



Dear Parents and Dancers,

February is already here and recital dances are well under way in all of the classes performing in the recital. Individual recital music CDs are being handed out in classes as well. If your dancer has not received his or her CD, please see the front desk staff. **If you misplace your copy, a new copy can be purchased at the front desk at a cost of \$3.00 per CD.** Remind your dancers to practice using the music we have provided. It is more fun and much easier to practice as you go, rather than waiting until the last minute to try and practice the entire dance as it gets close to the recital!

TUITION REMINDER – February tuition must be paid by **Monday, February 7th** (also any other past due tuition payments) to be eligible for the free tuition drawing. Late payments will incur a \$5.00 per week late fee. Congratulations to Abby Martin, winner of last month's "free tuition" drawing!



Upcoming in February – Young Dance Academy will be hosting a **Valentine Dance Party** on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH FROM 3:30 – 5:30 P.M.** for all dancers age 4 & older. (Three year olds are also welcome if parents feel their 3 year old would enjoy this 2-hour event without their parent).

Dancers will enjoy crafts, games, juice & snacks and learn special Valentine's Day dances to perform in a showcase at the end of the party. Parents are welcome to come for pick-up 15 minutes early to watch the showcase. **The cost is \$15.00 per party attendee.** All profits will benefit our dancers representing Wisconsin at *Dance Excellence 2011* next month!

Holiday Showcase DVDS – Holiday Showcase DVDs will be available for pick up at the studio beginning **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH**. You may still place an order for a Holiday Showcase DVD at **\$40.00** per DVD. Late orders placed by Saturday, February 26th will be available for pick up at the studio beginning Monday, March 14th.



Holiday Showcase Photos – If you are interested in purchasing copies of photos in our photo montage that was shown at the end of both of our 2010 Holiday shows, please take a look at our photo album at the front desk today! In addition, many other photos taken at our studio rehearsals and onstage rehearsals at GHS that were not shown in the video are also available for purchase. **Place your order by Saturday, February 26th.** Orders can be picked up at the front desk beginning Monday, March 7th. Prints are available in 4x6 and are \$3.00 each, 7 for \$15.00. All profits will benefit our dancers representing Wisconsin at *Dance Excellence 2011* next month!

"ALL BOYS" RECITAL DANCE – Rehearsals for our "all boys" dance will begin on **Saturday, February 26th from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.** We will send a reminder email as this date approaches.

RECITAL SCHEDULE – I have been working on the recital and rehearsal schedules for our June recitals and should have completed schedules to you by mid-March. My most important goal is to make sure that dancers in the same family perform all of their dances in at least one show together. This process is done so families do not have to purchase tickets for more than one performance if they do not desire to do so. It is very difficult to make this possible for all families, and occasionally, I cannot accommodate everyone. Also, it is impossible to make allowances for those going on vacations, etc. however, I do realize that some things are out of our control, such as graduations and family weddings. **DANCERS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL PERFORMANCES SCHEDULED FOR THEIR PARTICULAR CLASS.** If your dancer is required to dance in 3 shows, they must be there for all 3 performances and corresponding dress rehearsals. Our dancers do not stay in one particular spot on stage for the duration of their dance. They are continuously changing formations and it is unfair to expect the rest of the class to accommodate for your dancer's empty spot because of a trip to *Great America* or the like. **Once the schedule is finished, NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE! Changing it would affect too many people so once it is done it is final!** Please note that the majority of the young pre-school age classes will most likely perform in 2-3 shows and all other classes will perform somewhere between 2-4 shows.

****NOTE:** Dancers and parents, please pay particularly close attention to the policy that dancers need to be at ALL of their scheduled performances. In the past, we have had dancers not show up for a scheduled performance, but managed to make it to the show that they had purchased tickets for their family. This causes many problems backstage before the show and negatively affects the performance of others. Please phone the studio ahead of time if your child is injured or ill at the last minute and will not be able to make a scheduled performance.

****ANY DANCER MISSING A PERFORMANCE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER FOR THE 2011 - 2012 DANCE SEASON ON THE RETURNING STUDENT'S REGISTRATION DAY!**

RECITAL SHOES – Many people have recently asked questions about dyeing dance shoes for the recital. Please do not dye any shoes until just before recital pictures. Dye can be purchased at most cobbler or shoe repair shops. The elastic straps on ballet slippers cannot be dyed, so the elastic must be changed to match the shoe color. Laces on jazz shoes cannot be dyed and must also be replaced. When dyeing ballet slippers pink, choose a light pastel pink to match the pink ballet slippers sold at the studio. Test the color on scrap material before applying to dance shoes! If your dancer is required to have a strap or children's

tap shoe, the Giordano tie tap shoes are NOT acceptable! They do not coordinate well with dancers' costumes if it is a certain style dress or skirt. Do not forget to check our bulletin board in the hallway in between the boys' and girls' dressing rooms. Even if you do not need shoes yourself, there are many people looking for shoes that you may have at home and can get rid of usefully. If you have put a note on the board and have sold shoes, remember to remove your note to make room for new notes. Also, the board in the lobby is for shoes and dancewear ONLY and not for any other advertising.

TI PROGRAM NEWS – Congratulations to our dancers who attended the *New York City Dance Alliance* convention Lansing, MI in January. **Scholarship finalists in the following age divisions were:**

- ❑ MINI – *Holly Cannistra, Emily Duelge* – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up, *Brooke Kais, Katy Wartman*
- ❑ JUNIOR – *Peyton Baumstark, Nicole Fry, *Lissie Eichel* – Outstanding Dancer Winner, *Natalie Marino, Rachel Musuraca, Sydney Spaciel*
- ❑ TEEN – **Ciara Marino* – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up, *Taylor Page, Bailey Petitgoue, *Kari Smith* – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up
- ❑ SENIOR – **Laura Ksobiech* – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up, **Cindy Reid* – Outstanding Dancer Winner, *Abby Stachnik*

*All dancers that were awarded Outstanding Dancer Winner and Runner-Up Scholarships are eligible to compete for the NYCDA National Title in New York City at their National Finals in July 2011!

We also presented 8 dances at the NYCDA competition in Lansing, MI. Competition results were as follows:

- ✧ **1492** - Platinum, 1st Place Overall High Score Senior Duet/Trio
- ✧ **Over The Rainbow** – Platinum, Outstanding Stage Presence, 1st Place High Score Mini Tap, 1st Place High Score Mini Group, 1st Place Overall High Score Mini Dance, **Mini Critic's Choice Winner**
- ✧ **Sinfonia** - Platinum, Outstanding Costume, Outstanding Staging, 1st Place High Score Junior Ballet
- ✧ **Corner** – Platinum, Outstanding Showmanship, 3rd Place High Score Group, Junior Critic's Choice Nominee
- ✧ **Born To Be Wild** – Platinum, Junior Critic's Choice Nominee
- ✧ **Between Heaven and Iron** – Platinum, Outstanding Staging, 1st Place High Score Ballet
- ✧ **Master of Puppets** – Platinum, Outstanding Concept, Outstanding Execution, Outstanding Showmanship, 1st Place High Score Tap, 2nd Place High Score Line, Teen Critic's Choice Nominee
- ✧ **Rush** – Platinum, Outstanding Musicality, 3rd Place High Score Group, 1st Place High Score Tap, Senior Critic's Choice Nominee

Great job to all of the dancers! Up next... **New York City Dance Alliance in Chicago at the Pheasant Run Resort February 19th and 20th**. Over *60 dancers from YDA will be attending with many competing at this convention/competition. Best of luck, dancers!

***Their will be a brief meeting on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH at 7:30 p.m. for those attending NYCDA Chicago to help you better prepare for the experience. Please RSVP for the meeting by calling or emailing the studio at 414-768-9876 or youngdanceacademy@gmail.com.**

Snow Closings – Again, the studio is closed when Oak Creek Public schools call a snow day. **WE DO NOT CLOSE FOR PREDICTED STORMS.** If you are unsure, please call the studio or check on Fox 6 (Channel 6) or at www.myfoxmilwaukee.com. You can assume there *will be* classes if there is no message to the contrary. You may request a make up class if you so desire. As it states in our fall brochure, no refunds are given for classes canceled due to weather conditions.

Happy Valentine's Day!
Sandy and Staff

