

# September 2011 Newsletter

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**Our Mission Statement:** Dance training is a very special experience for children and adults. It is not only an enjoyable activity, but also one from which you can learn social graces, coordination, physical fitness, appreciation of the arts and a sense of pride and accomplishment. Our staff stresses technique and showmanship to encourage everyone to be the best they can be!

WELCOME & WELCOME BACK! We are so happy you are here with us this season as we begin our 29th year of dance education! Please let us know immediately of any problems or concerns so we can help to make this year's dance experience memorable for all. Please leave a message at the front desk or on our studio voicemail if you have any concerns so we can address any situations immediately. Many student placement changes are made within the first few weeks of classes to properly place students within classes that suit them best. We make it our priority to accommodate every dancer as best we can. We want everyone to have a great dance year, so please feel free to call with any issues you feel need to be addressed.

**Thank you to all who attended our Open House on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>! So many of you took advantage of our "Used Dancewear & Shoe Sale" and found some great bargains! We are planning a similar used dance shoe sale / exchange in January when required recital shoe style and colors are announced.**

**SHOE ORDERS** Most shoe orders take 1 – 2 weeks to arrive. **Please note: Some shoes are on backorder through mid-October.** Many of our distributors are short on stock and are having trouble getting the product from the manufacturers. We are doing our best to find replacement products. If your dancer does not have proper dance shoes for the first few weeks of class they may wear socks over their tights or go barefoot until their dance shoes arrive.

**Please remember the shoes you order for class may not be the shoes you will need for the June recitals.** You will be notified in *January* of the specific style and color shoe(s) your dancer(s) will need for the June recitals. Make sure your dancer is with you when you are ordering / purchasing shoes, as they need to be fitted for a size. If you choose to purchase ballet slippers somewhere other than the studio, please note that some retail stores market a mock "ballet slipper" that have slippery soles and no elastic straps. Please make sure you are purchasing a regulation ballet shoe, leather with a suede sole and elastic straps.

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS** If you are reading this newsletter then most likely your dancer remembered to give it to you! Monthly newsletters are handed out during the first week of each month. Newsletters contain important information and notify you of important dates, upcoming events and activities. Monthly newsletters may be downloaded from our studio website at [www.youngdance.biz](http://www.youngdance.biz). Visit the website for important announcements and upcoming events at YDA along with news on our alumni!

**MONTHLY TUITION PAYMENTS** **OCTOBER TUITION IS DUE THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER.** All payments made *after October 7th* are considered late and are subject to a **\$5.00 per week late fee charge**. If you fail to pay your \$5.00 per week late fee, it is recorded on your registration card and you will be billed for any unpaid fees in April. Dancers do not receive costumes in April unless all unpaid fees are paid in full. **A \$20.00 service fee is charged on all returned checks. Please note: We do NOT send out reminders for monthly tuition payments. YOU ARE NOT SENT A MONTHLY BILL.**

**FREE MONTHLY TUITION DRAWING** To enter our "free tuition" raffle each month you simply need to pay your monthly tuition payment by the 7th day of each month. In addition, each time you make a tuition payment you also need to fill out a separate entry slip with each dancer's first and last name. If you have paid your tuition for the year in full, you must personally fill out a slip each month for the raffle. The drawing for free tuition is held on the 8th day of each month. The winner is notified by phone and it is announced in the following month's newsletter. Good luck to all in October!

## **If You Haven't Heard... Young Dance Academy has been invited to Dance Excellence 2012 and 2013!!!!**

Each year, one dance studio from each state along with studios from many different countries are invited to a global event held in Los Angeles to participate in a celebration of dance. *Young Dance* has been invited to represent the state of Wisconsin each year since the year 2000! We are not planning to attend Dance Excellence in 2012 in order to fundraise to send a larger group in 2013. Thank you for all of your support of our future fundraising efforts!

## **Look what's coming in the month of October!**



**HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY** We are hosting our annual **Halloween Dance Party** on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Cost is **\$20.00** per dancer *OR* bring a friend not currently enrolled at *Young Dance* and you and your friend pay a discounted price of only **\$15.00** per person! Students age 4 & older only please (no parent supervision required.) **Costumes are encouraged... prize giveaways for the best costumes!** Snacks and juice provided along with crafts, games, and **MUCH MORE!** Come dance the night away with your friends... We know you'll have a *SPOOK-tacular* time! Sign up **TODAY** at the front desk!

## **N O V E M B E R H A P P E N I N G S ...**

**NIGHT on the TOWN** On **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>** join us at the *Oak Creek Legion Hall* from **7:00 – 11:00 p.m.** for an evening for the grown-ups filled with music, dancing, **FREE** beer & food, fun & lots and lots of fantastic prizes! The evening's event will be hosted by radio personality Wes McKane from 103.7 KISS FM! This is an adult only event, you must be 21 years of age or older to attend. Tickets for this event are **\$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door.** Tickets will be available for purchase at the front desk beginning **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>!** All profits benefit the dancers attending *Dance Excellence 2013* in Los Angeles! Refer to the poster in the lobby for more details!

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES** Please double check that you have included a current email address on your dancer's registration card to receive announcements about upcoming YDA events and reminders. In addition, make sure you have included an emergency contact name and phone number on your child's registration form. We will always contact the parents first before trying an emergency contact.

**STUDIO and CLASSROOM GUIDELINES – PLEASE REVIEW ALL OF THE STUDIO GUIDELINES PRINTED IN THE STUDIO BROCHURE!**

- NO eating or drinking allowed beyond the lobby, including hallways, locker rooms and classrooms! Dancers may however bring capped water bottles to class if necessary. Make sure all aluminum cans/plastic bottles are emptied before placing them in the recycling receptacle located next to the beverage machine in the lobby.
- Dancers must adhere to the studio dress code including proper shoes and hairstyle. Please review the studio dress code printed in the studio brochure or on our website. **NO street clothes of any kind or leotards with skirts or tutus!** Thank you for your cooperation.

**PHONE USE** *Young Dance Academy* does not have a public phone, however we realize that some situations may require the use of our phone. Phone use is 50¢ per *important* call and anyone using the phone must remain at the front desk. Phone use is limited to short necessary conversations only. Please remember it is a business line, not a public phone.

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**HALLWAY TRAFFIC** Please keep out of the hallways as much as possible and conversations to a bare minimum. Talking and other noises disturb ongoing classes. **Parents need to remain in the lobby while classes are in session to keep hallways free of congestion. Do not sit in the hallway or classroom doorways at any time.** Please do not be offended if a teacher closes their classroom door as students are easily distracted by hallway activity. We do appreciate your cooperation in this matter!

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**DRESSING ROOMS** Lockers are provided for the Technique Intensive Program dancers as they spend between 12–20 hours per week at the studio. **NOTE: ONLY FEMALES ARE ALLOWED IN THE GIRL'S DRESSING ROOM. NO DADS PLEASE! MALES ARE ONLY ALLOWED IN THE BOYS' DRESSING ROOM.**

Please hang jackets and sweaters on the hooks provided. Keep shoes and dance bags under the benches or next to the walls so dancers can move about the locker room without tripping over others' belongings. **MAKE SURE ALL SHOES (DANCE and STREET SHOES) AS WELL AS JACKETS AND COATS ARE MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME!** Countless numbers of coats and shoes have been mistakenly taken home and never seen again. If you plan to bring money for refreshments, please bring it in a small coin purse and bring it into class with you. Teachers will keep it for you until after class. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS OF VALUE TO THE STUDIO AND LEAVE THEM UNATTENDED IN THE LOCKER ROOMS.**

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**TECHNIQUE INTENSIVE (TI) PROGRAM SUMMER EVENTS** – Two of our TI Program dancers, Laura Ksobiech and Cindy Reid, attended the *New York City Dance Alliance* National Finals in New York City this past July as part of the NYCDA Outstanding Dancer Scholarship Program. Cindy finished in the Top 10 in the Senior Female category and was awarded an additional \$10,000.00 toward her college education. Last summer at NYCDA Finals both Laura and Cindy were awarded college scholarships and are currently beginning their freshman years. Cindy is attending Marymount Manhattan in NYC on a half tuition scholarship and Laura is attending the University of the Arts in Pennsylvania on a FULL tuition scholarship! Congratulations to the girls on a spectacular job!

In addition, Nicole Fry, Meghan Hintz, Madalyn Krenz, Taylor Page, Kari Smith, Sydney Spaciel and Abby Stachnik attended the *Milwaukee Ballet* 6-week summer intensive! Abby received a partial tuition scholarship to attend. They all performed in a showcase at the end of the intensive! Beautiful job, dancers!

Broadway dancer and performer, Andy Pellick, came to the studio from New York just last week to conduct master jazz classes and set choreography on some of our competitive dancers. Our Technique Intensive dancers continue to train, study and perform throughout each and every summer.

The TI Program dancers and families would like to give a most sincere **THANK YOU** for all of your support last season! We truly appreciate your generosity in helping to fund our various endeavors.

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**BEVERAGES** – A beverage machine is located in our lobby with the following Pepsi products: *Diet Pepsi Cherry, Mountain Dew, Brisk Fruit Punch, Brisk Lemonade, Aquafina Flavorsplash Raspberry, SOBE Lifewater Fuji Apple Pear, Aquafina* bottled water, *Grape G2 Gatorade* and *Ruby Red Grapefruit Juice*. Prices range from 75¢ to \$1.50. **Water bottles in the classrooms only, no open cans please.**

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**LASTLY...** a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all who watched and voted for Nick Young on “*So You Think You Can Dance*” this past summer! He is currently preparing for the SYTYCD Top Ten Tour, which kicks off in Orlando on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and is having the time of his life!

The closest the tour comes to Milwaukee is in Rosemont, IL at the Allstate Arena on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Since most of our *Young Dance Academy* staff is attending the show, **THE STUDIO WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>.**

**IMPORTANT** – All classes on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>** are **canceled and rescheduled for MONDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>** at all of the regular class times. In other words, if your canceled class from October 12<sup>th</sup> usually runs from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., that is the time your class will be held on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a day normally set aside as a Christmas vacation day so MONDAY classes will not be held on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, only Wednesday classes. Thank you for your understanding. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you are interested in attending the show in Rosemont, go to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) to purchase tickets!

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**If you ever have any questions, please feel free to ask any one of our front desk staff and they would be happy to assist you in finding the answers you need!**

**Happy dancing to all!**

Sandy & Young Dance Academy's Faculty and Staff