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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 competitions. 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 this week 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 last month. Please check, then double check to ensure you have all of your pieces before and after each performance.

Festivals - Performing Arts only

Festival schedules have started to arrive! The Debut Dance and Dance Vibe final schedules have now been emailed. We are still waiting on Dance to the Future, and those will be distributed as soon as we receive it. A reminder of our upcoming festival dates:

- Debut Dance, Edmonton, The Orange Hub - Friday, April 3 - Saturday, April 4 (ending on Saturday for Easter weekend).
- Dance to the Future, Camrose - Wednesday, April 8 - Sunday, April 12 (Rising Stars & Adult Hip Hop will attend this festival).
- Dance Vibe, St. Albert - Thursday, April 23 - Sunday, April 26 (Adult Hip Hop 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.



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

Stage Rehearsal is for Performing Arts Rising Stars, Levels 1-5, as well as our adult hip hop class. It gives our dancers the chance to practice their routines on stage before festivals begin. Rehearsals will run in the evenings March 3rd & 4th 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 2 - Modified Recreational schedule

ALL Recreational classes will run on Monday this week. Miss Megan and Miss Jordan's classes will run at their regular times. Miss Gjenna's Rec classes and Miss Alexis' Monday classes will run at modified times - see below. If you cannot attend, please let your instructor know.

Class times are as follows:

Studio A (Miss Megan & Miss Jordan)

3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. | Kinderdance I
4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers III
5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers I
5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Movers & Groovers
6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. | Rising Stars Hip Hop
7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Level 3-5 Hip Hop
8:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. | Level 1-2 Hip Hop
8:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. | Adult Hip Hop

Studio B (Miss Gjenna & Miss Alexis)

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 II (Miss Gjenna's Tuesday class)
5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Level 1 Ballet
6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. | Level 1-2 Tap
7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Level 2 Ballet
8:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. | Level 3-5 Tap

TUESDAY, MARCH 3 - 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!

With the exception of variety, each group will rehearse for approximately 10 minutes. A reminder complete hair, make-up and costumes are required. Stage rehearsal allows dancers to have an extremely important trial run so they are fully prepared for festivals. It also allows instructors to see the complete picture of the routine and determine if any adjustments need to be made before festival season. Families are welcome to stay and watch the rehearsals. Once all your routines are complete, you are free to leave! 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.

Performance order for Tuesday, March 3:

5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Variety

Remaining routines have roughly 10 minutes of practice each. Once your routine(s) are done, you are free to leave and aren't required to stay to the end.

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. performance order:

1. Level 1-2 Tap
2. Rising Stars Jazz
3. Level 3 Ballet
4. Level 1 Ballet
5. Level 2 Ballet
6. Rising Stars Ballet
7. Level 1 Jazz
8. Level 2 Jazz
9. Level 4 Ballet
10. Level 1-2 Lyrical
11. Level 3-5 Tap
12. Pointe
13. Rising Stars Hip Hop *
14. Level 1-2 Acro
15. Level 5 Ballet
16. Level 1-2 Hip Hop*
17. Level 3-5 Hip Hop*
18. Adult Hip Hop*

*For dancers only in hip hop, we will aim to start Miss Jordan's rehearsals around 7:00 p.m., so please arrive by then.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 - Stage Rehearsal, Night 2, Red Deer Memorial Centre 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Rising Stars and Level 1-2 level dancers do not attend tonight, as you have already rehearsed your dances.

Routines have roughly 10 minutes of practice each. Once your routine(s) are done, you are free to leave and aren't required to stay to the end.

5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. performance order:

1. Level 5 Jazz
2. Level 4 Jazz
3. Level 3 Jazz
4. Level 5 Acro
5. Level 3-4 Acro
6. Level 5 Lyrical
7. Level 4 Lyrical
8. Level 3 Lyrical
9. Level 5 Contemporary
10. Level 3-4 Contemporary
11. Level 5 Modern
12. Level 3-4 Modern



EXTRA NUMBER RECITAL



When: Thursday, March 5
Where: Red Deer Memorial Centre
Time: 5:30 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/g2dx26/>



There will be no classes March 23-26 to coincide with the Wolf Creek School Division's Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, March 30.

April important dates & modified schedules

DEBUT DANCE EDMONTON FESTIVAL WEEK, April 3-4

***Please note this festival has been shortened to two days only!**

Monday, March 30 - Regular Classes

Tuesday, March 31 - Regular Classes

Wednesday, April 2 - Modified Schedule

Class times are as follows:

Studio A (Miss Stefanie)

- 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. | Level 5 Acro, Level 5 Contemporary, Level 3-4 Acro, Level 3-4 Contemporary

Studio B (Miss Anne-Alisa + Miss Gjenna)

- 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. | Rising Stars Ballet
- 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. | Level 1 Jazz, Level 2 Jazz, Level 1-2 Acro, Level 1-2 Lyrical
- 6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. | Variety
- 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Level 3 Lyrical, Level 4 Lyrical, Level 3-4 Modern, Level 5 Jazz, Level 5 Modern

Thursday, April 3

- 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers II (Miss Gjenna's class)
- NO PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES as dancers and instructors will be travelling to Edmonton for Debut Dance.

DANCE TO THE FUTURE CAMROSE FESTIVAL WEEK, April 8-12

***Please note this festival has added a day (Wednesday, April 8) for extra numbers *only* and affected parents have already been notified.**

Monday, April 6 - Modified Schedule

A modified schedule with run on Easter Monday with it being festival week.

Studio A (Miss Megan)

- 3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. | Kinder I
- 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers III
- 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers I
- 5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | Movers & Groovers

Studio B

- 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | All Rising Stars classes combined (hip hop, jazz & ballet)
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | All Level 1-2 dances (ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, acro, hip hop*)
- 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Variety
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | All Level 3-5 dances (ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, lyrical, acro, contemp, modern, hip hop*,)

***Hip hop will practice first and dancers are welcome to go after if that is their only routine.**

- 8:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. | Adult Hip Hop

Tuesday, April 7 - Modified Schedule

Studio B (Miss Gjenna)

- 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. | Kinder II

There will be no Performing Arts classes at the studio this evening as dancers and instructors will be headed to Camrose for Dance to the Future.

Wednesday, April 8 & Thursday, April 9

- Studio closed with no classes running, as dancers and instructors will be at Dance to the Future in Camrose.

April 13-16: Regular classes all week long

DANCE VIBE ST. ALBERT FESTIVAL WEEK, April 23-26

Monday, April 20: Regular classes

Tuesday, April 21 - Modified Schedule

Studio A

- 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. | Level 1-2 jazz, lyrical, acro
- 6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. | Variety
- 6:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Level 3-5 jazz, lyrical, acro, contemp, modern

Studio B

- 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Rising Stars Ballet & Jazz combined
- 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Kinder II

Wednesday, April 22

Studio B

- 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers II (Miss Gjenna's Thursday class)

No other classes will run this evening, as dancers and instructors travel to St. Albert for Dance Vibe.

Thursday, April 23 - Studio closed

Picture week!

Dancers are required to be in full costume, hair and make-up for pictures!

Monday, April 27

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 3:45 p.m. class)
- 4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers III (Miss Megan's Monday 4:15 p.m. class)
- 5:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers I (Miss Megan's Monday 5:00 p.m. class)
- 5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Movers & Groovers
- 5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. | Adult Hip Hop

Tuesday, April 28

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.

Level 3-5s, you have the night off!

- 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Rising Stars Ballet, Jazz & Hip Hop combined (ballet photos first)
- 5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. | Kinder II (Miss Gjenna's Tuesday class)
- 5:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. | Level 1-2 (photo order: ballet, hip hop, jazz, tap, lyrical, acro, extra numbers)

Wednesday, April 29

Please see below for the following picture times for your dancer. There are no regular class times running this evening - photos only.

Rising Stars and Level 1-2s, you have the night off!

- 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Level 3-5s (photo order: pointe, ballet, hip hop, jazz, tap, lyrical, contemp, acro, modern, extra numbers)

Thursday, April 30

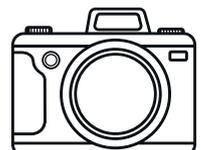
Please see below for the following picture/dress rehearsal times for your dancer. There are no regular class times running this evening. After photos, Recreational dancers will run through their routines in costume as a practice dress rehearsal for recital.

- 4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers II (Miss Gjenna's class)
- 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Variety
- 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Recital dress rehearsal for Level 1-5 dancers. Recreational, Rising Stars and Adult Hip Hop dancers do not attend.

YEAR-END RECITAL - SATURDAY, MAY 2

Red Deer Memorial Centre, 2 p.m.

Additional details TBA



Spring dance session pre-registration now open!

Back by popular demand! 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](#)

