

# **JNS DANCE**

## **October Newsletter**

### **Hi Dance Parents!**

Welcome to the 2020-2021 dance season! We are so excited to be back in the studio and dancing all together again! Things may look a little different with boxes taped out on the floor and masks on our faces, but we ensure you we will make this the best year yet! We are committed to continue to spread the love of dance to Dorchester (and surrounding areas!).

You may have noticed we have a couple new instructors this year. We would like to welcome Miss Elizabeth and Miss Madison to the JNS Dance faculty team.

### **Miss Elizabeth:**

Elizabeth has a genuine love for ballet and believes that having a large focus on technique will provide dancers a strong base in all other styles of dance. Along with ballet, Elizabeth has loved and studied many other styles of dance including tap, lyrical, jazz, modern and acro.

She has completed Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) exams from Pre-Primary all the way up to Advanced Foundations, as well as studying Advanced 1. During this time, Elizabeth studied at Dara-Jane Jewer School of Dance (Woodstock), Dance Aarts Academy (Stratford), Oxford School of Dance (Ingersoll), and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School's Professional Division Program in 2011.

Elizabeth recently completed the Acrobatic Arts Module 1 Teacher Training Program.

### **Miss Madison:**

Madison teaches a number of different disciplines including tap, jazz, ballet, hip hop and musical theater. She also worked as a dance camp counselor for 5 years and as head counselor for 3 of those years. She is currently attending Western University to achieve a bachelor in psychology in hopes to work as a Child Life Specialist in the future.

Madison danced for 11 years at Dance Extreme in London where she also competed for 9 of the years. She competed in jazz, tap, musical theater, contemporary and hip hop. In that time, she achieved a Tap Scholarship from Dance Canada. She also performed on the London Lightning Dance Pak for two years.

As well as teaching dance classes, Miss Madison has choreographed musicals at an elementary school for a couple years. Her shows included High School Musical Jr and the Wizard of Oz.

The staff all together have been working hard to keep the studio sanitized and safe for dancing for each class. Our priority is to maintain a safe space for our dancers and ensure that we are stopping the spread of COVID-19. We are all in this together!

### **Dance Safe:**

JNS Dance is following Dance Safe protocols. These protocols were made specifically for dance studios. We feel confident that by following these protocols, we are doing our part to stop the spread!

We ask that if you have not read our Guidelines and Protocols, please hop over to our website under the

“Register” tab and give them a read! We need your help to ensure everyone is following the proper protocols while at the studio. Please be sure your dancer is familiar with them as well.

If you have any questions about Dance Safe protocols, please don't hesitate to reach out to Miss Julie.

Our dancers have been doing a great job with following the guidelines! Thank you to our dance parents for assisting with this and ensuring your dancer knows what to do while attending class. We are happy to say that our teen volunteers assist in the cleaning/sanitizing process between classes. Thank you dancers!

*\*\*Edit\*\* - You may have seen in recent news that dance studios in Toronto, Peel and Ottawa regions have been forced to temporarily close as those regions go back to a modified phase 2 restriction. Dance studios are unfairly grouped in with fitness gyms (for adults) while other youth physical activities like hockey, gymnastics, cheerleading and karate all remain open. Dance Safe Ontario has been working together to get those studios reopen and ensure that if our area moves back to phase 2, we can remain open while following the Dance Safe protocols. We are very committed to preventing any COVID-19 spread and the Dance Safe protocols will ensure that. But as long as other youth activities are running, we would like to be grouped with them! Please show your support by sharing on social media our recent post regarding “I Stand with Dance Studios”. It's already working and the government is starting to hear us! Please also head over to the Dance Safe Ontario page on Facebook and give it a Like! The more likes, the better!*

#### **Adult Dance Classes:**

We have a few adult dance classes to offer this year. We understand that schedules get busy and change through the year, so we are offering these classes in 8 week sessions. This way you can take classes during the part of year you have time to!

Our first session has just begun, but it's not too late to join! Just \$56+tax for the 8 week session. Next session will begin in January.

#### **JNS Dance Team:**

We are excited to announce that we will be putting together a recreational JNS Dance Team!

If your dancer is interested in performing, but not competing, this is the team for them. The JNS Dance Team will not compete, but will instead learn dances to perform around the community alongside the competitive team. This gives dancers a chance to perform throughout the year, without the pressure and commitment of competing.

The JNS Dance Performance Team will rehearse once a week on Friday evenings. The only requirement for dancers is that they must take one other class with JNS Dance and must be ages 6+.

If you think your dancer might be interested in joining (no audition required), email us for more information and fees. Classes will begin in November!

#### **Halloween Dress up week!**

Dancers are welcome to dress in their Halloween costumes for dance class from Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please ensure dancers are wearing a costume they can safely dance in!