

YOUNG DANCE ACADEMY

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JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Dancers:

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is as excited as we are to begin working toward our June recital performances!

Our Second Annual Holiday Showcase was a huge success and we thank everyone who participated as well as those who came to see the performance! We were very fortunate to have the weather cooperate for us on Saturday, December 19th during this season of unpredictable Wisconsin weather!

Parents, you did an absolutely amazing job with everything from costuming your dancers to bringing them to their rehearsals! You all worked together and stayed positive and enthusiastic! Thank you again to Tiffany Baumstark, Barb Pergande and all of the amazing volunteers who helped make the rehearsals and shows run so smoothly. We are all excited and looking forward to working with you again in the future as we plan our June recitals and rehearsals!

A portion of the profits from *Our Second Annual Holiday Showcase* was donated to the *Mulala Parish* in Tanzania, Africa!

To order a DVD of either performance, please fill out and return an order form with full payment to the front desk. Each DVD includes a 3-minute video clip of pictures set to music highlighting preparations for the showcase! DVDs are priced at \$30.00 each, one show per DVD. **Full payment must accompany your DVD order. Orders will be taken through Saturday, January 16th.** You may pick up an order form at the front desk or download one from our website at www.youngdance.biz.

Holiday Showcase T-shirts are still available for purchase to commemorate this special performance! T-shirts are \$10.00 each.

IMPORTANT! The winner of one of the dance baskets is Joan Calvaro. We have no contact information for her. Does anyone know Joan?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS – Thank you to all who hung new gloves, mittens, hats and scarves on our “Mitten Tree” last month. Over 100 items were donated to the *Children’s Family and Community Partnerships* of Milwaukee in an effort to warm the hands of so many less fortunate children. Many of you were so generous! Thank you all again!

recital costumes – The costume orders have been mailed and during the week beginning **January 12th** dancers will be shown a picture of their recital costumes and you will be receiving a *Recital Shoe Style & Color* information sheet that lists the shoe requirements for each class for the June recital. **IMPORTANT** – Please note the shoes pictured in the recital costume book are not necessarily the style and/or color chosen for your dancer’s class. Please refer to the *2010 Recital Shoe & Color* information sheet for the required shoe style and color of your dancer’s class. **PLEASE ORDER ALL SHOES BY EARLY APRIL!** We encounter problems every year for those who wait too long to place their recital shoe order.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON RECITAL SHOES – If you only need to change your dancer’s shoe color, most can be dyed (wait until just before recital pictures in May). Please make note that the slip-on style jazz shoe cannot be dyed. If you need a completely different style of shoe than what your dancer already has and you do not wish to order a brand new pair you may post a shoe request on the bulletin board in between the boys and girls dressing rooms. State the shoe style, color and size you need. Be sure to include your name and telephone number on the card as well. Do not wait until the last minute! Now is the time to try to sell or buy used shoes! **Note:** Please avoid putting your dancer in a position where they have the incorrect shoes. Please follow the shoe requirements to achieve a uniform look for the recital dance.

MONTHLY TUITION – **January tuition is due this week Monday, January 4th through Saturday, January 9th, 2010.** Any payment made after January 9th is considered late (unless your child was absent from class during that week) and will require a **\$5.00 per week late fee.**

RECITAL MUSIC CDs – Each dancer is provided with a CD of their classes’ recital music to be used at home to practice their recital dance. A CD will be given to each dancer initially at no additional cost. Teachers will hand out individual CDs to their students beginning **Monday, January 25th.** Music editing is completed in mid-January and therefore we will not have the proper edited versions of recital songs until the end of the month. If your CD has to be replaced, you will be charged \$3.00 for a replacement. Please encourage your dancers to practice every week even *before* they receive their recital music on CD! Practicing for preschool age classes is simply listening to and learning the words to their song.

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TECHNIQUE INTENSIVE PROGRAM – Thank you to all who supported the TI Program with our holiday poinsettia sale this year! Thank you also to everyone who went to Culver's with their YDA vouchers! The teens attending Dance Excellence 2010 are very grateful! Watch for more fundraising events coming soon!

Many of our dancers will be attending the *New York City Dance Alliance* convention and competition in Lansing, MI on January 9th & 10th. Have fun and good luck, dancers!

Just a note: Several teachers from our faculty will be in Michigan Friday, January 8th through Sunday, January 10th for the *New York City Dance Alliance* convention. Substitute teachers will be teaching for them.

UPCOMING DANCE CONVENTION – If you are interested in attending the *New York City Dance Alliance* dance convention in **St. Charles, IL on February 20th & 21st**, you must register at the front desk by **Saturday, January 9th**. Conventions are open to all YDA students age 7 & older. Pick-up more information at the front desk today!

INDIVIDUAL CLASS RECITAL PERFORMANCES – In mid-March you will receive a schedule of when each class will perform in the recitals, June 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th and 19th, 2010. Classes may perform in anywhere between 1 and 7 of the shows. Our audiences are getting larger every year and in order for your guests to see all of your children together during one performance, it may be necessary that your dancer's classes perform in at least three shows. You do not need to attend more than one show as parents in the audience. You may drop your dancer off backstage with their assigned baby-sitter or stay backstage and be a volunteer. We will be asking for volunteers to help out backstage at a later date. **ALL DANCERS ARE EXPECTED TO PERFORM IN ALL PERFORMANCES FOR WHICH THEY ARE SCHEDULED** so you need to reserve ALL show dates until the list is complete in the middle of March.

UPCOMING – This year we are again planning a ticket lottery to avoid a long line for recital tickets in May. More details will follow in the upcoming Newsletters. Recital ticket cost is \$10.00 per ticket this year for all shows. For more ticket info please refer to our studio brochure.

LOST & FOUND – Our lost & found will be emptied and all items taken to *Goodwill* after **Saturday, January 9th**. Most items will be on a table in the girls' dressing room. Lost & found coats and jackets will be hung on the hooks of the south wall of the girls dressing room through January 9th.

snow closings – *Just a reminder...* As it states in our studio brochure, the studio will be closed and no classes will be held when the *Oak Creek* public schools call a "snow day". It is by judgment of the owner to close the studio due to inclement weather on Saturdays 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 check on our website, **www.youngdance.biz**. No refunds will be given for classes canceled due to a "snow day". Dancers may attend a make-up class upon request. In addition, we are registered with Fox 6 and their Storm Team, so watch for our possible closing on TVs Channel 6 or **www.myfoxmilwaukee.com**.

PILATES CONTINUES IN DECEMBER! – Pilates class will continue to be held on the following Monday evenings from 8:30-9:30 PM: January 4th, 11th & 18th and also on the following Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 PM: January 6th, 13th & 20th. 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!

AS A REMINDER... dancers may eat in the lobby area ONLY, not the dressing rooms or hallways. Thank you for helping to keep the studio clean and pest free!

Thank you & Happy New Year!
Sandy and Staff