



The Dance Design School

Teaching the *heart* of dance & music

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Winter
2020

February is "Watching Month"

All parents are invited to watch classes during the month of February. However, we only allow 'watching' in the Creative Movement classes during the first 2 weeks. Anyone who has tried teaching this age will know their attention span is short, at best. They are inclined to find their audience of far greater interest than their teacher within a very short space of time. Very cute! But impossible to teach.

For parents watching please follow these tips:

...No younger children, they always want to join in! This may appeal to the family involved but not to the rest of the class.

...No talking to other members of the audience

Summer Camps

This year we will be holding group summer camps for ages 2 and up and private music lessons for ages 5 and up. Here is a sneak peak of what we will be offering:

Parent & ME-ages infant to 3, dance and music class once a week during the month of July.

Pink Princesses-ages 4-6, once a day for 1-2 weeks in July. Dancers will learn to dance using a popular princess book as imagery.

Ballet Camp-ages 7+, Monday-Friday for 1-3 weeks in July. This half day camp will focus on

during the class, as it is a major distraction to the class.

...Please do not correct your child during the class. This is up to the teacher.

...Please do ask questions at the end of the class.

Teaching dance, music, voice and acting to children is a highly specialized art. Our teachers are qualified to teach your child to reach their fullest potential in a relaxed environment, which is why you have chosen the Dance & Music Design School for your child's artistic education. Please make the time to visit your child's classes this month!

our RAD ballet program and pre-pointe/pointe work.

Performance Camp-ages 7+, all day camp for 1-3 weeks in July, with an optional 4th week for ages 10+. Students will learn ballet, hip-hop, jazz, singing, acting, modern, costume design & construction, make up design & application and more! Students will put on a variety show at the end of the 3 week session.

Info and registration will be available shortly!





Year End Dance & Music Show Info

The year-end dance show has been confirmed by Cornwall High School for the weekend of June 13, 2020. Our theme this year will be "Planet Earth". Our studio photo day will be on Sunday June 7, 2020. Families should plan on having a walk-through on June 9th with dress rehearsals being Thursday June 11th and Friday June 12th from 5pm-9pm. We will be holding any snow day make ups during Memorial break, May 20th-26th. All parents will be asked to pay their June tuition by June 1 to avoid billing complications. My hope is we will be able to have early show times: noon, 3pm and 5:30pm. Our young dancers will not have to be awake past their bed times!

Our Music and Acting show will be on Sunday June 14th at 3pm at our Cornwall Studio.

Costume rentals will be billed on March 1, 2020. \$42 + tax per show class for

Pre-Primary and up. Creative

Movement and KinderDance will buy a Keepsake Costume at \$79 + tax. All Costume fees are charged on March 1st (regardless of your billing cycle) in order to guarantee your costume for the June show. Costume rentals will be fitted in class sometime in April or May, parents do not need to be present. Keepsake Costumes will be given in class sometime in late May. Recital tickets, t-shirts, flowers, yearbooks, and yearbook ads will go on sale in early May. Check your mail for its arrival.

Dance Shows!

Free Stuff!

June Show Freebies

Freebies! All families will receive 2 free tickets and all dance families will receive 1 free DVD of the dance recital. In order to collect your free items, you will need to fill out your Year End Show Permission form and mark your preferences. Free tickets must be claimed in advance, no free tickets will be given at the door. You must order your Free DVD in advance. Additional show DVD's may be purchased through the studio. Don't miss out on your free tickets and DVD, fill out your permission form when it arrives in May!

Teacher Recommendations and Early Registration

In April DDS teachers will be filling out suggestions for your child's 2020-2021 dance and music schedules. A packet will arrive in the mail with a class schedule, tuition fees, registration form and a hand written note from your child's teacher with classes they think your child may enjoy next year. Early registration will help ensure your child receives their class of choice,

before new students are allowed to register. This is also the lowest registration prices (\$30/\$40) we offer all year. Some classes, in particular our young classes, tend to fill up fast! So register promptly. Don't forget, while teachers can answer class recommendation questions, if you have any other questions (billing, start dates...), the office can help find those answers.

