

YOUNG DANCE ACADEMY

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JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Our 4th Annual Holiday Showcase was a huge success and we thank everyone who participated as well as those who came to see the performances! We were very fortunate to have the weather cooperate for us on Saturday, December 17th 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 Barb Pergande, Shelly Cannistra, Ann Devereaux and Julie Page, 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 4th Annual Holiday Showcase* was donated to the *Ronald McDonald House* Charities!

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 the 3-minute video clip of pictures set to music highlighting preparations for the showcase! DVDs are priced at \$30.00 each, 2 for \$50.00. **Full payment must accompany your DVD order. Orders will be taken through Saturday, January 21st.** You may pick up an order form at the front desk or download one from our website at www.youngdance.biz. **DVDs will be ready for pick up on Monday, February 6, 2012.**

If you haven't picked up your Holiday Showcase T-shirt yet, you may do so at the front desk this week. Extra Holiday Showcase T-shirts are also available for purchase at a cost of \$10.00 each.

Thank you to all who helped fill our "top hat" with jackets, coats, sleeping bags, blankets, hats, scarves, mittens, etc. in the lobby last month. Over 200 items were donated to the *Shalom Ministries* of Milwaukee and distributed to many homeless members of our community on Christmas Eve night. Many of you were so generous! Thank you all again!

RECITAL COSTUMES – The costume orders are complete and during the week beginning **January 9th** dancers will be shown a picture of their recital costumes. You will also be receiving a **2012 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 **2012 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.

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). 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 approximate size you need. Be sure to include your name and telephone number on the card as well. You may also post if you have used shoes 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.

NEW BRAND OF OXFORD TIE TAP SHOES – For over 25 years, we have used the Giordano brand oxford tie tap shoe as our tap shoe of choice primarily for our tap dancers over the age of 6. Unfortunately, it appears that the Giordano shoe company may be going out of business. In any case, at this point they are not manufacturing shoes. We have had to find a new manufacturer for a comparable shoe and have been successful. Giordano oxford tie taps have been sold at the studio for \$54.00 per pair for over 15 years. The new style is by "Dancing Fair" and is a soft leather much like the Giordano leather and will stretch with the dancers foot. They will retail for \$70.00. (I was told I had been *undercharging* for the Giordano oxford tie taps shoes for years!) When our "2012 Recital Shoe Style & Color" sheet becomes available next week and it states "oxford style tie tap shoe" you will be able to use any brand such as the Dancing Fair brand, Giordano style, Bloch or various other oxford styles. However, we will only be able to order the "Dancing Fair" brand. I do have several pair of Giordano brand oxford tie tap shoes in stock at the \$54.00 price, but will be unable to order this style. Please note: you may NOT substitute a children's style tie tap shoe or strap tap shoe for the oxford style unless it states this on the "2012 Recital Shoe Style & Color" sheet.

MONTHLY TUITION– **January tuition is due this week Wednesday, January 4th through Tuesday, January 10th, 2012.** Any payment made after Tuesday, January 10th 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 30th**. 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 once they have their CD.

TECHNIQUE INTENSIVE PROGRAM – Many of our TI Program dancers will be attending the *New York City Dance Alliance* convention and competition in Lansing, MI on January 6th - 8th. Have fun and good luck, dancers!

Just a note: Several teachers from our faculty will be in Michigan, Friday, January 6th – Sunday, January 8th for the *New York City Dance Alliance* convention. **THE STUDIO WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH**. Sandy's Friday 3-year-old combo class was rescheduled for Tuesday, January 3rd from 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. You should have received an email and follow up phone call prior to the rescheduled class.

UPCOMING DANCE CONVENTION – If you are interested in attending the *New York City Dance Alliance* dance convention in **St. Charles, IL on February 18th & 19th**, you must register at the front desk by **Saturday, January 14th**. 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 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th and 16th, 2012**. Classes may perform in anywhere between 2 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.**

RECITAL TICKETS – 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 AND FOUND – Our lost & found has been emptied and all items will be taken to *Goodwill* after **Saturday, January 14th** including those items left at Greendale High School during the Holiday Showcase performances.

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 JANUARY! – Pilates classes will continue to be held on **Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 PM**. Tuition is only \$40.00 per month, just \$10.00 per class! What a great way to jumpstart a healthy New Year's resolution!

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