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To the Pointe Newsletter



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Spring has sprung!

March and April are the busiest months of our season as we prepare for festivals and recital. A reminder that attendance is very important, ESPECIALLY for our Performing Arts dancers, as we move into competition season. With the exception of illness, dancers should make every effort to be in class. As we clean choreography and make adjustments to our routines, it's crunch time! Dance is a team sport - we need all members of our team to be as successful as we can be.

Sincerely,
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Festivals & Costumes - Performing Arts only

A reminder that festival and costume fees are now past due for all Performing Arts dancers. Once all fees (lesson, costume and festival) are paid and up to date, then dancers can take their costumes home. Our Stage Rehearsal week and Extra Number Recital is quickly approaching and dancers are required to be in full costume for this event.

We recommend you store your costumes, tights, shoes and accessories in a large bin, garment or dance bag with your name and studio marked on all items. This makes for easy storage and transportation during performance season. If you lose your costume, we do not have extras and dancers will be unable to perform without them, so please take good care of your items! Costume, hair and make-up checklists were distributed with the February newsletter, as well as a make-up tutorial video that we encourage you to watch and try out. If you would like a private tutorial, or have any make-up related questions, please contact Sarra Lonsdale at sarra2992@gmail.com

Festivals - Performing Arts only

Festival schedules have started to arrive! Debut Dance and Sparkle Camrose final schedules have now all be emailed. We are still waiting on For the Love of Dance, and that will be distributed as soon as we receive it. 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 17-21 *Rising Stars and Adult Hip Hop dancers will attend this festival.

New to festivals or just need a refresher? Please take a read through our attached Festival Facts sheet regarding rules, best practices, and expectations for festival season.

Costumes - Recreational dancers

Recreational dancers - a reminder that you will be wearing the same costumes you wore at Christmas Recital for our year-end recital.

Please keep your costumes in safe place to avoid damage. Costume, hair and make-up checklists will be distributed next month for the year-end recital.



Important March dates & schedule changes

March and April are festival season for our Performing Arts dancers. This means dancers and instructors are travelling or performing on some weeknights, and class times are often adjusted on these days. Please read the following information carefully!

★ **FRIDAY, MARCH 1 : EXTRA NUMBER RECITAL DRESS REHEARSAL** **6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - G2D Studio**

This rehearsal is for any dancers performing in a solo, duet or trio. We will run through the Extra Number Recital performance order at the studio so that dancers in more than one routine can get a feel for how much time they have to change and how the show will run. Dancers are required to be in full costume. Hair and make-up is optional, but not a requirement. Once dancers have run their number(s), they are free to go and do not have to stay until the end.

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. Sophie Nicholson - lyrical solo
21. Alexis Raby - variety solo

PERFORMING ARTS STAGE REHEARSAL WEEK - MARCH 4-6

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 (Recreational OR Performing Arts) 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 reference the hair, make-up, and costume checklists emailed out last month.

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 Jazz
9. Junior Acro
10. Junior Lyrical

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

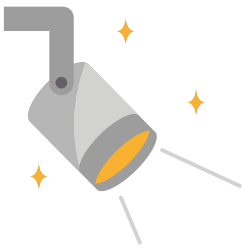
There will be no classes running at the studio this evening! Rising Stars and Junior level dancers do not attend tonight, as you have already rehearsed your dances.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 - EXTRA NUMBER RECITAL (DETAILS BELOW). THE STUDIO WILL BE CLOSED.



EXTRA NUMBER RECITAL



When: Thursday, March 7

Where: Red Deer Memorial Centre

Time: 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 are on sale through the Red Deer Memorial Centre, and can be purchased online: <https://www.showpass.com/g2denr24/>

Modified schedule for Debut Dance Festival

Please note the following adjusted schedule times for Monday, March 18th, as Performing Arts instructors and dancers are attending Dance Debut in St. Albert. There will be no Junior, Intermediate or Senior hip hop tonight.

Miss Megan's Monday Recreational classes will run at their regular times. Daniel's classes have the following time adjustments:

6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Rec Hip Hop

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Adult Hip Hop



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!

Important April dates & schedule changes

SPARKLE CAMROSE, April 6 & 7

- Regular classes all week long

FOR THE LOVE OF DANCE, FT. SASKATCHEWAN, April 17-21

*Please note this festival has added a day (Wednesday, April 17) for extra numbers *only* and affected parents have already been notified.

Monday, April 15th - Modified Schedule

There will be NO Junior, Intermediate or Senior Performing Arts classes held on April 15th 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
- 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. | Adult Hip Hop

Tuesday, April 16th - Modified Schedule

- 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. | Rising Stars Ballet & Jazz combined
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | All Junior level dances (ballet, jazz, lyrical, acro, hip hop, extra numbers)
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Variety
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | All Intermediate & Senior level dances (ballet, jazz, lyrical, acro, hip hop, modern, contemp, extra numbers)

Wednesday, April 17th & Thursday, April 18th - Studio closed, as dancers and instructors are attending For the Love of Dance Festival.

PICTURES AND DRESS REHEARSAL WEEK - APRIL 22-25

Picture week will take place at the studio April 22-25. Photos will once again be taken by Creative Snaps Photography. Order forms will be distributed that week and parents can go online to see proofs and make their order purchases. We will have a pick up date at the studio once all photo orders are complete. Even if you do not plan on ordering photos, picture day is mandatory for all dancers. Dancers should arrive in costume with full hair and make-up.

Monday, April 22

Please see below for the following picture times for your dancer. There are no regular class times running this evening - photos only. After photos we will also run through each routine in costume as a practice dress rehearsal for recital.

- 4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. | Kinder I (Miss Megan's Monday 4 p.m. class)
- 4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers I (Miss Megan's class)
- 5:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. | Kinder II (Miss Megan's Monday 5:45 p.m. class)
- 5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Movers & Groovers
- 5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. | Rec Hip Hop
- 5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | Adult Hip Hop

Tuesday, April 23

Please see below for the following picture times for your dancer. There are no regular class times running this evening - photos only. After photos, Recreational and Rising Stars dancers will run through their routines in costume as a practice dress rehearsal for recital.

Intermediates and Seniors, you have the night off!

- 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. | Rising Stars Ballet & Jazz combined (ballet photos first)
- 5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Kinder III (Miss Gjenna's Tuesday class)
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Juniors (photo order: ballet, hip hop, jazz, acro, lyrical, extra numbers)

Wednesday, April 24

Please see below for the following picture times for your dancer. There are no regular class times running this evening - photos only. After photos, Recreational dancers will run through their routines in costume as a practice dress rehearsal for recital.

Rising Stars and Juniors, you have the night off!

- 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Intermediates & Seniors (photo order: ballet, hip hop, jazz, acro, lyrical, contemp, modern, extra numbers)

Thursday, April 25

Please see below for the following picture/dress rehearsal times for your dancer. There are no regular class times running this evening. After photos, Recreational dancers will run through their routines in costume as a practice dress rehearsal for recital.

- 4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers II (Miss Gjenna's class)
- 4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. | Kinder IV (Miss Anne-Alisa's class)
- 4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Variety
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Recital dress rehearsal for Junior, Intermediate & Senior level dancers. Recreational and Rising Stars dancers do not attend.

YEAR-END RECITAL - SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Red Deer Memorial Centre, 2 p.m.

Additional details TBA



Spring dance session pre-registration now open!

New this year! Pre-register for our upcoming spring session. This is open to dancers age 8+ who are interested in a little extra dance during the month of May.

Classes will be once a week and offer a variety of instructors and styles. Cost: \$125/dancer.

Sessions will run only if we have enough dancers interested, so click the link below to pre-register and we will confirm with you when/if we have the numbers to make a go of it!

[Pre-register for our spring session](#)

