

# September 2011

MSD Newsletter

**Welcome and welcome back to Maria's School of Dance. It's hard to believe that it's time to start a new year already! We hope that everyone is as excited as we are for this upcoming dance year!!!!**

**WELCOME NEW INSTRUCTORS:** We are very excited to be adding to our staff two new instructors, Katie Muth, a Junior at the University of Michigan, Ethan Yaconis is a Sophomore at Lansing Community College. Please take the time to read their extensive bios on our website! They are wonderfully qualified!



## **2011 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD:**

It was a great surprise and honor to be voted "2011 People's Choice – Best Dance Studio in Livingston County"

Thanks to everyone who voted for us.

This award was made possible because of the dedication and hard work, not only by the MSD staff, but also by the MSD families. Thank you to all of you MSD family members, new and old, for making this a wonderful place for all of us!

**UPDATES ON STUDIO:** You may notice that there has been a lot of work done to the studio during the summer. We would like to thank Sandy Higley for her hard work. She has spent countless hours painting the studio. Great job Sandy – Thanks!!!!

**NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL:** We encourage every dancer and parent to read each newsletter thoroughly. If you would like a copy of the newsletter emailed to you, please contact the studio through our email address: [newsletter@mariasschoolofdance.com](mailto:newsletter@mariasschoolofdance.com). We will add you as a contact, and will send you a copy each month.

**NAMES IN SHOES:** Be sure student's name is INSIDE each dance shoe.

**DANCE IN A WALT DISNEY WORLD PARADE!** All dancers, ages 7-19 (as of June 26<sup>th</sup>) may participate in "Dance The World". An informational meeting will be held at the studio, **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm**. Fundraising will be available. This is open to the entire studio! Maria will also be choreographing a number for all participants to perform at Hollywood Studios during the stay! Check out [www.dancetheworld.net](http://www.dancetheworld.net)!

**COSTUME DEPOSITS:** A costume deposit of \$50 per class is due the end of October. Individual statements will NOT be handed out for deposits. The information will be available at the desk and in the costume book for each class. Be prepared, costumes are very expensive this year. We will still stay within the \$50-\$100 price range but many of them will be on the high end. All

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outstanding costumes balances not paid at the end of each month beginning December 31st, will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee per month.

**COSTUME MEASUREMENTS/SIZES:** As always, we will be measuring each student. If a parent wishes to request a specific size, it MUST be put in writing. Include the name of the student, their class(es), and the size requested for each costume. The dancers will be measured the week of October 3rd. Please make sure that they are wearing appropriate dancewear. That way we can be sure to get an accurate measurement.

**CELL PHONES:** Cell phones will not be allowed in any dance room at any time.

**OPENER/CLOSER:** The theme for recital 2012 will be "The Thrill of Dance". The opener will be : "Willy Wonka" and closer will be "Thriller". More information on opener and closer will be included in the January newsletter. Sign-up will begin in February and rehearsals will begin after spring break.

**LAST YEARS PICTURES:** If you haven't picked up your pictures from last year, please do so.

**DESK HOURS:** The desk/office will be open Mondays through Friday 2:30pm – 8:30pm. Friday & Saturday Mornings 9:30am to 11:30am.

**WAIVERS AND REGISTRATION FORMS:** All dancers are required to have these forms completed before they attend class(es). Please make sure that your dancer has been completely registered.