



Voice

NEWSLETTER FEB '08

A New Year Begins...



Welcome back for a new and exciting year with Voice!

Classes for the new year begin on Monday 11th February 2008.

ALL age groups please be in the Liberty auditorium at 6pm when Eileen will outline plans for this term. Fees as last year and must be paid by week two of the term.

CUTTING OUT

Can you cut out fabric from a simple pattern? If so you could give us a hand on Monday nights anytime between 6-8pm. With 25 fluffy bunny outfits to be made for our Easter production Eileen is keen to hear from mums dads, aunties and grandmothers who would like to help cut out the fabric. It is a very simple pattern. Fabric and scissors will be supplied and you can do as few or as many as you like. Rosanne Barker and Eileen will be available to give you a hand if you get stuck. We will begin this venture from week 2 onwards - bring your scissors!

COSTUME FEE

A costume fee of \$20 is due from the following groups: Orange, red training, red, purple, senior boys. Must be paid by week 3 of the term.

DADS—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do we have some dads or granddads who are handy with wood and nails. We need some sign boards for our pantomime – some large, some small on which we can paint instructions for the audience of our Easter pantomime.

Wood and nails will be supplied. If able to help call Eileen ph: (09) 832 8212

INTERCESSORS

We are looking for a team of intercessors who can pray for our ministry especially during performance times when it can be very tough on our team. You will be kept up to date with the latest prayer requests by Laura Jane Banton who is in charge of this area of our ministry. Please let Eileen know by phone or email if you would be willing to meet this vital need in the ministry.

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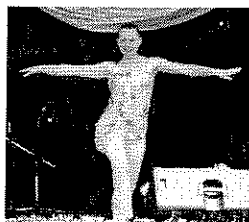
Remember that no jeans or skirts are to be worn, long hair is to be tied up, and tops must be modest so that no midriff shows when arms are raised.

Voice Dance Company Website
www.voicedance.co.nz

The Teachers



Kedesh Simmons - Blue Group



Anna Edwards - Green Group



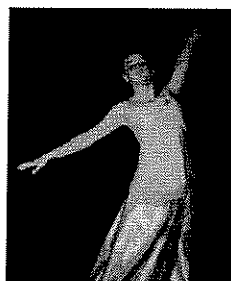
Laura Fletcher - Yellow Group



Sierra Palmer - Yellow Group



Lucinda Portman - Aqua Group



Angela Davidson - Orange Group

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with that talent is your gift to God."

Hi everyone! I'm Angela Davidson and have reached the grand old age of 17... and of those years I have been with Voice for the last 5! I'm part of the senior team, Red Group. For the past two years I've been privileged to teach the aqua group, and have really enjoyed the opportunity Voice has given me in teaching the younger girls and choreographing their dances. In the coming year I shall be teaching the Orange group - and I look forward to the new challenge!



My home church is Elim Christian Center, located in Central City Auckland. Over the years myself and my sister Heather (15yrs) have been given opportunities to dance for the congregation.

My dancing started at the age of 5 when my gymnastics coach sent me to get ballet lessons. All the way through the grades and up to Advanced Foundation I studied at the Auckland Academy of Dance. Then two years ago my timetables were clashing so much I had to move dance schools and now I dance with Rosita at Rosedance Academy, and will be sitting the final exam, Advanced 2, later this year. I've also picked up tap which is fun!!!

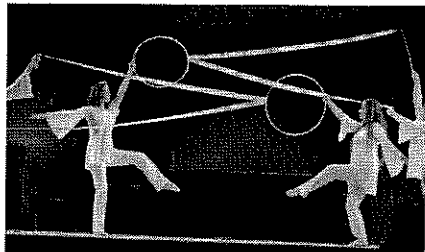
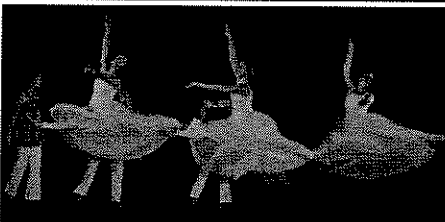
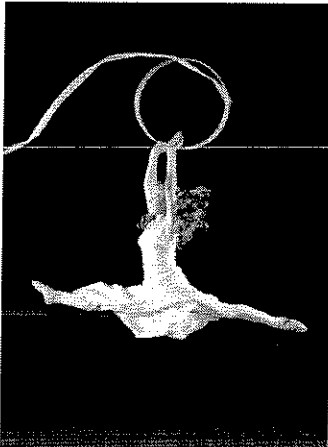
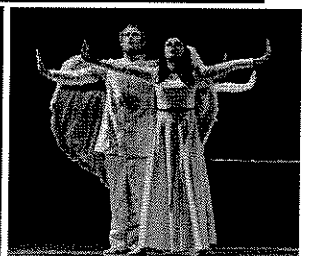
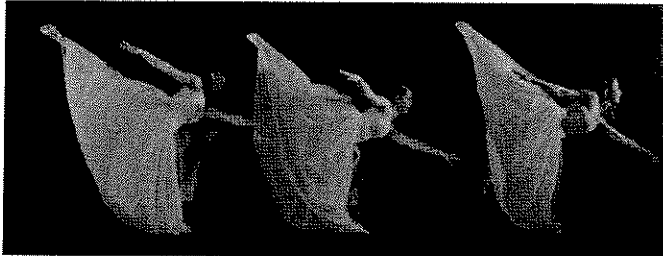
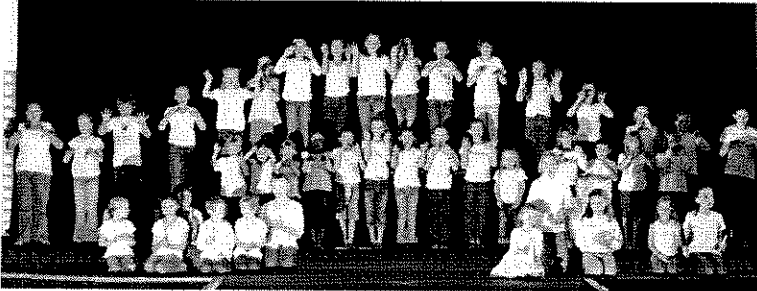
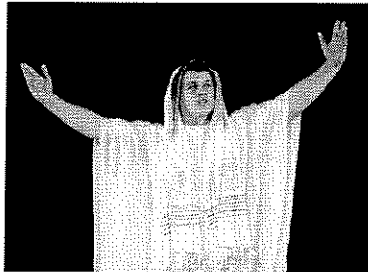
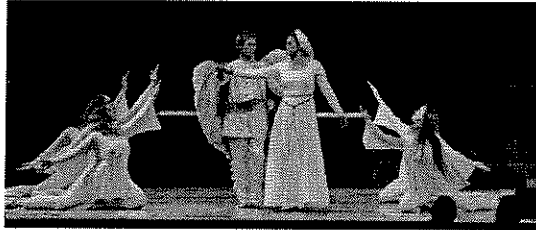
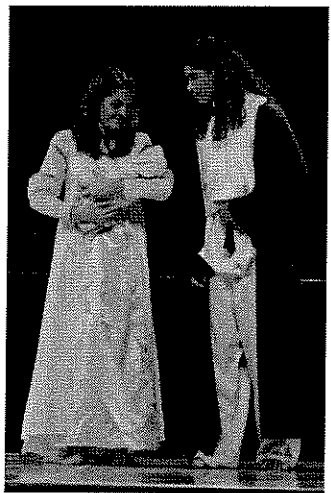
Our homeschool group out in Swanson has formed a little dance and drama group strongly supported by Ranui Baptist Church. So far we have performed two different productions, held at the last two Christmases.

Dance is without a doubt the biggest thing in my life! Outside of it, however, I have one more year of schooling left. Being homeschooled I can choose whatever subjects I like! I do a lot of photography and sell some of my work from races, (*Mountain Biking, Running, Kayaking, etc.*) I play the piano and teach a few of the younger homeschooled children during the week. One thing that I love, but don't get much chance to do, is Mountain Climbing! And my room is full to overflowing with books (mind you there are so many everywhere else in the house!) Over 1000 are stacked on my shelves alone, so you will conclude from this that I love to read!

Yeah so that's me! Hope you all have another wonderful year serving God as part of Voice ministry!

Why Me

Christmas 2007





Hi I'm Rosita -17 years old and the eldest of 7 children (5 brothers and a younger sister).

Our family also includes a Golden Retriever, 2 Cockatiels and a number of cats, hens, sheep and cattle. I live on a property in Riverhead with my grandparents, 2 uncles, my aunty and 4 cousins.

Well - I love to dance, paint with oils, sketch, watch good movies (when I get time), cross stitch and try any new physical activity and play piano, piano accordion and violin. This year my "new thing" was surfing -it was great fun.

I first came to "Voice" (previously Tomorrows Revelation Dance) when I was 9 years old. At the time I was also very involved in gymnastics. My mum took me along to a "fun group" at the age of 4, not realizing that over the next 10 years I would be competing extensively, traveling through N.Z. (and Singapore) finally ending up in an elite squad, training 6 days and up to 30 hours a week. (No holidays - by the way.) Although it was tough, I really enjoyed the challenge, discipline and competition of gymnastics but discovered my greater love in dance.

After a break from "Voice" to pursue gymnastics I returned 4 years ago.

It's been a wonderful journey of performing, teaching, fun, learning new skills and making friends.

As for life in the "Hendry family" it is full on with homeschooling, music, dance and "family entertaining" which has grown and developed over the last few years. I help put together a 45 minute variety show involving all the family with music, dance and song which we have been invited to take to retirement villages, hospitals, R.S.A's various women's groups etc. Our audiences are mainly non - christian and we are amazed how people are moved by what we do and keep inviting us back and often have opportunities to speak about our faith.

This year 2008 - I am possibly going to be doing a little more formal study through correspondence. I'm also really interested in gaining a certificate in fitness and nutrition, will be completing my final ballet exam - sitting another piano exam, probably a piano accordion competition (awarded a scholarship last year which was a great Help), continuing tap and persevering with violin.

I now have a part time job teaching junior music classes and teaching some dance classes at my ballet school.

In the future - I would love to do an "outward bound type course" maybe a missions Trip, an overseas trip with my family, a course in photography, sell one of my oil paintings and have TIME to complete them and of course - continue to dance (asking God about that one.)

Well - that's me for now. My heart for 2008 is to know more of God's presence and to seek His will for every area of my life.

My Scripture for 2007and 2008 is from Col.1:9-11

"That I may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that I may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."

And my all time favourite Prov 3:5-6 (you can look that one up).

Hope you all have a healthy and happy 2008 and lots of wonderful "dancing memories."
Rosita

Hi!! My Name is Dale, I'm 17 and I go to Te Atatu Baptist Church in....well....Te Atatu. Before joining Voice I played rugby for Waitakere and a little for school, but decided to try something different I guess. I'm not much of a hobby person....I don't even know what a hobby is but I really enjoy Rugby, Gridiron, World War 2 stuff, games, food and of course hanging out with my friends. I started Voice in March 2007 and since then I've had an AWESOME time. I've been doing Drama for about 5 years now and I absolutely love it. However, dance was never really my thing. Sure I could 1/2 step here and shimmy over there, but I can't really dance to save my life. And to top it off, the type of dance



that Voice did wasn't really my cup of tea. I'm originally from Cape Town, South Africa and the music I grew up with from my early teens onward was hip-hop. So naturally the type of dance I liked was hip-hop. But now that I've joined Voice and have done some dance, I've found out first hand how much fun it really is and I thoroughly enjoy it. I've really been impacted spiritually since joining the dance group. Being constantly encouraged to seek and strengthen my relationship with God is what I love about the group. The spiritual retreat was really, really good and being able to do what I love with other Christians who are doing what they love as well is fantastic. I thank God for the friendships I've made in the group and I love everyone in it. It's truly the most awesomest group ever!!! So yeah.....that's just a bit about me...well...not really...but kinda...if you want to know more then don't be afraid to come and have a bit of a chat, I'd love to get to know ya if I don't already.

Oh and I'd like to Make a shout out to Chum and Mark (Chum is on the left and Mark is on the right in the photo)

Hi, My name is Jessica Silby.



I am turning 15 at the end of March.

I live in Blockhouse Bay with my Mum, Dad and 12 yr old brother.

In 2008 I will be in year 11 (5th form) at Lynfield College and will be sitting NCEA – level one.

Last year I took Food Technology and Drama as my options and am taking them this year also. I really loved the drama and have been involved in 4 different performances at school.

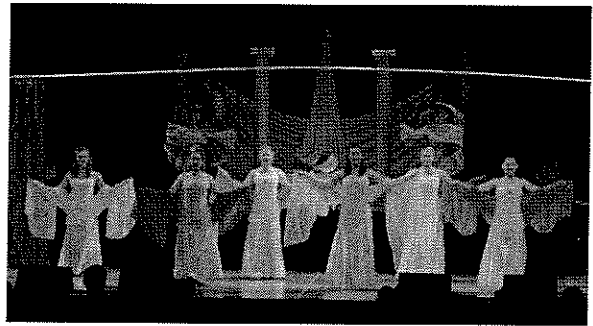
I belong to Blockhouse Bay Baptist Church, and enjoying going to "D Teams" (discipleship small group) and youth group on a Thursday night, as well as Saturday night social events. I am also a leader for Kidz Extreme – which is our Children's Ministry programme on Sunday mornings run by my Mum. We have put on many productions in church involving dance and drama, which I have been involved in, and now I help choreograph and teach some of the dances.

Before I joined "Voice" I did Gymnastics for 5 years. 2008 will be my 5th year of dancing with Voice.

I have always loved music, right from a young age. One night when I was 6, Mum & I were at home alone, and we were listening to music and dancing together. I asked Mum lots of questions about the words of the songs and it was later that night that I asked Jesus into my life - while I was in the shower!

What I enjoy the most about being part of Voice, is that I get to dance for the Lord and tell others about him in such a creative way. I have made some great friends and I love coming to classes and rehearsals and being part of such a fun, positive, loving environment.

Coming Up This Easter...



Through The Veil

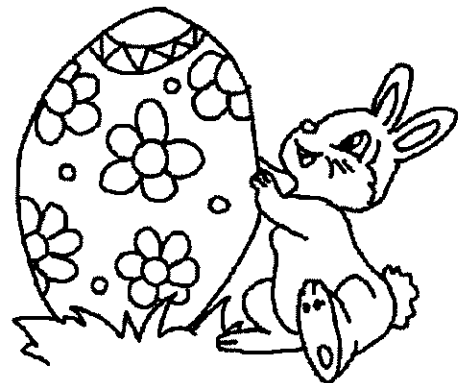
“Through the Veil” contrasts the Old Testament sacrificial system for the atonement of sin with the New Testament relationship we have with God because of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. Beautiful Jewish music and contemporary worship combined with moving drama scenes reveal God’s ultimate plan for the salvation of man. With a fantastic backdrop and props this production is a feast for the eyes as well as the soul. This production has been referred to as our most meaningful work and no-one will leave this production untouched.

Through the Veil Dates: Possible performances 15th/16th March,
29th/30th March, 12th/13th April

Tour: Thurs 1st - Mon 5th May Marsden Point Camp, Whangarei. Hope to perform TTV there.

Easter Pantomime!

Come and be hugely entertained by this Easter Bunny Extravaganza while at the same time hear the true message of Easter!



Pantomime dates: Possible performances for schools 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th April. There will be an evening performance for adults on the night we perform at West City.