



DanceCo Newsletter January/February 2012

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Family Day - Monday February 20 - No Classes

Non-Festival Watch Week - February 13 to 18 (schedule attached)

Core Groups Dress Rehearsal - festival dances only - Saturday March 10

Solo/Duet/Trio & Competitive Groups Dress Rehearsal - Sunday March 11

Spring Break - March 25 to April 1 inclusive (classes comm. April 2)

Photo Week - April 14 to 20 (Saturday to Friday)

Good Friday - April 6 - No Classes (Sat April 7 & Easter Monday April 9 - classes as usual)

Year End Recital - June 9 & 10 - Arden Theatre, St. Albert

STOCKING STUFFER TREE/FOOD BANK - a HUGE thanks once again to all of you who donated to our Kinettes Christmas Tree and Food Bank. An incredible amount of items were received.

FRONT ENTRANCE/BOOT RACKS - Please encourage your dancers to use our boot racks at the front entrance. It's exceptionally difficult to keep the front area clean and dry but the many boots and shoes scattered throughout the entrance create an even bigger hazard for those trying to walk through. We would very much appreciate everyone's assistance in this matter.

FESTIVAL FEES - we have now posted all festival fees owing on each customer account. It took us a little longer this year as we are working with a new computer program. The majority of dancers in the core program will have very little (if any) outstanding festival fees as you will have paid your festival deposit at time of registration. Any balance owing can be cleared up during costume pickup. If you would like information sooner, email us or see our receptionist and we can provide you with details. For those dancers in the competitive program, we have emailed information regarding your festival fees, but don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

SOLO/DUET/SPECIAL GROUP DRESS REHEARSAL - takes place Sunday, March 11th at the Arden Theatre for the majority (a few dancers will be scheduled for Sat March 10th). A schedule will be distributed prior to February 5th. This rehearsal is **ONLY** for dancers participating in solos, duets, trios, or special groups. This is a **CLOSED** rehearsal, with only dancers and staff allowed in the theatre.

GROUP DRESS REHEARSAL - takes place Saturday, March 10th at the Arden Theatre for all core classes, and Sunday March 11th for all competitive classes. All dancers participating in festivals must attend their respective rehearsal. We will once again be having a **CLOSED** dress rehearsal, with only dancers and staff allowed in the theatre. A handout/schedule will be distributed prior to February 5th with information regarding general procedures for the rehearsal and a running order.

FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS - Dance festival necessities such as dance tights, make-up, eyelashes, hair accessories, etc., will be available to purchase at the studio after February 5th. Please see receptionist.

DC WEAR FESTIVAL SALE - Our DC Wear will be going on sale 10% off as of February 1st. We have sweat pants, hoodys, hats and garment bags. Show your DanceCo spirit at festivals by wearing some cozy DC Wear!!

FESTIVALS - The dance festival "season" begins in April. As soon as we receive schedules from the festivals we will condense them and post on our bulletin board. Copies will be available at the reception desk to take home and we will also post them on our website. We do not anticipate receiving any of the schedules until approx. March. (*Competitive dancers entered in Artists Emerge, Represent, Dance Power, and Standing Ovation will be competing in March, so schedules will arrive sooner for those competitions.)

ST. ALBERT ROTARY MUSIC FESTIVAL - The St. Albert Rotary Music Festival has a Dance Component which takes place at the Arden Theatre. If you are interested in entering your dancers' solo(s) or duet, you can register on your own, on-line at www.st-albertmusicfestival.com, prior to January 27. It is a wonderful local festival, however we do not enter as a studio due to the timing, and the many other commitments most of our dancers have. If you have any questions, let us know.

COSTUMES - Many costumes have begun arriving at our studio. We will notify you when they are priced and ready to be distributed. At that time, you may pick up the costume upon payment being submitted to our reception desk. We hope to have them ready for distribution by mid/end of February. This will allow approx. two/three weeks for pick up, as we would like all children participating in festivals to have their costumes on for dress rehearsal at the Arden. A reminder that all fees must be up to date before costumes will be released (this includes lesson fees, festival entry fees, private lesson fees, etc.).

BALLET EXAM TRYOUTS - our Cecchetti International ballet exam auditions will take place February 6th for Grade 4 & 5, and Feb 7th for the Grade 2 & 3. These auditions will take place during regular class time. (Please note ballet exams are not mandatory, but are highly encouraged). Grade 6 exam auditions will take place on Sunday February 5th at 2:00 pm. Detailed information will be emailed directly to the dancers/parents in the above noted ballet grades. If you do not receive this info, or if you have any questions, please email our Ballet Mistress, Miss Reanna, at reannamaitland2@hotmail.com.

DANCECO DANCERS PERFORMING COMPANY - Our performing company continues to perform at various venues throughout the community. Their first performance at the Festival of Trees went very well and we are continuing to work towards our performances this summer in Disney World. If you have any local opportunities for our dancers to perform, please speak with Tracey or Tia, as we would love to accommodate if possible.

Also - A HUGE thanks to KCL Consulting, Sears St. Albert and Williams Energy Inc. for their generous sponsorship donations towards our DanceCo Dancers Performing Co.

CONGRATULATIONS - The winner of the "World's Biggest Christmas Stocking" was Elyse Visman and the Oilers tickets were won by Nancy Goulet.

DanceCo Watch Week – Full Year Non-Festival Classes Only – February 13-18, 2012

Watch Week provides an opportunity for our parents to observe their dancer(s) class from inside the studio. We invite you to come on the date(s) below that apply to you and enjoy your child's class from a different perspective. We suggest bringing a lawn chair from home as often we do not have sufficient seating for everyone. We also encourage our parents to arrange child care for younger siblings, if at all possible, as they can often be very distracting for the dancers. This will also provide parents with the ability to focus entirely on your dancer. We would ask for your patience and understanding during Watch Week as it can be uncomfortable for the dancers (and sometimes even the teachers!) to have so many eyes upon them during class time. You are more than welcome to bring video cameras into the classroom if you wish.

NOTE: This WATCH WEEK is for FULL YEAR NON-FESTIVAL classes only (not 8 week classes). It includes ALL combination classes, primary level classes, and all technique classes.

If you are unsure whether your child's class is a Non-Festival class, please check with your teacher or our receptionist.

If your child's teacher is:	Then you come on the following date to watch your child in class:
Miss Ashley	February 16
Miss Brianna	February 13, 15, 18
Miss Caity	February 17
Miss Cheryl	February 18
Miss Jennifer	February 17
Miss Jill	February 14
Miss Julie	February 13
Miss Kara	February 15, 18
Miss Kelly	February 13
Miss Lana	February 18
Miss Marianne	February 15
Miss Mariko	February 15, 16
Miss Reanna	February 13, 14
Miss Ruth	February 16
Miss Sarah B	February 13
Miss Sarah H	February 14, 18
Miss Sarah L (prev. Sarah M)	February 16
Miss Sheri	February 16
Miss Stacey	February 16, 18
Miss Tia	February 14, 15, 16
Darrell	February 17

PLEASE NOTE: All classes will run as usual - if your child's NON FESTIVAL class dances on a Tuesday at 5:15, for example, then your watching day is on a Tuesday at 5:15 (the specific date being based on the teacher - as noted above).

SUMMER CAMP - We are thrilled to be offering dance camp again for summer 2012!! This year's camp has a space theme and is titled "Out of this World". Time frames are July 23-27 and Aug 6-10. More details will be provided in the upcoming months.

DanceCo's HAPPY HEART PLAYSCHOOL - Our playschool



opened in September 2010 to an amazing response. We expanded in 2011, and are now accepting registration for our 2012-2013 sessions. It is an Arts based preschool and Sherri Birdsell (B.Ed,

I.S.T.D) runs this incredible program. If you would like more details, please email us, or see our receptionist and we can arrange for you to view the Playschool in motion.



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