



# NOVEMBER 2011

MSD Newsletter



## **THANKSGIVING BREAK:**

The studio will be closed Wednesday November 23rd through Sunday, November 27th for Thanksgiving. Classes will resume Monday, November 28th.

## **CONFIRMED 2012 RECITAL DATES**

**Rehearsals:** Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> · Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, & Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> (**Dress Rehearsal IS MANDATORY!**)

**Recitals:** Thursday June 21st & Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**SNOW DAYS/BAD WEATHER:** As winter approaches, we may need to cancel classes due to bad weather. Classes will be canceled no later than 2:00 pm. Call the studio for an outgoing message. Make sure your child knows what to do after school if classes are canceled. There will be no one at the studio. If morning classes are canceled, there will be a message left on the answering machine at least one half hour before classes are scheduled to begin.

**PAST DUE TUITION:** Dancers with a past due balance of 2 or more months tuition will not be permitted to attend dance class until their account is up to date, nor will costumes be ordered on their behalf. If they show up for class, they will be directed to remain in the lobby. This policy will be strictly enforced. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to Carrie or Maria.

**COSTUMES AND COSTUME BALANCES:** Recital costumes have been selected by each instructor. A book is available with a picture of each costume and a break down of the cost. Prices vary according to style and size. All costumes deposits are due at this time. The balance of each costume will be added to the account of each student/family the first week of December. A \$10.00 late fee will be added to all outstanding costume balances MONTHLY, beginning December 31, 2011. **As of December 1st, if you have any outstanding balance from either September or October, MSD will not order a costume on your behalf. If you pay your tuition up to date at a later time, we will order a costume for you. There will be additional fees for shipping & handling, and we can not guarantee delivery for the June recitals.**

With the exception of a few dancers, we have completed measuring for costumes. We encourage parents to review their child's measurements and use the size charts provided in the costume book. ***ALL COSTUME SIZES REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.*** If no costume size requests are received, MSD staff will fit the costume on behalf of the dancer. Costumes will be ordered December 15<sup>th</sup>. They are made to order and cannot be canceled once the order is placed. ***ALL ALTERATIONS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS.***

## **LOST AND**

**FOUND:** All items in the lost and found will be donated to charity during the Thanksgiving break. Please take a moment and make sure you have no items in there.

## **GOLDEN TICKET**

### **WINNERS:**

Congratulations to our "Golden Ticket Winners" - Lydia Luark, Lilly Hall, Halee Higley and Hailey Modovsky! Make sure you have collected your Wonka Bar. Each dancer will receive one free recital ticket, a credit will be applied to your account. Please hold onto your "Golden Ticket". You may use this ticket for VIP seating at the recital of

## **CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLE:**

We are very pleased to announce that Maria's School of Dance will again be hosting "Christmas in the Ville" Saturday December 3, 2011. MSD will host the following events:  
Christmas stories will be read in the front window/studio A at 4:30,  
Following the parade, Santa will be on hand to get Christmas wishlists from local children and photos. MSD will also host the Grand Marshall's Reception. We will serve refreshments and be available as a warming station.

## **RECITAL SHOES & TIGHTS:**

With the exception of Miss Jenn's ballet classes, all recital tights **MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH MARIA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE**. Specific colors and styles will be listed for each class in the costume book. You may purchase these at any time. However, you must have them for rehearsal and recital. Required shoes will also be listed in the book. If you are looking for jazz shoes, lyrical shoes, ballet slippers or hip hop shoes, check out the used shoe bins at the desk. Correct dance shoes can also be found at Bottoms Up Dancewear in Okemos. Miss Jenn's Ballet classes (Level B and Up) are required to wear: Prima Soft Convertible Seamed Ballet Tights. You can purchase these at Bottoms Up or on line.

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Maria's School of Dance is a ticket outlet for Community Theatre of Howell. You can purchase your tickets for all CTH performances at the studio. Performances for "White Christmas", starring our own Stephaine Sacker, former student Cody Mustafe, and Clair Blaur are November 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>, with two performances daily on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Come see Ethan Yaconis and many other MSD students of all ages are appearing as chorus members! Directed by Vera Cunningham and choreographed by Maria Usher, There is a \$2.00 discount for tickets bought in advance. Get your tickets now, support your fellow dancers and enjoy a great show.

**VG'S RECEIPTS:** Dance Express, Maria's school of Dance, Competition dance team is collecting VG's receipts. This is a non profit group that helps dedicated dancers with advanced training, competition and scholarship opportunities. If you have any VG's receipts that you can donate, please leave them at the desk and THANKS!

## **BOSCO IS BACK!**

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** Dance Express will be hosting a Hip Hop workshop! Everyone ages 13 up or in a level A and up Hip Hop class may attend. Costs are \$15 per workshop or \$25 for both. Dancers that attended the Bosco workshop last year may attend for  $\frac{1}{2}$  price.

12:30pm-2:00pm :Beg/Int Hip Hop  
2:00pm-3:30pm: Int/Adv Hip Hop

**DEMONSTRATORS:** Many students have talked to Maria about an interest in demonstrating. It seems as for now, instructors are all set and are not in need of any more demonstrators. Thank you for being so willing! For those of you that are interested

in the future, we do look for students that are in the higher intermediate to advanced levels of dance with many years of experience behind them. They need to be outgoing and have the confidence to step in when needed. We will take requests in the spring for next years classes.

**TEEN LOBBY RULES:** Bean bags are for sitting only - NO JUMPING will be allowed. Climbing on cubbies is strictly prohibited. Food and drinks must be left on the table provided. Any food/beverages left in the cubbies will be disposed of, with the exception of sealed water bottles. Shoes & boots must be left in the main lobby. All boots and shoes found in the cubbies will be held behind the desk. This lobby has been designed to give dancers and guests a quiet place to wait for class and do homework.

**DANCE WORKSHOP:** ALL MSD students are welcome and strongly encouraged to take advantage of master classes. Workshop classes are taught by professional instructors! Classes will be offered in all areas of dance, students can also choose classes in singing and acting. This opportunity is available to all students, even those that are not interested in competition can gain valuable experience from attending these workshops! If interested, please ask at the desk. See below for date and cost details.

### ***Hollywood Vibe***

**February 17-19 2012**

Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center  
400 Renaissance Center Dr., Detroit, MI

**Room Rate:** \$119

**Cut Off Date:** February 3rd

**Phone:** 248-680-9797

Workshop fee: \$220.00 by 1/2/2012 -  
\$230.00 1/3/2012 - 2/17/2012

### ***Access Broadway***

**March 9-11 2012**

Somerset Inn

2601 W. Big Beaver Rd. Troy, MI 48084 800 228 8769

Room Rate: S/D \$90.00 Cut off Date: February 1st

Phone: 248 643 7800

Dance Workshops - Ages 7 and up

\$150.00 by November 30<sup>th</sup>, \$160 .00 December 1<sup>st</sup>

Acting Workshops - Age 10 and up

\$160.00 by November 30<sup>th</sup>, \$165.00 December 1<sup>st</sup>