

## Studio News

### **Costume Pick Up Week**

All costumes can be picked up during the week of March 9<sup>th</sup>—14<sup>th</sup>. Costumes **must** be picked up by a parent or guardian. Costumes will not be given until account is paid in full. For payment arrangements please contact our office.

### **Dance Drive Festival**

Dance Drive Festival will take place March 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> at the Douglas J Cardinal Theatre at the Grande Prairie Regional College. Spectators are welcome to watch any performances. Regular classes are **CANCELLED** March 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is posted in our lobby, and on dansconnection.com.

### **Easter Break**

April 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Classes resume Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Recital Ticket Sale**

Tickets for Recital will go on sale on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 1pm at DansConnection Dance Studio. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Remaining tickets will be available during office hours. The Recital Program is posted in our lobby and on dansconnection.com, **be sure to check which performances your child is participating in to ensure you purchase tickets for the correct performance.**

### **Pictures**

**DansConnection** April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Times will be listed on your costume info sheet and posted in our lobby and on dansconnection.com. Please arrive 10 minutes early in full costume. Make up is optional. Hair must be worn as stated on costume information sheet.

### **Blocking & Spacing**

**GPRC Theatre** April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Come dressed as you would for a regular class! Blocking & Spacing is an opportunity for students to practice their dance on stage to allow students to feel comfortable & become with the stage setting. Times will be listed on your Costume info sheet, posted in our lobby and on dansconnection.com.

### **Recital**

Our year end performance will run the evenings of Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, and afternoons of Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Each class will have the opportunity to perform their number twice. We have two shows, Essence and Finesse. The recital program is posted in the lobby. Your costume sheet will have all recital information on it including the scheduled times for: Dance Drive Festival (if applicable), blocking and spacing, dress rehearsal, and recital. It will also include the **title of the recital** that your child is performing in, **which you will need when purchasing tickets.**

Please arrive at GPRC backstage at least **1 hour prior to your performance time with full costume and makeup applied.** (Including dress rehearsal) Your child will be dropped off and signed in backstage and be left with a parent volunteer for your class. All students 12 years or younger must be picked up and signed out by the same parent who dropped them off. Students 13 and over can sign themselves in and out. Evening shows will finish between 8:45-9pm. Matinee shows will finish between 3:45-4pm.

### **Dress Rehearsal:**

**Finesse Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:30pm**

**Essence Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30pm.**

### **Essence Showtimes:**

**Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm**

### **Finesse Showtimes:**

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**

**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm**

### **Volunteers**

We need parent volunteers to ensure our recitals run on time and as smoothly as possible. If you are able to volunteer, please sign up on the sheet posted in our lobby. If you are unsure of what volunteer position to do please talk to Amber or one of the Directors for assistance. If your child is 5yrs old or under we need 2 volunteers per dance for assistance and care taking. We would greatly appreciate it if you are able to assist with one of the recital performances that your child is in.

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### **Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday  
4:00pm - 7:00pm

Alternating  
Friday & Saturday  
Friday  
4:00pm-7:00pm  
Saturday  
10:00am -2:00pm

Please come in and visit  
our office if you have  
any questions.

**Intermission Pick Up & Drop Off**

If your child only performs **after intermission** they are able to watch the first half of the recital if they have purchased a ticket. If your child only performs **before intermission** you are able to pick up your child at intermission to watch the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the show. Please let our office know prior to the day of the recital you will be picking your child up at intermission so we can let our volunteers know and they can have them ready and waiting for you. **ALL STUDENTS WATCHING ANY PART OF THE RECITAL MUST PURCHASE A TICKET.**

**DansConnection Company (DCC)**

DansConnection Company is a group of dancers who are invited to perform in various out of town festivals and local competitions. This opportunity is offered to all students at a Grade 3 RAD level and attend DansConnection summer dance program. DCC forms will be included in registration packages and are due back **April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. All Solo choreography will be taught July 23<sup>rd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>2009. All group choreography will be taught in the month of September. All DCC students must show commitment to dance.

**Summer School**

Summer school runs July 13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009. DansConnection Company (DCC) choreography will be taught at this time. **All DCC dancers and students considering taking Ballet exams must attend. Prices and schedule will be included with the registration packages.**

**Pre Registration**

All families will receive a pre registration package. Included in your package will be the recommended classes for the following dance season. Also included in the package will be summer school information, summer camp information, and a 2009/2010 studio Handbook. All returning families will be charged a \$20.00 registration fee. Registration received after May 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 will be charged a \$35.00 registration fee. Registration can be done at [dansconnection.com](http://dansconnection.com) or please visit our office during office hours.

**Summer Office Hour**

Tuesday and Wednesday 3:00pm-6:00pm.

The studio will be open at this time for all inquires and fall registration. All email and phone messages will be checked on these days.

**Gala Performance**

Our DansConnection Dance Company dancer's will be performing in a Gala Showcase March 22, 2009 at 1:30pm at the Grande Prairie Regional College. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets can be purchased at our office at \$10.00/tickets. This is a great opportunity for all our DCC members to perform their solo's and groups.

*Dancing with your feet is one thing, dancing with your heart is what matters.*

*~ Author Unknown*

## Important Dates

March 1st

Costume Fees Due

March 9th–14th

Costume Pick Up Week

March 15th

Recital Ticket Sales

March 22nd

DCC Gala 1:30 pm GPRC

March 27th-29th

Dance Drive Festival GPRC Theatre

April 3rd–5th

Santana Dance Festival St Albert

April 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Easter Break (classes on Fri 17th & Sat 18th)

April 18-19th

Pictures–DansConnection Studio

April 20th – 21st

Blocking & Spacing GPRC Theatre

April 22nd – 23rd

Dress Rehearsal GPRC Theatre

April 24rd – 26th

Recital GPRC Theatre

April 29th – May 3rd

Glitter & Gold Festival GPRC Theatre

May 15th–18th

Standing Ovation Fort Saskatchewan

July 13th–22nd

Summer School