

MARIA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE – NEWSLETTER March / April 2024

IMPORTANT REHEARSAL / RECITAL DATES: Remember – dress rehearsal IS MANDATORY! Dress Rehearsal and Recital schedules will be out not later than May 15th. The Recital Handbook will be going out at that time as well!

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

SPRING CLASSES FRIDAYS 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10 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!

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. It is possible that some rehearsals may be rescheduled on Sunday's due to Prom's.

- 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 emailed out shortly.

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 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.

TALENT SHOWS: Recital dances may NOT be performed at talent shows. Any DE dances or MSD choreography being used at talent shows need to be approved by MSD. Please ask Maria.

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ATTENDANCE – It is very important that all students attend all classes. We are working on recital dances. When a student misses a class it causes the entire class to lose valuable time. If your student does need to miss a class, or is ill, please call the studio and let the desk know.

DANCE ROOM FLOORS: Everyone entering dance rooms - please make sure you remove your shoes and boots before you step on the dance floor. If you would rather not, please remain outside the door or observe the class through the monitors provided in the lobby.

SAFETY FIRST: Reminder, it is a good idea to always escort your child to and from the studio. If you do not have someone to walk with, the person working the desk will gladly escort you to your car.

RECITAL SHIRTS: Shirts are scheduled to be available Monday March 18th for pick up! If you missed the shirt order, a second one will go out after spring break.

RECITAL TICKETS: Tickets will go on sale **Sunday, May 5th from 10:00am – 1:00pm**. Please enter through the back parking lot door. (Exiting through the Fowlerville Road door.) There will be an individual line for each show. **Dancers balances must be paid in full in order to purchase tickets.** Seats will be numbered so be sure to know exactly how many tickets you need ahead of time. Tickets cost **\$17.00 at the studio** during open hours, Monday, May 6th – Saturday, May 25th. Tickets **WILL NOT** be sold at dress rehearsal. **Tickets will be available at the door for \$20.00 each** 30 minutes prior to show start time.

SENIOR NUMBER: All graduating high school seniors are invited to participate in the senior number. **Seniors need to connect with Maria ASAP.** Dancers are responsible for choreography and costumes which must be approved by Maria. Dance/costume must be complete by May 24th in order to perform in recital.

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.

DANCE EXPRESS 2024 – 2025: **ANYONE (AGE 5 – HS senior)** interested in trying out for (or even just learning more about) Dance Express should attend the information meeting, **SATURDAY, MAY 18TH @ 3:30pm!** Audition information will be handed out along with our tentative schedule. Fundraising opportunities will be shared. Even if you have been part of DE, it is important to attend the meeting. Some things will be changing for the next competition year!

Upcoming Dance Express Dates:

Saturday, May 18th: 3:30pm Information Meeting

Saturday, August 10th: Audition Choreography uploaded

Sunday, August 11th: Sign Up Genius for auditions will be available

Sunday, August 25th: DE 2024-2025 Auditions (Results posted Wednesday August 28th)