

January/February 2024

MSD Newsletter

PLEASE READ THIS NEWSLETTER CAREFULLY! IMPORTANT RECITAL INFORMATION!!

SNOW DAYS: A reminder that if schools are canceled due to weather; the studio may not be. We will NOT contact every student. Emails will be sent to each affected family. We will also post any closings on our Facebook page "Marias Dance".

Thank You from everyone at MSD for all of the wonderful gifts and cards!

"They're not bad. They're just born that way." MSD DANCERS PERFORMING IN *Descendants The Musical* !! Hartland Community Education in conjunction with Prelude Children's Theater is proud to present *Descendants The Musical.*, this *January 26, 27, 28, & February 2, 3, 4, 2024* at the *Hartland Performing Arts Center* with 6 shows.

Come see: Natalya Flores: Evie, **David Flores:** Maurice, **Elliot Miller:** Isle Ensemble.

Tickets on sale now at: <https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/prelude-theater-group-hartland-community-education/64ca9f69751caa0e5476138f/tickets>

DANCE EXPRESS ANNUAL SHOWCASE: *Rhythmic Royals!*

Sunday, February 18th (Snow date Sunday, April 7th). **2:00pm** at the Fowlerville HS Alverson Performing Arts Center. Tickets \$15 each in advance or \$18 at the door. Tickets are already on sale! Grab yours now!

ACCOUNT BALANCES: ABSOLUTELY NO ONE WILL GO ON STAGE AT DRESS REHEARSAL OR RECITAL WITH A BALANCE ON HIS OR HER ACCOUNT. ALL BALANCES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY MAY 1st.

OPENER / CLOSER REHEARSALS: We are reserving the following dates/times for rehearsals but not everyone will be required the entire time. Please pencil in the dates/times. We will be creating a "BAND" account for Opener/Closer to put choreography on for individual practice.

- Saturday, April 13th: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, April 20th: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, April 27th: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, May 4th: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, May 11th: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, May 18th: 11am – 3 pm
- DRESS REHEARSAL: TBD

RECITAL PICTURES: Noreen Owens Photography will be taking recital photos (GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS) at DRESS REHEARSAL. Information will be available by May 1st.

PERFORMANCE LOCATION: FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PAC

- **DRESS REHEARSAL:**
 - **Tuesday, May 28th: 4pm – 9pm**
 - **Wednesday, May 29th: 4pm – 9pm**
 - **Thursday, May 30th: 4pm - 9pm**
 - **Monday, June 3rd: 4:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **RECITALS: Tuesday June 4th, Wednesday June 5th, & Thursday June 6th, 7:00pm**

DRESS REHEARSAL CONFLICTS:

Dress Rehearsal is MANDATORY. Students not attending dress rehearsal will not be allowed to perform in the recital. **We make every possible attempt to work around everyone's schedule as long as the requests are reasonable. We will be taking dress rehearsal conflicts/requests now through March 22nd. After the 22nd, we will not be accepting requests. You must write down your name, dancer's name, dancer's dance titles, date request submitted AND THE REASON for the request/conflict.**

This must be sent to **msdrequests@gmail.com**. Only requests made to this email will be considered. Requests will be honored in the order they are received. **DO NOT request to have all classes on one night. We cannot accommodate all families in this way. After the dress rehearsal schedule is published, it CANNOT be changed.**

RECITAL MUSIC: We will be putting together a music drive that will be available beginning February 1st. We will send the link out when it is complete. If you still need us to make a CD, please let us know after the drive has been shared.

RECITAL SHOES: It is expected that at this time, all dancers will now be wearing the correct dance shoes required for recital. If you have questions about which shoes are needed, check the costume book at the desk! Or our staff will be glad to answer any questions. Please do not wait until just prior to recital to purchase the correct dance shoes. Keep in mind that dancers need time to practice in their shoes to dance comfortably and safely, and that dancer's feet grow and may not fit in the fall.

RECITAL COSTUMES: Costumes are starting to come in already. Please make sure your account is up to date.

SPRING CLASSES FRIDAYS 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15: Maria's School of Dance will be offering beginning classes which will give students a brief introduction to ballet, tap, and jazz/hip hop. The objective is to give the student an idea of what dance is like. It is designed to be a fun and educational experience. Classes will not participate in recital. There will be a 5 student minimum for each class to be held. To register for any of these classes contact Maria's School of Dance at 517-223-0036, or register online at, www.mariasschoolofdance.com. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

SUMMER CLASSES: We will again be holding summer classes. Information will be available shortly and sign up will begin by May 1st.

FALL CLASS REQUESTS: If you have a scheduling request for 2024 – 2025 classes, please submit them via email to **msdrequests@gmail.com**. Only requests submitted by email will be considered.

LOST AND FOUND: Please make sure you check the lost and found located in the main lobby. Staff will donate items to Goodwill at the end of February.