

# CRESSON PROGRAM KEEPS KIDS ON THEIR TOES

Even with the popularity of dance on TV shows such as *So You Think You Can Dance?* and *Dancing With the Stars*, it might be hard to imagine that the art of dance is alive and thriving right here in Cripple Creek.

Every afternoon, beginning at 2:00 PM dancers of all ages are learning and enjoying dance through a unique program that offers not only high quality dance education in a variety of styles, but entertaining performance opportunities as well.

Begun in 1999, with only a handful of students meeting once a week at the Cresson Elementary School, Cresson Dance has since grown into a complete after school program that offers over 15 classes per week in Creative Movement, Ballet, Pointe, Partnering, Adult Movement, Yoga, and Ballroom. We also offer workshops in Contemporary, Tap, Jazz, and Hip-Hop. Frequently, actors with the Thin Air Theatre Company present workshops for us in Musical Theater, Stage Combat and Hip-Hop as well.

Interested junior and senior high school students can even get credits for taking dance as an elective. Dancers gain performance experience in our biannual productions in December and May. Last year we initiated pilot programs in Lake George and Woodland Park and this year at Summit Elementary in Divide.

In 2002, a performing company was created to provide talented and dedicated dancers with the opportunity study more intensely and perform more frequently (25 to 30 performances is per year) at a variety of venues including the Butte Theatre and the Dickson Performing Arts Center.

Cresson Dance Company has an extensive repertoire with a wide variety of styles that it eagerly shares with our city and surrounding

areas through our community outreach and educational performances. Each year our dancers bring their talents to public, private and charter

schools, senior centers, recreational centers, social clubs, local business events and more.



Cresson Dance is so fortunate to have established a relationship with the Thin Air Theatre Company and the Butte Opera House Foundation. Both entities have been incredibly supportive of our efforts to bring art experiences to our community and the Pikes Peak region.

The Butte Opera House Foundation has repeatedly and generously donated to our extensive scholarship fund, while TATC has allowed us to use this beautiful facility for our performances and has even invited Cresson Dance to collaborate on occasion, including a memorable production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in 2008. We are so appreciative of their support.

Right now, Cresson dancers are preparing for our shortened version of the holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*. Look for us around town during November and December.

If you would like more information on Cresson Dance please visit our website at [cressondance.org](http://cressondance.org) or call Stacy at 689-5745.



## Merry Time Planned For A Gold Camp Christmas

**December 11th, 12th, 13th**

Experience the true spirit of Christmas!

Showing All Three Days at the Butte Theater *A Cripple Creek Christmas Carol*.

December 11th: Senior Bazaar, Heritage Center

Victor: Head Frame Lighting Tours, Cookies & Caroling,

December 12th: All Day, Cripple Creek:

Children's Activities,

Santa

Storytime

Downtown Shopping

Bazaar

Christmas Tree Contest and Auction

Living Nativity

Roasting Chestnuts

Caroling...

Noon: Christmas Parade

3:00pm: Colorado Springs Chorale Concert

December 13th: All Day Fun in Cripple Creek and Victor