



NEWSLETTER

November | 2023

WINTER RECITAL NOTES AND INFORMATION

It has been such an incredible start to the year for our music, dance, and theatre students of FACES. Choreography and preparations for the Winter Recital are well underway. We have detailed some of the information for you below. If you have other questions regarding the recital that is not covered below, please speak with your teacher directly.

MUSIC STUDENTS RECITAL: SHOW DATES AND TIME

SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, December 16th at 11:00 am. Music students and their family and/or friends will gather in the FACES Studio on that date to enjoy a showcase of work that has been learned by the music students thus far. We will be opening up the ticket portal on November 15th. The window for families to purchase tickets will be open between that date and December 15th. There is no limit to the number of music recital tickets that can be bought.

DANCE STUDENTS RECITAL: SHOW DATES AND TIME

SAVE THE DATE of Sunday, December 17th for this year's Winter Dance Recital. There will be two shows on that day, the first at 11:30 (doors open at 11:00) and the second at 2:00 pm (doors open at 1:30). We anticipate each show to be just over an hour long and we would prefer students remain at the studio in between shows when there will be a hydration and lunch break. As a quiet activity, we plan to have a movie playing in the dance studio for the students' entertainment.

VOLUNTEERS

To assist with the shows on the 17th, we are looking for ticket takers, parents to assist kids coming onto the stage and with set up and take down of the hall seating. If you are volunteering with the students or taking tickets at the door, you do not need a ticket for that show and can watch from the wings or ticket booth area.



IMPORTANT DATES

STUDIO CLOSED:
NOV. 10, DEC. 25 - JAN. 5, FEB. 19,
MAR. 18 - 29, APR. 1

WINTER RECITAL: DEC. 17TH

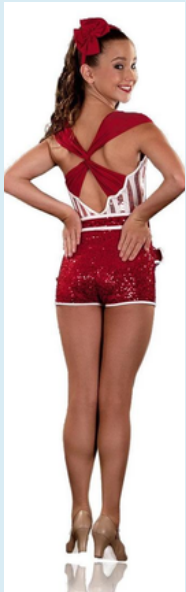
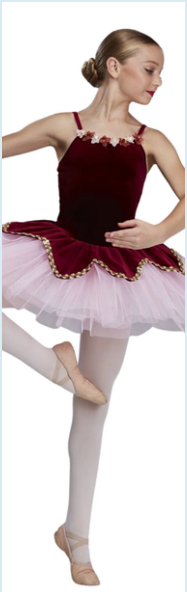
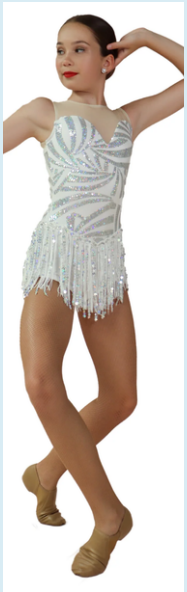
SPRING RECITAL: MAY 11TH

DANCE RECITAL TICKETS

You may have noticed that our enrolment has doubled this year, thus the necessity for the two shows. That being said, the maximum capacity is 140 in the hall and we have over 60 families in dance this year. What this means is that we are needing to limit the amount of tickets to 2 per family per show OR allot 4 tickets to a family but only one show out of the two can be attended in that case. This policy is being introduced to ensure that every dancer has a chance to showcase their talents in front of their family and loved ones.

We will be opening up the ticket portal on November 15th. The window for families to purchase tickets will be open between that date and December 1st. After that, we will take a look at the status of ticket sales and will open up any extra tickets (if they exist), at that time. Please do not ask teachers or the administrative team for tickets outside of this limit. We will allot the number of max tickets and from there, it is up to each family to sort it out if they'd like to trade or give up tickets for use.

Please also note, that our team has created a closed Facebook Group for our parents only: **FACES Dance - Dancewear, Shoes, Tickets Swap**. This page works well in a number of ways to assist parents when looking to buy or sell or trade dancewear or shoes but it also helps with ticket exchange as well. If your family is looking for two tickets outside of your allotted four, simply post that on the FB page and you may discover that there is a family who is not needing two of their tickets for that same show.



COSTUMES

For the 2023/24 dance year, all costumes will be rented to families. When you take into consideration rising costume prices, brokerage, shipping and exchange, the cost for each costume, if we required you to buy them, would be over \$100 per costume.

We have established a rental rate of \$40 per costume. This fee includes a \$15 drycleaning fee that the studio will have to absorb as each costume will be drycleaned after use and properly stored for the next time. A deposit of \$20 is required with each rental which will be promptly returned to you upon return of the costume to the studio. These fees will be charged to your parent portal account.

*"Dance is the hidden language of the soul."
— Martha Graham*



GIVE THE GIFT OF THE ARTS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Why not give the gift of the arts this Christmas, with a gift certificate for lessons in dance, theatre, or music?

At FACES, we are proud to offer quality instruction from our team of dedicated and experienced teachers, at an affordable rate for our families. Visit our [website](#) for schedule, fee, and class information.

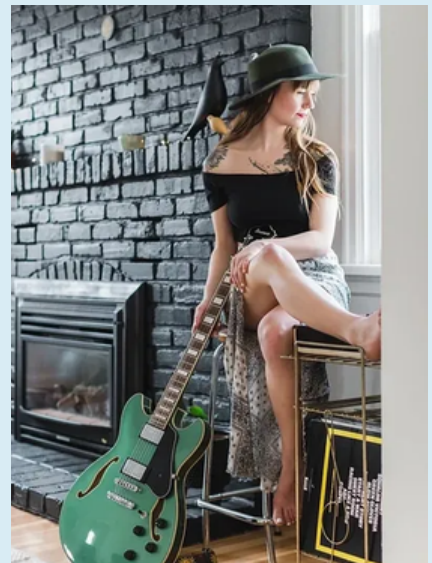
Our January registration intake will be open December, 2023.

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Session 2 of private music lessons begins this month, the week of Nov. 28th. There are still spaces available to register with instructor Megan Abel. Read more about Megan, from her teacher bio below.

“Megan Abel offers a relaxed yet balanced music curriculum to enhance a child's talent and creativity. Theory and rhythm coupled with exercises and learning age-appropriate pieces will have your child appreciating music and creating melodies of their own.

Megan's popular School of Rock Summer Camp sessions for children and youth is what brought her to the FACES studio for the first time in 2023. Her professionalism and preparedness, coupled with her amazing rapport with youth and highly engaging curriculum prompted a swift invitation to join the FACES Music Faculty. We are delighted to have Ms. Megan as part of our teaching team this year!

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MEET UNA! OUR FRIENDLY FACES MASCOT

The results are in! Our studio mouse is affectionately now known as “Una!” Thanks to all of our wonderful students who submitted names and to those who voted for their favourite! Watch for Una on her perch atop the piano at our studio's entrance. She'll have important news to share upcoming dates to watch for!



PHOTOS FROM LAST MONTH'S ART WORKSHOP WITH LYNN ERIN



FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

This year, a number of our families expressed an interest in entering dance competitions. After discussion with our creative director, Missy Morrison Charko and her fellow teachers, we have decided to pursue competition as an option for the 2024/2025 year. Competitive dancers must register in September for a full year of dance, so that they may learn their choreography and improve their technique and skills required for the dance well in advance of Spring competitions. We will continue to offer our recreational dance program as well.

More information regarding the competition program, fundraising opportunities, and the commitment level required to participate will follow throughout the year.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email Jacquie at assist@shuswaparts.com. Thanks!

PARENT PORTAL TIP - ADD A PAYMENT METHOD

If you choose to pay by Credit Card or Visa Debit Card through the portal, follow these steps to add your card to your account:

1. Click on "Saved Payment Methods"
2. Click on the Green + Button, and select Credit/Debit Card
3. Enter your card and billing details, press "Confirm Preauthorization"
4. Your card is added, and is used as the default payment method through the portal