

Steppin' Out Dance Centre
April 2024
Newsletter

April Vacation and Production DRESS Rehearsals:

There will be no regular classes held from Monday, April 15th to Saturday April 20th during school vacation. **However, we will be holding a make-up for Megan O's 8&up Musical Theatre on Saturday April 20th at their regular time as well as a Jazz Production practice on Thursday April 18th from 4pm-6pm.** We will resume regular classes on Monday, April 22nd.

Performance Team Production DRESS Rehearsals for our upcoming competitions will be held as follows:

Production Jazz - Sunday, April 28th from 10:00am-11:30am

Production Hip Hop - Sunday, April 28th from 12pm-2pm

Production Acrobatics - Sunday, April 28th from 2:30pm-4:30pm

Recital T-Shirts:

Our first order of Recital T-Shirts has been placed and we are looking forward to their arrival. We ordered a few additional shirts but we will be placing our final order in May. They are \$25 (incl. tax). We will be wearing these for the finale number of our show. Get them while they last!

Recital Info/Ticket sales/Recital Program:

Our Recital theme this year is "As Seen on TV" and will be held on Saturday, June 8th at the Sanford Performing Arts Center. We will be having a Morning Show and an Afternoon Show. The Recital Program will be posted soon in our lobby as well as emailed to all dance families. Please look over the program to see which show your dancer is in and to check the spelling of your dancer's name. Please also check to make sure your dancers are not in any back to back numbers. *Line up is subject to change* Tickets will go on sale on Saturday, April 27th from 3pm-5pm for both shows. After this date, tickets will be available in the office during regular office hours. Tickets are \$15 and are CASH ONLY. There is an initial limit of 8 tickets per dancer for the morning show. If you need more than that, you may purchase additional tickets after May 15th. Please remember that all accounts must be current in order to purchase tickets. Everyone entering the auditorium must have a ticket. Dancers and children under the age of 3 will not need a ticket as long as they are sitting on a parents lap. All other dancers can sit in the gym and watch the show on the big screen. In order for there to be less distractions, any dancers 5&up should not be in the auditorium during the half of the show that they are in. For example, if your child is in the first half of the show, you can pick them up during the intermission to watch the second half of the show.

Recital Pictures:

Recital pictures taken by Bruce Haskell Photography will be held on Saturday, May 11th for all regular classes. Performance Team pictures will be held on Thursday, May 9th. Both will be held at the Elks Lodge in Saco. Picture times will be posted in the lobby and emailed later this month.

Trophy Recipients:

Please sign up in the office if this is your 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, or 30th year dancing with us! The deadline to sign up is May 4th so we have time to order the trophies for our dancers.

Dancers will receive their awards right before intermission onstage at both shows! Please wear a dress or nice outfit.

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Recital Video Forms:

Order forms for this year's Recital video are now available. This year, all videos will be digital and no DVD's will be produced. This will result in videos of better quality and overall easier access. Digital links of our show will be \$40 for the first show and half price for the second show (total if you purchase both shows is \$60). Videos will take up to 6 weeks to edit and be released to you!

As always, no videotaping or picture taking during our Recital. We have hired a professional videographer to capture this special day and need to ensure a certain number of videos are sold. We are very excited to have Brittany Pace of Keeping Pace Videography and her team taping our show again this year! She has done a fantastic job the past couple of years and we are looking forward to having her back!

Speciality Numbers - Open to all Dancers and their Families:

We will be having practices for our speciality numbers starting this month. These include Mother/Daughter Clogging, Family Funk, Father/Daughter and Men's Number and Alumni Jazz/Hip Hop. See the attached handout for practice times. Please sign up in the dancewear store so we know who is participating in the shows. There is a \$20 family fee that should be paid upon registration for these numbers.

Instudio Rehearsals/Dress Rehearsals:

Last day of regular classes is Saturday, May 25th. One week of instudio rehearsals will follow. Instudio rehearsal will consist of us running the show in full in our studio space. This will allow dancers to begin to feel comfortable performing in front of an audience. Schedule for instudios will be released with next month's newsletter. We will run each number twice during their block and dancers can leave when their numbers are done! As always, with Recital and Dress Rehearsal so early in the month, you will only be charged ½ of your monthly tuition for the month of June.

Dress Rehearsal will be held at the Sanford Performing Arts Center on Friday, June 7th. Times will be determined as we get closer to rehearsal.

Summer Dance Classes and Camp Specials:

We will be offering a 5 week summer dance session in July/August as well as several week long camps. Register for multiple weeks of dance camp and receive \$25 off of your camp registration if you register by June 1st. Sign Up Now!

Congrats to our NECC Dancers and Good Luck at World Class Talent:

Our Clogging Performance Teams just participated in and competed at the Northeast Clogging Competition and Convention. They got many 1st place awards and our Jr Clogging Team even got a special judges award. Congratulations to all teams that competed. All of our Performance Teams will be competing at World Class Talent Experience on May 4th and 5th in Sanford ME. Wish them good luck!