



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 were 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 **Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** (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 Ashley Sievert, winner of last month’s “free tuition” drawing!



**Upcoming in February** – Young Dance Academy will be hosting a *Valentine Dance Party* on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> FROM 3:30 – 5:00 P.M.** for all dancers age 5 & older. (Four year olds are also welcome if parents feel their 4 year old would enjoy this 1½-hour event without them.)

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 the teen dancers representing Wisconsin at *Dance Excellence 2010* next month!



**UPCOMING IN MARCH** – Dancers from Young Dance Academy will be performing in a *Kinderkonzert* with **Bob McGrath** from *Sesame Street* and the *Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra* on **SUNDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** at the *Marcus Center for Performing Arts*. We are being offered a 20% discount on tickets and I am advising that if you are interested in any tickets, purchase them now. I have been advised

that the show will be sold out! To purchase tickets, go to **www.mso.org**, enter the promo code “Bob” and then select your tickets for March 14<sup>th</sup>. You may also purchase tickets by calling Erin at the *Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra* at (414) 226-7811. Tickets range from \$8 to \$24 per ticket with your 20% discount.

**Holiday Showcase DVDs** – Holiday Showcase DVDs will be available for pick up at the studio beginning **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**. You may still place an order for a Holiday Showcase DVD at **\$35.00** per DVD. Late orders must be placed by **Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**. Late orders will be available for pick up at the studio beginning **Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**Holiday Showcase Photos** – If you are interested in purchasing copies of the photos in our photo montage that was shown at the end of each of the 2009 Holiday shows, please take a look at our photo album at the front desk at the studio beginning **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**. In addition, many other photos taken at our studio rehearsals that were not shown in the video are also available for purchase. Orders can be placed through Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Prints are 4x6 in size and are available at a cost of \$3.00 each. All profits will benefit the teen dancers representing Wisconsin at *Dance Excellence 2010* next month!

**"ALL BOYS" RECITAL DANCE** – Again this year we will be having an “all boys” number in the recital. Rehearsals for this number will primarily be held on Saturdays mostly after 1:30 p.m., but before 5:30 p.m. **Rehearsals will begin in March.** All Young Dance boys will be contacted sometime during the month of February to see who is interested in performing in this number.

**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 2010 - 2011 DANCE SEASON ON THE RETURNING STUDENT'S REGISTRATION DAY!**

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**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.

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**TI PROGRAM NEWS** – Congratulations to our dancers who attended the *New York City Dance Alliance* convention in Kansas City, MO in November. The following dancers were scholarship finalists and subsequent winners in their age divisions:

- ❑ MINI – \*Nicole Fry – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up
- ❑ JUNIOR – \*Bailey Petitgoue – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up
- ❑ TEEN – Taylor Page, \*Kari Smith – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up
- ❑ SENIOR – \*Nick Young – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up

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 – \*Peyton Baumstark – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up, \*Lissie Eichel – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up, Brooke Kais, Rachel Musuraca, \*Sydney Spaciel – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up
- ❑ JUNIOR – Kristin Farina, Courtney Heder, Natalie Marino, Karlise Parkhill
- ❑ TEEN – \*Ciara Marino – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up, Kristy Novak, \*Taylor Page – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up, Bailey Petitgoue, Abby Stachnik
- ❑ SENIOR – Jenna Dornak, \*Laura Ksobiech – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up, Caitlin Meyers, \*Cindy Reid – Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up

\*All dancers that were awarded Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up Scholarships are eligible to compete for a National Title in New York City at the NYCDA National Finals in July 2010!

The following dancers were awarded a single convention scholarship at the NYCDA convention in Lansing:

- ❑ MINI – Tommy Musuraca – Ballet scholarship
- ❑ JUNIOR – Kristin Farina – Tap scholarship, Courtney Heder – Tap scholarship

We also presented 11 dances at the NYCDA competition in Lansing, MI. Competition results were as follows:

- ❑ *Boom Boom Pow* – Platinum, Outstanding Showmanship
- ❑ *Concerto in G* – Platinum, Outstanding Showmanship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Junior Line, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ballet, Junior Critic's Choice Nominee
- ❑ *I Look to You* – Platinum, Outstanding Interpretation, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Junior Lyrical, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Junior Group, \***Junior Critic's Choice Winner**
- ❑ *Clocks* – Platinum, Outstanding Execution, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Teen Tap, 1<sup>st</sup> Place High Score Teen Line, Teen Critic's Choice Nominee
- ❑ *Witches Gavotte* – Platinum, Outstanding Interpretation, Outstanding Partnering, Outstanding Concept, Outstanding Choreography, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ballet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place High Scoring Teen Line, Teen Critic's Choice Nominee
- ❑ *Congratulations* – Platinum, Outstanding Energy, 4<sup>th</sup> Place Lyrical, 4<sup>th</sup> Place High Scoring Line
- ❑ *The Winner Is* – Platinum, Outstanding Technical Performance, Outstanding Musicality, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Tap, 1<sup>st</sup> Place High Scoring Group, \***Senior Critic's Choice Winner**
- ❑ *Flojtavik* – Platinum, Outstanding Partnering, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ballet, 4<sup>th</sup> Place High Scoring Group, Senior Critic's Choice Nominee
- ❑ *Three Breaths* – Platinum, Outstanding Execution, 5<sup>th</sup> Place High Scoring Senior Solo
- ❑ *I Try* – Platinum, Outstanding Execution, Outstanding Choreography, 1<sup>st</sup> Place High Scoring Senior Solo
- ❑ *Where I Stood* – Platinum, Outstanding Partnering, 1<sup>st</sup> Place High Scoring Senior Duet/Trio

Great job to all of the dancers! Up next... ***New York City Dance Alliance* in Chicago at the Pheasant Run Resort February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**. Over 50 dancers from YDA will be attending and competing at this convention / competition. Best of luck, dancers!

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**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](http://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.

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Happy Valentine's Day!  
Sandy and Staff

