



# April 2011 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Dancers:

Happy Spring to all! We are excited to begin April with **PARENT OBSERVATION WEEK, Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Just a reminder, Parent Observation week is primarily for parents only please, as we do not have the room to accommodate friends and other relatives. Siblings are not permitted to wait outside the classrooms unsupervised. In the past we have had problems with brothers and sisters running up and down the hallways and going into rooms in which they are not permitted. Please bring a folding chair with you for your comfort if you so desire. **TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND REFRAIN FROM CONVERSATION DURING YOUR DANCER'S CLASS AS A COURTESY TO BOTH THE DANCERS AND TEACHERS.**

**BE CAREFUL!** - There will be many cars in the parking lot during observation week, so please be careful! Watch for children darting in between cars, etc. **DO NOT PARK ANYWHERE ON OUR LAWN OR IN THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE NEXT TO THE YELLOW CHAINS.** Parking is available on Marquette Avenue if there is not enough space in the lot. **DO NOT STOP YOUR CAR IN FRONT OF THE LOBBY DOOR ENTRANCE!** We need to keep our driveway clear to keep the flow of traffic running smoothly! **DO NOT BLOCK THE DRIVEWAY WHILE YOU ARE WAITING FOR YOUR DANCER! DO NOT PARK IN OUR HANDICAP SPACE NEAR THE FRONT DOOR UNLESS YOU HAVE A HANDICAP STICKER IN YOUR VEHICLE! PLEASE OBSERVE OUR PARKING LOT SIGNS!** Thank you so much for your consideration! Thank you for your cooperation in helping make your observation week run smoothly!

**AVA'S WALK** – On April 14, 2010, 5-year-old Ava Marie Zimmerman was struck and killed by a car while walking to the park with members of her family. In honor of Ava's memory and to increase awareness of vehicle and pedestrian safety, Ava's family and the Village of Greendale will be sponsoring "AVA's Walk" on **SUNDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**. As part of the day's events, dancers of all ages may participate in a flash mob "Safety Dance". If you are interested in learning the "Safety Dance" routine in order to participate in the flash mob at "AVA's Walk", please come to *Young Dance* this SATURDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Any and all are invited to participate! (Learning the routine does not commit you to participating at "AVA's Walk"). Registration for the walk begins at the Village Hall in Greendale at 2:00 p.m. The "Safety Dance" will be performed at approximately 2:40 p.m. Pick up a flyer at the front desk for more details on how you can take part in "AVA's Walk". Hope to see you on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at *Young Dance Academy* to learn the "Safety Dance" flash mob routine!

**EASTER VACATION** – Just a reminder, the studio will be **CLOSED** for Easter vacation from **FRIDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> – FRIDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>**. Classes resume Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MONTHLY TUITION** – Tuition payments for April must be made by **Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** to qualify for the free May tuition drawing. Since there is no tuition charge for June, the winner of our drawing next month will receive 10 free recital tickets! Congratulations to our winner from last month's drawing for free April tuition, Lillian Brocksmith!

**RECITAL COSTUMES** – Many costumes have arrived and classes have been trying them on, checking for fit. Dancers will be bringing home costumes along with a "costume instruction sheet" at the end of this month. The costume instruction sheet lists the required tights (style & color), hairstyle and additional instructions. If you have any questions after receiving your costume and instruction sheet, please ask your child's teacher for help. Dancers in each class are required to have the same hairstyle, shoes, tights, etc. **PLEASE READ THE COSTUME INSTRUCTION SHEETS CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS "TO THE LETTER."**

**IMPORTANT** – **NO DANCER WILL BE GIVEN ANY COSTUME UNTIL ALL OUTSTANDING FEES ARE PAID THROUGH APRIL.** This includes unpaid late tuition fees and bounced check repayments and fees. Feel free to inquire at the desk to see if you have any unpaid late fees listed on your registration card.

**\*\*ANNOUNCING OUR SPECIAL EVENT COMING UP SATURDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>!** - As most of you know, two of our dancers, Laura Ksobiech and Cindy Reid, were awarded college scholarships last summer through the New York City Dance Alliance College Scholarship Foundation. The total amount of their scholarships combined equals close to \$200,000.00! In an attempt to provide this opportunity to more dancers around the country like Laura and Cindy, Young Dance Academy is working on coming up with ways to give back to the Foundation. We feel we have come up with a way to make this happen that will also provide a fun and educational opportunity for your dancers.

On **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, the teachers and assistants of *Young Dance Academy* will be hosting our very first "**Recital Dance Party**" from **2:30pm – 5:30 p.m.** at the studio! This will be an opportunity for all YDA dancers, age 4 to adult to get in some extra practice on all of their 2011 recital dances. Teachers and assistants will be available to answer questions and give extra help on your recital dance steps if you desire. You may also come with your YDA friends to practice on your own or in a group. The cost of the **Recital Dance Party is \$25.00 per dancer** and all profits will directly benefit the New York City Dance Alliance College Scholarship Foundation.

## 2011 RECITAL PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

The 2011 Recital Performance Schedule and accompanying letter of explanation was handed out beginning Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please make sure you received the accompanying letter labeled "Explanation of the Recital Schedule" as I will not be repeating much of the important information that is included in that newsletter. Please have your dancer pick up these sheets at the front desk or you may download them from our website. If you have any questions concerning the performance schedule, do not hesitate to ask.

**HAIRPIECES** – Some dancers enrolled in more than one class may require a change of hairstyle for each specific dance. All ballet dances require a bun hairstyle whereas the majority of the other classes require some sort of curly hairstyle. Many parents have found that buying a curly hairpiece to match their child's hair color is an easy way to change from a bun to a curly style and vice versa. We have found [www.cheerleaderhairpieces.com](http://www.cheerleaderhairpieces.com) has some of the most natural looking hairpieces in many color choices. We have a color wheel at the front desk so you can find the appropriate match. Check it out!

**DANCE SHOES AND RECITAL PICTURE DAYS** – If you have not ordered shoes for the recital, please do so now. At this time, we cannot guarantee you will receive your shoes in time for our recital picture days **Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Backordered shoes can sometimes take up to 6 weeks to ship. **Dancers must be in full costume with required hairstyle and make up for class pictures, even if you do not plan on purchasing any pictures.** As most of you know, our class pictures

are displayed on our lobby TVs and in the hallways at the studio and we would like everyone to be included in these pictures. A lighter version of stage make-up is strongly suggested for pictures. Stage make-up information will be available at the end of the month.

**RECITAL TICKET INFORMATION** – Tickets for our June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> performances go on sale **SATURDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>**.

**Recital tickets are sold using a lottery system.** The lottery system is explained in the separate “ticket” newsletter you should have received along with this newsletter. You are limited to a **10-ticket maximum *per family*** during the first week of ticket sales to insure that every family gets an even share of tickets. Beginning **Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.** all remaining tickets will go on sale.

**Ticket sales on SATURDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> begin at 8:00 a.m.** Tickets are \$10.00 each for all performances. Everyone must purchase a ticket to attend our shows, except of course the dancers backstage and children age 3 & under if seated on the lap. Please make note at this time that absolutely no dancers are allowed in the auditorium during any of the performances unless they are not performing in that particular recital and have bought a ticket for that particular show.

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD TO ANYONE WHO HAS NOT PAID THEIR TUITION IN FULL THROUGH MAY (NO CHARGE FOR JUNE) AND ANY OTHER OUTSTANDING FEES.**

## **2011 - 2012 TECHNIQUE INTENSIVE (TI) and \*TI-2 PROGRAM AUDITIONS**

Auditions will be held **FRIDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>** for dancers age 7 - 11 years  
AND  
**SATURDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>** for dancers age 12 years & older.

**\*NEW FOR 2011-2012 SEASON – The “TI- 2” Program will be offered for dancers ages 9-12!**  
To learn more about the Technique Intensive (TI) and TI-2 Programs, as well as our Competitive Dance Program,  
please pick up an informational packet at the front desk today!

In addition, please attend an important meeting for all those interested in the TI, TI-2 and/or Competitive Dance Programs to be held on **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** at the studio. This meeting is primarily for parents who have not had their dancer involved in any of the above listed programs during this past dance season, however all are welcome and encouraged to attend to be well informed. The presentation will last approximately 20-30 minutes and will be followed by a question and answer session.

Please read over our informational packet before you attend the meeting as many of your questions will be answered in the packet.

### **UPCOMING INFORMATION** – In the next two months you will be receiving the following:

- **Recital Ticket Lottery and Ticket Purchasing Information** (received today along with this newsletter).
- **Performance Lineup** – Lists the order of dances in each show.
- **Recital Picture Schedule and Picture Package Information.** *Sport Pics*, the company who photographs our dancers, will mail pictures directly to you!
- **Recital Costumes with Costume Instruction Sheets** – Lists costume pieces, accessories, required style and color tights, sewing instructions, placement of headpieces, required hairstyle, etc.
- **Stage Make-up Application Instruction Sheet** – Includes diagrams and tips for applying cosmetics for stage and styling hair in the required hairstyles.
- **Dress Rehearsal Schedule** – Dress rehearsals will be held at *Greendale High School* on **June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Recital DVD Purchasing Information - NOTE: NO VIDEO CAMERAS OF ANY KIND** are allowed in the auditorium during any of the recital performances on **June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**! Watch for DVD order forms in May.
- **Backstage Volunteer Information Sheet** – We need as much help as possible!!! Please consider helping backstage during at least one of our 7 performances. Our backstage staff will be here at the studio on **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> (Recital Ticket Day)** to help you with your questions.
- **Summer Program Information** – A variety of classes will be held over summer from **June 20<sup>th</sup> – August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

**IMPORTANT** – If your dancer is absent from class from now until the June recitals, please make certain you check for information sheets they may have missed. There will be many informational notes coming home during the next 2 months of classes. If you have any questions, please call the studio so someone from our staff can answer them for you. In addition, you may download these informational notes on our website, [www.youngdance.biz](http://www.youngdance.biz) as they become available.

### **REMINDER** – Don’t forget to be up-to-date on tuition payments!

- **No costumes will be handed out to dancers whose tuition is not paid in full through April, including outstanding past due balances.**
- **In addition, no tickets will be sold to anyone whose tuition is not paid through May.**

Thank you and think spring!  
Sandy and Staff