

October 2008

# The Dance Beat

The monthly newsletter for The Dance School

## “Arts Divas” Fashion Show Fundraiser to benefit TDS

What’s an “Arts Diva?” you may wonder. It’s a woman who uses her talents and resources to honor, support and promote the arts in our community. She acknowledges the value of arts opportunities and works hard to insure that we are providing them to children and families, through our schools, non-profit arts organizations and local government programs.

Here are the “Arts Divas” who have volunteered as fashion models for this event:

Carol Thomas, City of Everett Cultural Arts ♦ Lori Kloes, Historic Everett Theatre Board  
Merilee Moore, Artist ♦ Karen Newland, The Dance School Board ♦ Christine Weh, Dancer/Artist \*  
Susie Howell, Artist \*Brenda Stonecipher, Everett City Council ♦  
Marlies Egberding, Arts Council of Snohomish County  
Olga Forapanova, Oly’s Ballroom Dance Studio ♦ Mary Morgan, Arts Patron  
Wendy Becker, Snohomish County Cultural Development ♦ Hap Wertheimer, Arts Patron

Get in touch with YOUR inner-diva! Join these divas and others in a fun evening of fashion, food and shopping - all, while supporting TDS programs.

**Date: Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 6 PM Social; 7 PM Runway show**

**Place: The Dance School studios at 2821 Rockefeller Ave.**

**Cost: \$30 per person**



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We’re on the Web!

See us at:

[www.thedanceschool.org](http://www.thedanceschool.org)

What an exciting few weeks at TDS. We are thrilled to see so many returning students and to welcome new friends to our studio. Now that we’ve had a chance to do class placement and make recommendations, we are ready to make some adjustments and additions to our schedule. Please note, if you are interested in making any changes to your schedule, just check in with the office.

Beginning Ballet – New!!  
Ages 6 and 7  
Mondays 4:30 – 5:30

Tap Beginning – New!!  
Ages 8 and Up  
Wednesday 4:30 – 5:30

Modern 1/2 – Change!!  
We’ve combined our Modern 1 and 2  
Now Mondays from 5:45 – 7:00

Ballet 1  
Ages 8 – 10  
Saturdays 11:00 – 12:00

**The  
Dance-  
A-Thon  
Is Coming!!!**

Look for packets the week of October 6 and mark your calendar for November 15 for an afternoon of dancing and fun with your friends from The Dance School!



## Faculty Spotlight Mari Engel

**TDS is thrilled to have Mari on our faculty. She brings her talents to our Beginning Ballet, Modern 1 & 2, Jazz 2 & 3 and Adult Jazz.**

Mari Engel was born in Tokyo Japan and became interested in gymnastics and trampoline at a very young age. She became one of Japan's top four gymnasts for her age group.

Mari received her early training at Makie Naoi Ballet School and was accepted to the prestigious Butai Geijustu Gakuen (Academy for Performing Arts) in Tokyo where she studied Modern, Ballet and Jazz dance.

Mari started her professional dance career with Nakura Kayoko Jazz Dance Company performing on stage and screen and performed professionally with Kazco Takemoto's Dance Venus.

Mari has been married to her husband Eddie, for 12 years. They moved together to Pensacola, Florida where she became active with Kaleidoscope & Ballet Pensacola. Mari and several dancers from Kaleidoscope & Ballet Pensacola formed SWERVE, a Modern Dance Company where she choreographed and performed.

Mari and Eddie returned to Japan and soon thereafter gave birth to their son, Edward. While Eddie was serving the Armed Forces in Japan, Mari noticed there were children on base with no opportunity for dance. She proposed to teach dance to the US Forces Japan Morale Welfare and Recreation and soon she was fulfilling one of her dreams - to teach dance to children and adults.

Once Mari's husband Eddie had completed his commitment to the US Navy, they returned to the U.S. with the prerequisite of being near the ocean and a non-stop flight to Japan. Lucky for us, Mari, Eddie, their son Edward and their two dogs, Tomas and Baeo landed in Everett. Mari stays busy with her son Edward's swim team and his Cub Scouts. She loves animals and just completed grooming school. **Welcome Mari!**

### Exciting New for Friends of TDS

**TDS Faculty Member - Vanesa Wylie is due to have her baby any day – Vanesa sends her thanks for your good thoughts. We'll tell you news about the baby boy when he arrives!**

**Chloe (Prep Tap) Brady's Dad – Don Brady is getting great reviews as Barrie in Taproot Theatre's Production of *Susan and God*. Learn more about the show at [www.taproottheatre.org](http://www.taproottheatre.org) – break a leg, Don!**

**Shahntae Martinez (Tap 2) – won First Place for her tap dance this summer at the Evergreen State Fair – way to go, Shahntae!**

**Christian Poppe (Advanced Tap) will be performing in the upcoming *Men in Dance* the first two weekends in October.**

### Drop-In Schedule for Teens and Adults

*Classes appropriate for all types of dancers - \$13 for 60 minutes, \$15 for 90 minute classes*

**Ballet**  
Tuesdays 7 - 8:30pm

**Jazz**  
Wednesdays 7 - 8:30pm

**Tap**  
Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:30  
Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30

**Ballet**  
Friday 5:30 - 7:00

**Ballet**  
Saturdays 10 - 11:00