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Welcome to Musings!

Some of you may remember our first *Musings*, our one and only newsletter to date, from our Seminar 2000 in Ottawa. At the time we were not able to connect with all of our members digitally and the internet still had a ways to go. It was an exciting idea, but the prospect of producing and mailing printed newsletters was too hard and costly to sustain. Spring forward 21 years, and we now find it's a valuable idea that needs revisiting, particularly as the internet is very different from how it functioned in 2000! It is our goal that this newsletter will become a vehicle for the Society to keep you up to date with our latest information, communicate news and items of interest, and to celebrate your students' successes and the joy of the Vaganova Method.

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Raising the Barre 2021 – Webinar #2 Video

The video for [our second 2021 webinar](#) is now available on the Society's [YouTube Channel](#). This link can also be found on the Seminars & Study page of the website.

Articles & Recommended Reading

The revised *Connecting & Auxiliary Steps; Where the Dance Happens* by Examiners Jane Pound & Merle Adam, has been uploaded to the [Articles & Recommended Reading](#) page of the website. It now includes the content for levels Pre-Elementary through Pre-Professional that was discussed at the Oct. 6th webinar.

SRB Office Restructuring & New Email Addresses for Staff

Over the past few months the SRB office has been looking at ways to streamline our office procedures and become more digitally efficient so that we can be more responsive to the membership. Part of that process has been getting a clearer picture of regular tasks, designating areas of responsibility to the office staff, and creating dedicated Society email addresses. If you need to contact the office please take note of who to contact below. This information can also be found on the [Contact Us](#) page of the website.

Effective immediately please note the areas of responsibility for office staff below and the email address where they can be reached. Please add these three emails to your contact lists. Note that the old Yahoo address for the Society has now been retired.

Jane Pound – affiliatecoordinator@societyofrussianballet.org

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Deanna Stewart – info@societyofrussianballet.org

- Exam Management
- Memberships
- Payments
- Inquiries

Leica Hardy – operations@societyofrussianballet.org

- Communications & Website
- Newsletter
- Documents

Memberships Due

Membership fees for 2021/22 are due as of October 31st of each year. If you need a payment extension, please contact [Deanna Stewart](#) to make those arrangements. Note that memberships must be in good standing in order to enter students for examinations.

Database & Website Directory Updating

Starting November 1st we will begin updating our database and website directory. Please check to make sure you are correctly listed on the website. If you have any contact information changes please send a Directory Update form to [Deanna Stewart](#). The form is available for download from the website. Note that only members in good standing will be included in the website directory.

Extensions For Associate Exam Due Dates

Associate examination due dates for a number of Affiliate and Student Teacher-In-Training members will be coming up in 2022. Due to the pandemic, the Society is granting one-year extensions on the original due date. If you need to postpone your Associate certification examination, please contact [Jane Pound](#) to make that request.

Associate Teacher Examination – Special Provision for Dancers

Did you know that students, who have passed their Elementary Dancer examination or higher, may take their Associate Teacher examination? Note they are not required to pass the Student Teacher-in-Training examination or join the Affiliate Program. For further details see the *Special Provisions For Dancers* section on the [Associate Teacher](#) page of the website.

Content For Our Next Email

If you have any content or questions you would like to include in our next newsletter, please send that information directly to [Leica Hardy](#). Share your studio, student and alumni successes, ask questions about vocabulary or exam processes, send us information about teaching opportunities for members.

Happy dancing!

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