

MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Dancers:

MONTHLY TUITION – March tuition is due by **Saturday, March 6th**. Payments are considered late and subject to a \$5.00 *per week* late fee if made after **Saturday, March 6th**. Rachel Grabowski was our tuition raffle winner last month, receiving free tuition for March. Congratulations, Rachel! Payments must be made by March 6th in order to participate in this month's drawing for free April tuition.

EASTER VACATION – The studio will be **CLOSED** for Easter vacation next month from **FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND – FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH**. Classes resume **Saturday, April 10th**. Remember to mark your calendars now! The April newsletter will not be available until April 10th. As an additional reminder, our spring dates for Parent Observation Week are **Monday, April 26th – Saturday, May 1st**. Most of our recital routines will be complete by this time so most of you will have the opportunity to video tape your dancer's full recital dance from beginning to end. We look forward to seeing you all at the end of April!

HOLIDAY SHOWCASE PHOTO ORDERS – Just a reminder... if you plan on ordering any Holiday Showcase photos, you must do so no later than Saturday, March 13th. Photo album and order forms are available at the front desk. Photos will be ready for pick up at the front desk beginning Wednesday, March 24th.

HOLIDAY SHOWCASE DVDS – Don't forget to pick up your DVDs at the front desk if you have not already. Late orders may also be picked up at this time.

KINDERCONZERT 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 14TH at 2:00 p.m.** at the *Marcus Center for Performing Arts*. We are being offered a 20% discount on tickets! To purchase tickets, go to www.mso.org, enter the promo code "Bob" and then select your tickets for March 14th. 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.

JUNE 2010 RECITAL DATES – Below is a reminder of our 7 confirmed June recital dates for 2010. All performances start at 7:00 p.m. in the Greendale High School Auditorium. **The recital dates are as follows:**

- ◇ Saturday, June 12th
- ◇ Sunday, June 13th
- ◇ Monday, June 14th
- ◇ Tuesday, June 15th
- ◇ Thursday, June 17th
- ◇ Friday, June 18th
- ◇ Saturday, June 19th

RECITAL SCHEDULE – Within a few weeks you will receive a specific *recital* schedule. You will then know exactly in which of the 7 shows your dancer(s) will be required to perform. The recital schedule will be complete and no changes will be made. For more details, please refer to the schedule when it comes out later this month.

DRESS REHEARSAL DATES – Below is a reminder of our 6 confirmed June dress rehearsal dates for 2010. All dress rehearsals are on stage in the Greendale High School auditorium. **The dress rehearsal dates are as follows:**

- ◇ Friday, June 4th (evening)
- ◇ Saturday, June 5th (afternoon & evening)
- ◇ Monday, June 7th (evening)
- ◇ Tuesday, June 8th (evening)
- ◇ Wednesday, June 9th (evening)
- ◇ Thursday, June 10th (evening)

DRESS REHEARSAL SCHEDULE – A specific schedule will be available next month. Rehearsals are in full costume and make-up with proper required hairstyle. These rehearsals take the place of all regular classes in June, however your dancer's specific rehearsal day will not be the same day as your dancer's regular dance class day or days. Again, watch for the rehearsal schedule in April. **There are NO tuition fees for June!**

IMPORTANT – I have been doing my best to work out everyone's recital conflicts. I have no doubt though that there will be problems. If a school requirement or the like makes it impossible for your dancer to be at a particular performance you are scheduled to attend, **YOU MUST LET YOUR TEACHER KNOW IMMEDIATELY** (when the recital schedule becomes available). Teachers will not re-choreograph a dance to accommodate a missing dancer, as this is too much to expect of the dancers in the class. Instead, the teacher will replace your dancer with a substitute for the performance that your dancer will miss. Therefore, the substitute dancer will need to borrow the missing dancer's costume for that particular performance. The teacher for each class will be in charge of the costume being loaned. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this matter, as it will allow students to attend graduations while keeping a recital number running smoothly. Thank you in advance for all of your help.

RECITAL SHOES – Did you order your recital shoes yet? April is a busy time for shoe suppliers. Please have orders placed by the end of March. If you decide to wait we cannot guarantee you will have your shoes for your recital pictures in May. Several shoes ordered recently are on backorder until April. Check the shoe bulletin board in the hallway if you'd like to purchase or sell any used shoes.

***NEW!!! CHILDREN'S STYLE TAP SHOES** – We are now selling a children's style tap shoe with an adjustable strap instead of those ties that are forever coming untied! In addition, they are a much more flexible shoe for more comfort for the dancer. They are available in sizes Child 7 – Adult 6, medium width only, in black patent and tan leatherette. Unfortunately they are not available in white. We will continue to sell the children's style tap shoe with the ties in white only.

RECITAL MUSIC – Everyone should have received recital music CD. If for some reason you did not, please check at the front desk. If you have misplaced your CD, additional CD's are available at the front desk for \$3.00 per replacement CD.

TECHNIQUE INTENSIVE PROGRAM NEWS – All of our Technique Intensive Program dancers along with several other dancers from our studio attended the *New York City Dance Alliance* convention / competition at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL last month. **Scholarship finalists and subsequent winners in each age division were as follows:**

MINI - Abby Amidzich, Holly Cannistra, Emily Duelle, Brooke Kais - Ballet Scholarship, Tommy Musuraca - Tap Scholarship, Isabelle Pleva, Maggie Ryan, Anna Stachnik, Katy Wartman

JUNIOR - Kristin Farina - Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up, Courtney Heder, Meghan Hintz, Natalie Marino - Tap Scholarship AND Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up, Rachel Musuraca, Karlise Parkhill

TEEN - Madalyn Krenz, Kristy Novak, Chloe Williamson

SENIOR - Shannon McAvoy, Caitlin Meyers, Abby Stachnik - Outstanding Dancer Runner-Up, Jeremiah Thompkins - Future Star Award

We presented 15 dances at the NYCDA competition and were awarded the following:

You'll Find a Way – Platinum

Hey, Sister - Platinum, 2nd Outstanding Execution, Overall High Score Teen Duet/Trio

Two Planets - Platinum, Outstanding Execution, 1st Overall High Score Teen Ballet

I Want to Stay – Platinum

Home - Platinum, 2nd Overall High Score Teen Solo

Cosmic Love - Platinum, Outstanding Technical Performance, Outstanding Execution, 4th Overall High Score Senior Solo

Minuet - Platinum, Outstanding Costume, Outstanding Execution, Outstanding Showmanship, 1st Overall High Score Mini Ballet, 2nd Overall High Score Mini Line, Mini Critic's Choice Nominee

Nothings Gonna Stop Us Now - Platinum, Outstanding Costume, Outstanding Showmanship, Mini Critic's Choice Nominee

Dream - Platinum, Outstanding Staging, Outstanding Execution, 1st Overall High Score Mini Lyrical, 1st Overall High Score Mini Line, 1st Overall Highest Scoring Mini Dance, Mini Critic's Choice Nominee, **Mini Critic's Choice Winner**

Haven't Got a Worry - Platinum, Outstanding Style, 1st Overall High Score Mini Specialty, 3rd Overall High Score Mini Line, Mini Critic's Choice Nominee

Jungle Rhythm - High Gold, Outstanding Concept, Outstanding Costume, 1st Overall High Score Mini Tap

Fame - Platinum, 3rd Overall High Score Junior Jazz, 5th Overall High Score Junior Line, Critic's Choice Nominee,

Smooth Criminal - Platinum, Outstanding Precision, Outstanding Technical Performance, Outstanding Showmanship, Outstanding

Execution, 1st Overall High Score Junior Tap, 1st Overall High Score Junior Line, Junior Critic's Choice Nominee, **Junior Critic's Choice Winner**

Seven Nation Army - Platinum, Outstanding Showmanship, 3rd Overall High Score Teen Jazz, 5th Overall High Score Teen Line, Teen Critic's

Choice Nominee

Yours and Mine - Platinum, Outstanding Execution, 3rd Overall High Score Senior Lyrical, 2nd Overall High Score Senior Group, Senior Critic's Choice Nominee

Our studio was also awarded the Class Act award in the mini / junior age division for age appropriate choreography and costuming. Congratulations to all dancers!



DANCE EXCELLENCE – The teen dancers have been working hard to get ready to represent the state of Wisconsin at *Dance Excellence 2010* March 27th – April 3rd. **THANK YOU** again to all who have been so supportive of our efforts to fundraise for this exciting opportunity!

Technique Intensive (TI) Program Auditions

Auditions for the 2010-2011 Technique Intensive Program will be held FRIDAY, MAY 14TH for dancers age 7-11 years and SATURDAY, MAY 15TH for dancers age 12 years & older.

Information packets and a specific audition time schedule will be available **Monday, March 15th**. I am currently revising this season's TI Program information packet for the 2010-2011 season. Once the information packets are available, please read it over carefully. There are several significant changes for the 2010-2011 season.

UPCOMING – RECITAL TICKET SALES – Tickets go on sale in May at a limit of 10 per family during our first week of ticket sales. We use a lottery system for ticket sales, which will be explained in April. Everyone seated in our audience requires a ticket. All seating is reserved and tickets are **\$10.00** each for all 7 performances. Children 3 and under do not need a ticket if seated on the lap of a parent. **OUR TICKET LOTTERY SALE DAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 8TH**. If you fail to participate in the ticket lottery you will have until Saturday, May 15th to purchase your 10-ticket limit or fewer. On Monday, May 17th the remaining recital tickets will go on sale first come – first serve at 4:30pm at the studio. Watch for more recital ticket purchasing information to come in April.

UPCOMING – RECITAL PICTURE DATES – Class and individual pictures of your dancer in full costume are taken here at *Young Dance* in May. This year pictures will be taken on **SUNDAY, MAY 16TH, TUESDAY, MAY 18TH AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH**. Schedules and picture package information will be available in April.

For those of you making weekend plans in advance, the studio will be closed for Memorial weekend **Saturday, May 29th through Monday, May 30th**.

Thank you and think spring!
Sandy and Staff