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To the Pointe Newsletter



Welcome to December!

You blink and the first half of the season is almost over! We have been having so much fun these past few months and want to thank you all for being with us. As the holiday season approaches, we wish all of our dance families quality time spent with friends and family, the opportunity to relax, and health and happiness in 2024.

Best wishes from all of us at G2D!

Sincerely,
Gjenna & Anne-Alisa

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Performing Arts costume fees Good luck, Blakely & Alexis!

Performing Arts costumes have started to arrive for festivals! We will be trying costumes on this month during classes.

The remaining balances for costumes will be distributed over the coming weeks. Once payment is received in full and all other studio fees are up to date, dancers may take their costumes home.

A reminder that costumes should only be worn for performances to keep them in good condition. If alterations are needed, Amber's Alterations is a local option with lots of dance costume experience. Rising Stars dancers will wear the same costumes from the Christmas Recital for their festival and year-end performance.

Parking reminder

Parking is available for all G2D families on the street in front of our building, or directly behind our studio. The parking lot to the west belongs to the RCMP detachment, and those spots are reserved for RCMP only. As they are often zipping in and out quickly, we need to ensure we keep those spaces free.

Thank you from G2D!

We want to wish Blakely and Alexis good luck with their upcoming performances in The Nutcracker. They will be dancing in this Christmas classic at Red Deer Polytechnic during the month of December, and we are so proud of both of them for their extra dedication and commitment to being part of this ensemble.



Christmas Recital details!



Our Christmas Recital is just a few short days away and our dancers are very excited to showcase their routines and get everyone in the holiday spirit!

Christmas Recital date: Sunday, December 3

Where: Red Deer Memorial Centre (4214 58 St. Red Deer, beside Lindsay Thurber High School)

Time: 2 p.m. (estimated show length of 45 minutes)

Tickets: \$18 (children 3 and under are free if sitting on a lap)

Seating is reserved, meaning you pick your seat numbers when you purchase your tickets. Dancers do NOT require a ticket.

Tickets can be purchased online: www.showpass.com/g2dxmas2023/

Any remaining tickets can be purchased at the door the day of the performance, but we recommend purchasing in advance, as the show is nearly sold out!



Costumes, hair & make-up

Your Costume, Hair and Make-Up checklist was distributed with the November newsletter. A reminder that all Recreational and Rising Stars dancers will be wearing the same costume for the Christmas Recital that they will also be wearing for festival (Rising Stars only) and the year-end recital. Please refrain from wearing your costume during the season when you are not performing. We recommend hanging it in a safe place to avoid wrinkling and damage.

Before the show

Dancers should arrive 20 minutes prior to showtime with their hair and make-up done. You may enter the CAT doors, which are to the left of the Memorial Centre's main doors. Follow the hallway through to the backstage area. Theatre ushers will be available to provide directional assistance for anyone new to the Memorial Centre.

Once backstage you can find your assigned dressing room area to get dressed and store your dancer's belongings. Please remember to label all costumes, tights and shoes with your dancer's name in the event that something is misplaced!

Thank you to our backstage parent volunteers! If you could please arrive 20-30 minutes before showtime, we will connect you with your group.

During the show

Once our Kinderdance and Mini Movers and Groovers perform, they are welcome to sit with their families to watch the remainder of the show. You can make your way to the backstage area after their performance to grab your little one. All dancers will be brought up on stage at the end of the recital for speeches and awards, and can come back onto the stage via the stairs at the front.

After the show

Our Christmas Recital is short and sweet! It should last roughly 45 minutes to one hour from start to finish. Once we are done, dancers may go! Please double check the dressing room before you leave to ensure you have all of your belongings!





Recital order

Junior I Ballet
Mini Movers & Groovers II (Thursday, 4:15 p.m. - 5 p.m. class)
Kinderdance I (Monday, 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. class)
Rising Stars Jazz
Kinderdance II (Monday, 5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. class)
Intermediate Jazz
Kinderdance III (Tuesday, 5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. class)
Junior II Ballet
Kinderdance IV (Thursday, 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. class)
Senior Jazz
Mini Movers & Groovers I (Monday, 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. class)
Rec Hip Hop
Movers & Groovers
Junior Hip Hop
Rising Stars Ballet
Senior Hip Hop



Holiday Cheer Week

Let's spread some cheer the final week of classes before the holiday break, December 18-21. All week long dancers are welcome to wear their favourite holiday PJ's and attire to classes. Sweaters, shirts, hats, accessories - you name it! Let's spread some holiday cheer!

Christmas break

The studio will be closed for Christmas break from December 22 - January 7. Classes will resume on Monday, January 8th. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

Winter registration for Rec classes now open!

We will be opening up registrations for the second half of the season in some select Recreational classes with room availability:

- Kinder I (Mondays, 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
- Kinder II (Mondays, 5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.)
- Kinder III (Tuesdays, 5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
- Movers & Groovers (Mondays, 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.)

Registration forms can be found on our website: www.got2dance.ca/register/