

Academy, April 1

Extra Coppelia Rehearsals:

We will start Saturday rehearsals next weekend April 11, from 4-7. Please plan on attending. I am scheduling these extra rehearsals so that we can replace Lexi in her dances, or rework things that have already been set. We will work on all pieces in the show so this will include everyone.

Recital Photos:

I am planning to have Annie on site to take recital pictures the day of our performance. These sessions will be 5 minutes each in a separate area of the theatre which will be set up for pictures with a special Coppelia backdrop. You need to sign up for a spot and it will be \$20/dancer. I will send out a link for signup.

Next Years Levels:

After much thought and wrestling with the schedule, I have decided to keep things as they are for the most part. This means we will not be adding an academy level 2 right now. I just couldn't figure out how to schedule it logically and allow for everyone to have access to all that is currently offered, plus I couldn't figure out a way to split myself in three directions. For now Im just going to focus on growing the Prep Division of our program through advertising, and word of mouth. We are also adding the homeschool classes next year which should promote some growth, and I am aware of several new students interested in academy for next year. As we grow, I know the schedule will work itself out and we will hopefully be able to add on to our building which would solve the issues. I am working on adding a separate pointe class for the "new to pointe" girls, so that they can be challenged at the appropriate level.

May Classes/Rehearsals:

Please don't forget we will be continuing academy classes during May along with rehearsals for our October performance. This is the period of time many dances will be taught so please try and attend. If your not able, its ok but please let me know in advance so that I can adjust the plan as needed. Some dances are able to be set with holes while others thats not possible. I understand some of you have prior commitments and thats ok since its our first year of doing things this way. Right now Ari, Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Izzy, and I are scheduled to set pieces and there will be one more TBA. Classes will be 4:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (Wednesdays off except May 27th). Rehearsals will go till 8:30

July 17th Performance:

I am planning a debut performance/event on July 17th for our new stage. If any of you are available to perform please let me know so that I can plan that out. I have invited Pensacola Music Academy, and Shining Light Players to participate as well, both youth organizations in our area. The event is aimed at showcasing talent and groups in the Ferry Pass area. I will be inviting local business owners, sponsors, community members and those in our neighborhood to attend. This will also serve as an opportunity to showcase some of our summer program work.

Summer Programs:

If you have not already signed up for summer programs please do so. I need a general idea of numbers in order to solidify contracts with teachers. Right now Michael Burke is scheduled to teach June 15-19, Carissa Taylor is scheduled June 22-26, and Marcela Ducsay is scheduled July 13-17