

YOUNG DANCE ACADEMY

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DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Dancers:

Thank you to everyone who attended classes during parent observation week last month! It was great to see so many of you! We hope you noticed as much progress and enthusiasm in your dancer as we do! If you have any questions or concerns please call the studio and your dancer's teacher will get back to you promptly. **All dancers should be confirmed in all classes at this time as recital costumes are being ordered.** It will be difficult to make changes at this time.



Our 2nd Annual Holiday Showcase



Thank you to all who signed up to participate in our 2nd annual Holiday Showcase to be held at the Henry Ross Auditorium at Greendale High School on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH**! We have about 300 dancers participating!

Dancers have been busy working on their individual choreography and we are excited to begin staging on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH and SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**! You should have already received 3 separate Holiday Showcase informational notes. The most recent note is the staging rehearsal schedule for both Saturday, December 5th and Sunday, December 6th.

ALL HOLIDAYS SHOWCASE NOTES WILL NOW BE SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY! An email concerning ticket sales will be sent out on Tuesday, December 1st. If you do not receive this email, please let the front desk know immediately.

Please remember to check your email daily!

TICKETS for our Holiday Showcase are \$10.00 each and go on sale to the general public on **Tuesday, December 8th** beginning at 4:30 p.m. All seating is reserved.

The 2PM matinee show features our dancers primarily ages 3 – 11 in a somewhat "silly" version of "*'Twas the Night Before Christmas*". The story has a zany cast of characters and will be narrated by Wes McKane from 103.7 KISS FM!

The 7PM evening show, also hosted by Wes McKane, will include mostly our dancers age 11 & older and will include exciting new numbers performed by our teen and senior competitive dancers! In addition, our teen and senior dancers that will be representing WI at Dance Excellence 2010 will premiere their new 2010 Disney show "Famous Dance Scenes from the Movies".

EXCITING TICKET NEWS! – Any dancer performing in the 2PM matinee performance will receive free admission to the 7PM show! Unfortunately we are unable to offer a free ticket to the matinee show for the evening show dancers. The number of dancers in the matinee show and the size of the auditorium make it impossible.

Make Saturday, December 19th a day to remember with whimsical entertainment at 2PM, enjoy an early dinner and be back at 7PM for some holiday entertainment reminiscent of the old Christmas variety show specials! Sounds like a great way to enjoy the holiday season with family, friends and some spectacular entertainment!

There will be lots of holiday treats and gifts for you to purchase for your dancers before and after each of the performances. The teen and senior dancers will be selling holiday show floral bouquets and lots of other goodies as they continue to raise funds for their trip to Dance Excellence 2010 in March! Thank you to all that have been supporting their goals!

In addition, check out our gift baskets on display in the lobby throughout the month of December. Take a chance on winning one of these terrific prizes! Basket winners will be announced at the end of our 7PM Holiday Showcase. Winners need not be present to win! See the details in our lobby!

A PORTION OF OUR HOLIDAY SHOW FUNDRAISING AND TICKET SALES WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY!!!

Last year we donated \$1000 to the Salvation Army right here in Oak Creek!



HOLIDAY MITTEN TREE – This year we would like to fill our "mitten tree" with new mittens, gloves, scarves and hats to donate to the *Childrens' Family and Community Partnership*. This organization works closely with children who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Our tree is waiting to be filled! Thank you for your help with this project! Let's fill our tree with many mittens and gloves!

YDA DANCER CHRISTMAS PARTY – Our teen and senior dancers will be hosting a Christmas theme dance party for dancers age 5 & older on **Saturday, December 12th from 12:00 noon – 2:00pm** at the dance studio! The cost is \$15.00 per dancer and includes lots of games and dancing along with some holiday snacks and treats! You may sign-up in advance at the desk and walk-ins are welcome! The party will follow Holiday Showcase rehearsals of the 2PM matinee. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS VACATION – THE STUDIO WILL BE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION FROM **MONDAY, DECEMBER 21ST – SATURDAY, JANUARY 2ND**. **CLASSES WILL RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 2010.**

CONFIRMED RECITAL DATES - Please make sure you received the November newsletter confirming our 2010 recital and dress rehearsal dates at Greendale High School. You are also able to download our monthly newsletters from our website as they become available at www.youngdance.biz. As it states in our studio brochure, dancers do not perform in every show. A performance schedule will be available in late-March or early April. The performance schedule will list the recital dates in which your dancer's class will participate.

RECITAL COSTUME MEASUREMENTS – Dancers should have been measured for their recital costumes as of today. We are completing our costume orders at this time as it takes 16 – 20 weeks to receive most orders. **If you do not intend on performing in the recital, please let us know immediately!**

DECEMBER MONTHLY TUITION – Don't forget your December tuition is due beginning Tuesday, December 1st. Any payment made after Monday, December 7th is considered late and you will be charged a \$5.00 per week late fee. Don't forget to fill out a slip for our "free tuition" drawing. The winner of "free tuition" for December is Jacqueline Hall. Congratulations, Jacqueline!

DANCEWEAR ORDERS – Any items that were ordered by Saturday, November 20th will be in before Christmas vacation. Any embroidered items that were ordered *after* November 20th cannot be guaranteed for Christmas. However, you may still place an order and we will do our best to get it in by Christmas. Don't forget to check out our apparel in the lobby. Items can be purchased off the rack and do not need to be ordered. We have brand new leotards, sweatshirts and pants in stock now! Take a look at the new styles and designs!

YOUNG DANCE ACADEMY GIFT CERTIFICATES – YDA Gift Certificates are available (your choice of dollar amount) year round. They make great Christmas gifts and are good for any purchases made at the studio, including monthly tuition.

TI DANCE NEWS – We still have 3 Entertainment books available for purchase at the front desk. They make great stocking stuffers, hostess and Christmas gifts!

Don't forget to pick up your poinsettia plants at the studio on Saturday, December 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

UPCOMING DANCE CONVENTION – Dancers from *Young Dance Academy* will be attending New York City Dance Alliance in Lansing, MI on January 9th and 10th. If you are interested in attending this dance convention you must register at the studio no later than **Saturday, December 5th**. Dance conventions are open to all students at YDA age 7 & older. Pick-up more information and registration forms at the front desk.

SNOW CLOSINGS – As it states in our brochure, the studio will be closed and no classes will be held when the *Oak Creek* schools call a "snow day." It is the judgment of the owner as to whether the studio will be closed due to bad weather on a Saturday or during after school hours. If you are in doubt as to whether classes are being held, please call the studio for a recorded message or take a look at our website at www.youngdance.biz. You may also log on to www.fox6now.com to confirm our possible snow closings. No refunds are given for classes missed due to a "snow day." Your child may attend a make-up class upon request.

COMING IN JANUARY – Immediately following Christmas vacation, dancers will be shown a picture of their recital costume and will hear their recital music. Teachers will begin working on recital dances after Christmas vacation for about 15 minutes at the end of each class during the months of January and February. During the first part of the month of January, your dancer will bring home a "*Shoe Style & Color*" information sheet that will list each class and the shoes that will be required for the recital.

PILATES CONTINUES IN DECEMBER! – Pilates class will continue to be held on the following Monday evenings from 8:30-9:30 PM: November 30th, December 7th & December 14th and also on the following Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 PM: December 2nd, December 9th & December 16th. The cost will remain the same as the previous session: \$25.00 for 3 classes OR \$40.00 for all 6 classes! If paying for 3 classes, you may mix and match Mondays and Wednesdays! Sign up at the desk TODAY!

LOST AND FOUND – Please check our lost and found for any items you may be missing. We have many light fall jackets hanging along the wall that belong to some of you!

**Hope to see you at our 2nd Annual Holiday Showcase on Saturday, December 19th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Remember – If you have a dancer performing in either showcase, check daily for email updates.**

HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!!

Thank you,
Sandy and Staff