i will help next time.

Land of Stories was wonderful. It came together so beautifully and it had so many “moving parts”. We loved the creativity and humour of the preschool dances-the costumes were gorgeous. The seniors dances were mesmerising.

Hi Lorraine,

Thanks for all yours and your staff's amazing efforts on the show. It was spectacular and just so impressive to see the results of kids' and teacher's efforts and talent.

[My daughter] seems to be increasing her interest in dance and is really enjoying classes and participating in the show. She is keen to do performance class so I am writing to see if this is possible.

What a wonderful show!!!! Thank you so much to you and everyone involved. The girls absolutely loved it, both performing and watching!!!!!! Such talented people :)

Thanks again Lorraine. Through moving the girls have been at a few different dance schools and by far your attention to detail and organisation has surpassed any of the others, you make it so easy for the parents which I am very appreciative of.

Hi Lorraine,

Just wanted to say thank you for another fantastic concert. I loved watching it and enjoyed working backstage as a dresser. You did an amazing job - thank you for all your efforts.

Dear Lorraine,

Firstly congratulations on another incredible concert. Your vision, organisation and support of all involved has created wonderful memories for many.

It has been my absolute pleasure. It is me you needs to thank you for the opportunity to positively influence so many young lives and their families! And make life long friends as an added bonus. What you do is really special. I hope you can take a moment to reflect on that.

Thank you so very much for another great year. You've really created a beautiful atmosphere & community that [my daughter] absolutely loves being a part of. I know it's a lot of work, even though I don't know how much work that is but I do hope you know how much you're appreciated. All the best for a hard earned break!!

Fist congratulations on a fabulous show. My parents and I were blown away by the standard of all the dances and my sister ... couldn't believe how professional all the other grades were. It is so fantastic to see all the hard work pay off and it is always amazing how it all comes together on the night!! [My daughters] were exhausted (last day of school was the day of the final performance) but on such a high and buzzing with all the performance fun. It was also lots of fun helping back stage and then to see the kids you've helped perform so well was great 😊
Congratulations to all involved it really was a fantastic show!!

Again, enormous congratulations for a stunning concert. My darling ... step-dad came ... He hadn't planned to come but a last minute change of plans meant he was in the audience for the Thursday performance. He was once again 'blown away by it all'!! From the gorgeous fairies and sheep at the start, to the tight drill of the soldiers, to the energy of 'someone in the crowd', and mesmerised ... he LOVED it all! He had only 2 weeks earlier ... 'endured' [another] ballet concert, and said CBCC's was 'out of this world'!! I think that sums it up very eloquently!

Rest well and regroup ahead of another exciting year.

I wanted to extend a very huge thank you for another fabulous show. [My daughter] thoroughly enjoyed performing in the modern dance and my family and I thoroughly enjoyed watching the production. I also wanted to extend my thanks to Miss Christina for teaching [my daughter] and throughout her time at CBCC.

Congratulations on another incredible performance. My mum was so very happy to see you and to appreciate how much you do!

Hi Lorraine,

Thank you so much for the wonderful show. This is the first time that any of my children have been in dance and it was quite mind boggling to think about the time & organisation that went into such a huge event.

[My daughter] absolutely loved being a part of it. Albeit a small part. As you know she only started dance mid year.

Congratulations on a fabulous show last week, such an enormous effort! This was [my daughter's] first and she had a blast.

Congratulations on a wonderful performance season, the show was just stunning! I thoroughly enjoyed watching every minute and ... [my children] loved the whole experience!

First of all congratulations for an amazing show last week, it was very exciting seeing all coming together so beautifully and seeing the dancers so happy and proud.

Ps. Congratulations on another amazing show. Loved it all, especially the ice ballet dance which was just beautiful. Super excited about the nut cracker next year! :)

I went with friends to watch their 6 year old in your performance last Thursday.

Can I say how impressed I was by the quality of performance by your older dancers.

I am a ballet fan and have seen many companies live and regularly go to ballet into the cinemas.

I wasn't expecting much. But the mid-age and older children had obviously had excellent training. It was a delight.

And the range of costumes and choreography was impressive

So thank you

> Dear Ms Lorraine,

> Congratulations on producing such a wonderful show. A special wonder was for me to see the seniors perform the piece to 'Masquerade Waltz'.

> I have a known sense that it was a dance that I had learnt as a child. I remember watching the seniors and how quickly they would re-polish the known steps. I had learnt the steps on the sideline, never officially having to perform it on stage. I love the idea of body memory and I was so moved

by the re-lived experience on Wednesday evening. [Editor's note: Masquerade Waltz was an original compilation by me, Lorraine Bennett]

- > I see [my daughter] re-living the observe, take in, re-create movements from the seniors and it makes my heart sing.
- > I am very great for the wonderful traditions and culture that you bring to your dance school.
- > Next year we have a wonderful tricky situation ... We are happily making a commitment to keep her connected to your teachings. In light of my experience and the wonders of being moved 30 years on, it is a decision easily made. I want Gab to have dance running through her and I know that CCB will be the home to foster that for her.
- > With huge gratitude and warmth, thank you for a wonderful experience. I am supremely proud of our small dancer and the kind elder students who guide her and model the way forward. I am hopeful that one day she will graciously take the hand of a younger student and show them the wonders of dance!

Thank you for your care, dedication, energy and a wonderful year of dance in 2018. [My daughter], as always, has enjoyed it thoroughly, loved the challenge, and I've seen her grow as a result of everything she learns at CBCC. I owe you thanks for everything you've done for [my daughter]. She's learned an enormous amount from both ballet itself as well as the amazing framework of support and friendship you cultivate at CBCC.

Dear Lorraine,

[My daughter] would love to continue in the Performance Group next year! I'm sorry, I must have forgotten to send you an email (the past few weeks are a blur!) as I don't seem to have received confirmation.

Dancing and being involved in Performance Group is absolutely [my daughter's] favourite thing; she just loves everything about it, from the close friendships she has made, to the performances, and the pure joy of dancing!

Thank you so much for giving her the opportunity to be involved - we are so grateful.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a much deserved rest.

Wow, congratulation and thank you!

We enjoyed the show with great delight. Congratulation to everyone on the fine production. What a success thanks to you and the team. Your attention to details and efforts was the key to ensure it's enjoyable for the audience and the students involved.

It was such a wonderful experience for our daughter ... and us for her to participate in the show as a fairy. It was our first year at CBCC. She has enjoyed her studio experience and the performance and is already excited about next year.

Hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing Christmas.

Firstly, congratulations with another fantastic show! Everything from costumes to music to decor to choreography was just fantastic, but the one thing that stood out for me was the sheer enjoyment of dancing and performing written on the faces of all the students, from the little ones to the oldest students. It was a joy to watch!

I hope you are having a good well deserved break!

Can I also please say just how much we all loved the show. The best things about this show was that everyone took away different favourite bits because the diversity of the show was so incredible! Our family all commented that even though they had seen [my daughter] and her friends dance in eisteddfods during the year, the extra mile that the students all went for show to make it the absolute best it could be was totally evident. They clearly get so much out of show time and not just as individuals but also a group. Seeing our girls too move further each year into that role of the seniors in the school and setting such a beautiful example for the younger children, just as others set for them years ago, is a wonderful part of the CBCC culture to be able to witness. While I have too many favourites to mention... (and your lighting and sets brought some of those dances to a whole new level when they were stunning before!), can I just say that Trollbella's dance was fabulous! Loved that dance – just brought a smile to my face! Cyborgs and Ice Dance had to be my favourites...or Someone in the Crowd ... or Let's Be Bad or.....well let's just say the whole thing!

Thankyou Lorraine and all at CBCC from our entire group at both shows - of family and a growing CBCC fan club of friends – as always such a wonderful experience for everyone involved! Can't wait for next year!

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[My daughter] thoroughly enjoys your shows, which she has described as 'high quality & the best ever', and told me today that the show days are the best days of the year for her.

Hello,

Just wanted to drop a quick note, [my daughter] has been dancing in her school play this week and she danced beautifully, so much so that we had many comments on her

technique and poise and we were able to give you and CCB a great rap ! The dance teachers at school guessed she was one of your students .
Just saying thanks for all your time and guidance.
She will be back a class next week

[My daughter] will no longer be attending the school. We are moving interstate to be with our families.

[My daughter] loves ballet and we will ensure she has all opportunity to continue. Thank you so much for your patience and Miss Christine's wonderful engagement with the children.

It is truly Canberra's finest dance school.

As a mother waiting in the corridors, it was a pleasure to watch the enthusiasm of your students.

I am just writing to let you know that [my daughter] will not be continuing with dance lessons in term 3. She has enjoyed her time in your school and we have been very happy with the quality of tuition.

I failed to take the opportunity at the theatre over the past two weekends to congratulate and thank you on the beautiful dancing and the great outcome for both groups and individuals for CBCC. While I know its not about the competition, it was wonderful to see so many CBCC dancers participating and being recognised for great technique, choreography and overall showmanship, to mention just a few attributes! So take a bow Miss Lorraine. You totally deserve it. Thankyou