



A Step Above Dance & Music Academy's Newsletter

November/December 2014

Calendar Updates

- Nov. 25-29 Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
Dec. 1 Costume Deposit Due
Dec. 13 A Lifetime of Christmas
Dec. 22- Jan 4 Winter Break (no classes)
Jan. 12-17 Sock Hop Week
Jan. 19 3rd Quarter Tuition Due
Jan. 31 A Step Beyond Show at MG High School (6 pm)
Feb. 13-15 Tremaine Dance Convention
March 14 Father/Daughter Ball
March 30- April 5 Spring Break

Thanksgiving Break

We will be closed for Thanksgiving Tuesday, November 25-Saturday, November 29. We do have classes on Monday, November 24 to make up for the Monday we missed for Labor Day.

We wish all of our families a safe, festive, and peaceful holiday!

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PERMISSION SLIPS AND COSTUME DEPOSITS ARE DUE December 1st!

All dancers who plan to participate in the 2014-15 Spring Performance must return their permission slips with their costume deposits to the desk by **December 1st!**

Your permission slip was mailed to you in October. If you have not received one or you have misplaced yours, please pick up another at the front desk.

If we do not receive your permission slips and deposit by December 1st, we will have to assume you do not wish to perform this year.

We realize December 1st seems early but the earlier we are able to order costumes the more money we will save by avoiding rush-order costs. Please help out and get those deposits in so we can order costumes ASAP!

Spring Performance Dates

For those of you who plan ahead, here are the key dates and rehearsals for the Spring Performance ...

Morning Performances (all Creative Movement, PreBallet, Beginning level classes and Dance Company)

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| Sat, May 9 | Dress Rehearsal: Each scene rehearses for 90 minutes beginning at 9 am (Company included!) |
| Wed, May 13 | Dress Rehearsal at Mitby Theater: Each scene rehearses for 60 minutes beginning at 4:30 pm |
| Sat, May 16 | 10 am Performance |
| Sun, May 17 | 10 am Performance |

Afternoon Performances (all Intermediate, Elementary, Teen, Adult, and Advanced level classes and Dance Company)

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| Sat, May 2 | Rehearsal: Each scene rehearses for 90 minutes beginning at 9 am (Will receive costumes this day.) |
| Mon, May 11 | Scene I-IV Pictures and Rehearsal beginning at 5 pm |
| Tues, May 12 | Opening #, Scene I-III Dress Rehearsal at Mitby Theater: Each scene rehearses for 75 minutes beginning at 4:45 pm |
| Wed, May 13 | Scene IV Dress Rehearsal at Mitby Theater: Scene IV rehearses for 75 minutes beginning at 7:45 pm |
| Thurs, May 14 | Rehearsal: Each scene rehearses for 60 minutes beginning at 5 pm |
| Fri, May 15 | Opening # Rehearsal at studio |
| Sat, May 16 | 2 pm Performance |
| Sun, May 17 | 2 pm Performance |

Each class rehearses and performs in one of the 4 scenes. Scene assignments will be announced in January. Complete information regarding rehearsal times, tickets, etc. will be covered in the March newsletter.

SPRING PERFORMANCE PLANS

Plans for the Spring Performance have begun! We have chosen

“Steppin’ Through the Silver Screen”

for our theme this year and all the teachers have chosen their music and are developing choreography to fit the theme. Dancers will begin working on their dances in late January.

Snow Reminder

Winter and snow are on their way! Our policy for weather cancellations is that if the Madison schools close so will the studio. If the Monona Grove, McFarland, or other surrounding schools close, or if the weather turns nasty in the afternoon, or if we wake up buried on Saturday morning, please call the studio or check our website’s News page before heading out. A weather related message will have been recorded and posted for your convenience.

We do understand that in some weather people may not feel comfortable driving. If you feel that you cannot drive on a snowy night and we are still open, you may stay home and make up the missed class on a future date. Our basic philosophy is that we want our families to remain safe, but realize that we do live in Wisconsin and snow should be expected from time to time.

Holiday Show News...

Some of our students will be performing in local Holiday Shows!

We have multiple students who are participating in Madison Ballet’s Nutcracker. We are very excited for them.

We hope all of our students participating in a local Holiday performance enjoy their experience and we hope many of you go to support the local arts!!

Spring DancerGarten Session

February 23 – April 24, 2014

Calling all boys and girls 2 to 4 years old who love to move! DancerGarten will foster the physical and cognitive development of each child through music, dance, props, rhymes and stories. Our program will capture your child’s attention while providing them with basic dance and gymnastic concepts. There will be no classes the week of March 31st due to Spring Break.

Classes will be offered on Friday 10-10:45 am with Miss Sara.

Contact our front desk staff for more information!!

To make our waiting room experience pleasant for all, please...

Refrain from talking loudly on your cell phones in our waiting areas.

Do not use the waiting room to store your child’s clothing, shoes, coats, etc. We have both girls’ and boys’ dressing rooms with ample room to store all of these items. By using the benches and chairs to store these items, you take limited seating away from other parents. We have coat racks near the front door as well.

Remember to keep an eye on your children. Our teachers and desk staff have many responsibilities throughout the night to keep our studio running smoothly. We do not have time to keep tabs on your children. Please bring toys or books to keep them entertained and always know where they are.

Also, please do not use the bathrooms as a dressing room. We only have two bathrooms for the entire studio so we need them as bathrooms. The dressing rooms are for changing. Thank you.

Recital Tickets

Since MATC is done with construction we have our entire theater back! This means no need to worry about limited tickets so feel free to invite anyone and everyone to the recital!

Further information will be included in the March newsletters and Spring Performance information packets. If you have any questions please direct them to the front desk.

Surveys

Don’t forget to turn in your completed surveys so we can continue to improve your experience with the studio. If you need another copy, we have some at the desk.

