

# FEBRUARY 2024

## To the Pointe Newsletter



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*Welcome, February!*

We are one month closer to spring and our most favourite time of the year - festivals and recital! Please ensure you read our monthly newsletters thoroughly, as they outline important upcoming dates, performances, make up classes, and schedules.

**February 12-15 is Valentine's Week**, and dancers are welcome to wear any red, pink or heart clothing and accessories to celebrate.

Sincerely,  
Gjenna & Anne-Alisa

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## Important February Dates

**Friday, February 9:** Thursday make up class for the weather cancellation on January 11th. All of Miss Gjenna and Miss Anne-Alisa's Thursday classes will run at their regular times.

**Friday, February 16:** Festival fees due for all Performing Arts dancers.

**February 19-23:** Winter Break. The studio will be closed to coincide with the Wolf Creek School Division's Winter Break. Classes will resume on Monday, February 26th.

**Thursday, February 29:** Costume fees due for all Performing Arts dancers.

## Studio foyer etiquette reminder

A friendly reminder to please be respectful of our studio space while classes are in session. Please ensure dancers and younger siblings are not playing in closets, changeroom areas, or in the cupboards. The front desk area is for G2D staff only and we ask that dancers keep their belongings downstairs.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## Attendance Reminder

It's hard to believe we are already six months into the dance season! Thank you, dancers and families, for your dedication. As we approach our final months, a reminder that attendance is very important, especially for our Performing Arts dancers. Instructors are working hard to put the final touches on choreography and clean routines so that everyone is prepared to hit the stage in March. Every dancer is an important part of the team! Multiple unexcused absences may result in a dancer being choreographed out of portions of their routine. If your dancer is unable to attend a class, please let your instructor know as soon as possible. Thank you from G2D!



## Festivals - Performing Arts only

We have started to receive draft schedules from festival organizers. You can expect the finalized schedules to be arriving to your inbox over the coming weeks. Festival fee invoices were emailed out to all dance families last month, and are **due by February 9th**. A reminder of our upcoming festival dates:

- Debut Dance (St. Albert): March 16-18
- Sparkle (Camrose): April 6- 7 \*Adult Hip Hop dancers will attend this festival.
- For the Love of Dance (Fort Saskatchewan): April 18-21 \*Rising Stars and Adult Hip Hop dancers will attend this festival.

## *Performing Arts Fees Reminder*

A reminder that all lesson, costume, and festival fees must be paid in full before costumes are released and sent home. Costume payments are due by Thursday, February 29th. If you have any questions, please contact us. We are happy to assist!

## *Performing Arts Stage Rehearsal week, modified schedules & Extra Number Recital details*

Stage Rehearsal is for Performing Arts Rising Stars, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior level dancers, as well as our adult hip hop class. It gives our dancers the chance to practice their routines on stage before festivals begin. Due to increased theatre bookings, we were unfortunately not offered our usual weekend date, so rehearsals will run in the evenings March 5th & 6th at the Red Deer Memorial Centre (the same location as our Christmas Recital). We have tried our best to schedule stage rehearsal to allow time for our dance families to get to Red Deer after school, while also not holding rehearsals too late into the evenings.

**Please note that to accommodate stage rehearsals, there will be a modified schedule for all classes this week as instructors will be in Red Deer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.**

### **MONDAY, MARCH 4 - Modified Recreational schedule, no PA classes**

ALL Recreational classes will run on Monday this week. There will be NO Performing Arts classes and no adult hip hop held on March 4th to accommodate our modified Recreational schedule. If you cannot attend, please let your instructor know. Class times are as follows:

#### Studio B (Miss Megan)

- 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Kinderdance I
- 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers I
- 5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. | Kinderdance II
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. | Movers & Groovers

#### Studio A

- 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers II (Miss Gjenna's Thursday class)
- 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Kinderdance III (Miss Gjenna's Tuesday class)
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | Kinderdance IV (Miss Anne-Alisa's Thursday class)
- 6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Rec Hip Hop

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 5 - Stage Rehearsal, Night 1, Red Deer Memorial Centre 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

There will be no classes running at the studio this evening!

All Performing Arts dancers are required to attend when their routines are scheduled, parents are welcome to sit and watch, and you can leave as soon as your routine(s) have rehearsed. This is not a ticketed event and all dances are filmed so that we can watch our footage in the studio afterwards.

Please arrive by entering through the Central Alberta Theatre (CAT) doors and allow yourself enough time to get organized in your designated change room and to properly stretch before we begin. Full hair, make up and costumes are required for Stage Rehearsal so that we can see how everything looks on stage. Please see the attached hair, costume and make up checklists to reference for performance season.

## **Performance order for Tuesday, March 5:**

- 5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. | Variety

Remaining routines have roughly 15 minutes of practice each. Once your routine(s) are done, you are free to leave and aren't required to stay to the end.

- 5:45 p.m. - 8 p.m. performance order:

1. Rising Stars Ballet
2. Junior Hip Hop
3. Rising Stars Jazz
4. Junior I Ballet
5. Intermediate Ballet
6. Junior II Ballet
7. Senior Ballet
8. Junior Acro
9. Junior Lyrical

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 - Stage Rehearsal, Night 2, Red Deer Memorial Centre 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

There will be no classes running at the studio this evening! Rising Stars and Junior level dancers do not attend tonight, as you have already rehearsed your dances.

Routines have roughly 15 minutes of practice each. Once your routine(s) are done, you are free to leave and aren't required to stay to the end.

### **5 p.m. - 8 p.m. performance order:**

1. INT/SR Hip Hop
2. Intermediate Jazz
3. Senior Jazz
4. Intermediate Lyrical
5. Senior Lyrical
6. INT/SR Acro
7. Intermediate Modern
8. Senior Modern
9. Intermediate Contemporary
10. Senior Contemporary
11. Adult Hip Hop



## *Extra Number Recital*

**Extra Number Dress Rehearsal:** We will hold a dress rehearsal for our Extra Number Recital on Friday, March 1 at the studio, from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Dancers should come in costume, and once they have performed their number, they are free to go. (See below for performance order.)

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 7 - Extra Number Recital, Red Deer Memorial Centre 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

There will be no classes running at the studio this evening!

All Performing Arts dancers in a solo, duet or trio will have their routines showcased in our Extra Number Recital. This will be a ticketed event and gives dancers the chance to practice their routines on stage in front of an audience before festivals begin. These numbers will not perform in our year-end recital, so we encourage everyone to come and cheer on their teammates! Awards will be also be handed out at the end of the show.

**Ticket cost:** \$20 (includes link to recital filming that will be emailed to parents after the completion of the show). Dancers performing do not require a ticket, as they will be backstage.

**How to purchase tickets:** Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday, February 7th, starting at 10 a.m. through the Red Deer Memorial Centre, and can be purchased online: <https://www.showpass.com/g2denr24/>

#### **Performance order:**

1. Cali, Layla & Alexis R. - pointe trio
2. Zeia Ayuno - jazz solo
3. Serenity Casey - modern solo
4. Addison Wagner - lyrical solo
5. Blaire Hulsman & Maisie Marsh - lyrical duet
6. Erika Reguly - contemporary solo
7. Mackenzie McKnight - contemporary solo
8. Brielle Wiancko - jazz solo
9. Kayley Olson - modern solo
10. Alexis Bogath & Maleah Wiancko - jazz duet
11. Alexis Raby - contemporary solo
12. Layla-May Olson - contemporary solo
13. Jessa York-McNichol - contemporary solo
14. Rylen Sande - acro solo
15. Erika Reguly - lyrical solo
16. Georgia Applin - contemporary solo
17. Mackenzie McKnight - hip hop solo
18. Blaire Hulsman - acro solo
19. Layla-May Olson & Jessa York-McNichol - contemporary duet
20. Alexis Raby - variety solo

Speeches & Awards

## *Upcoming Important Dates*

**Spring Break:** There will be no classes March 25-29 to coincide with the Wolf Creek School Division's Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, April 1. This is Easter Monday, but classes will be held in light of it being festival season. Thank you!

**Picture Day:** April 22-24 during regular class time. More details TBA.

**Year-End Recital:** Sunday, April 28, Red Deer Memorial Centre, additional details TBA.

