

# Rhythm Dance

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Friday May 22, 2009

Dear Dance Directors:

We heard some unfortunate news this week from the River Run Centre. While the actual cause is being investigated, on Monday morning, the building's fire suppression system dispersed 8,000 gallons of water over the front of the Main Stage. Most of the water was removed on Monday by two tanker trucks. Restoration and damage analysis began immediately thereafter and is ongoing. This accident has caused major damage to the main stage and orchestra pit and some of the lighting has been affected as well. The management team at the River Run feels that the damage is extensive and the Centre will not be ready for our competition May 29 – 31. All events in May have been cancelled or re-located. We have been working very closely with the River Run and the City of Guelph and have been fortunate to secure a venue for our competition next weekend. Our Guelph # 2 event will take place at the Sleeman Centre, right across the street from the River Run. A lot of thought and organization has gone into this decision and we have hired a staging company who will build, on the floor of the Sleeman Arena, a large professional stage with wings and back curtain. Donna and I are presently in Brantford, running 4 days at the Sanderson Centre and will visit the Sleeman Centre with the River Run technical department, Monday afternoon to finalize details. Please rest assured that although we do not have the beautiful facilities of the River Run Centre, we are determined to provide a well run and enjoyable weekend for all

of the dancers. In 19 years of business, we have never hosted one of our competitions in anything but a theatre setting but unfortunate incidents do happen in life and we hope we have your support and co-operation with this change of venue. Please visit the Sleeman Centre website for directions and parking.

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Sincerely,

Nancy and Donna

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