

MARIA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE – NEWSLETTER March / April 2025

SPRING BREAK!! Monday, March 24th – Sunday, March 30th the studio will be closed for spring break!

IMPORTANT REHEARSAL / RECITAL DATES: Remember – dress rehearsal IS MANDATORY! Dress Rehearsal and Recital schedules will be out no later than May 5th. The Recital Handbook will be going out at that time as well!

PERFORMANCE LOCATION: FOWLerville HIGH SCHOOL PAC

- **DRESS REHEARSAL:**
 - Sunday, May 18th: 2pm – 6pm @ St. Agnes Church gymnasium for Grades 1-4 ballet production.
 - Tuesday, May 27th: 4pm – 9pm
 - Thursday, May 29th: 4pm – 9pm
 - Saturday, May 30th: 9am – 1pm (Grades 1 – 4 ballet production will on this day.)
 - Monday, June 2nd: 4:00pm – 9:00pm
- **RECITALS:** Tuesday June 3rd, Wednesday June 4th, & Thursday June 5th, 7:00pm

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 12th: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, April 19th: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, April 26th: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, May 3rd: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, May 10th: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, May 17th: 11am – 3 pm
- DRESS REHEARSAL: TBD

Celebrating 30 Years!!!! MSD ALUMNI DANCE!!!!: Calling all MSD alumni young and old!!! To celebrate our 30th anniversary, we plan to have an alumni dance in all 3 performances! Choreography will be available by video in May. A rehearsal will be held at the studio Sunday, June 1st with dress rehearsal Monday, June 2nd. The dance will include tap and jazz. (There will be an advanced tap and advanced jazz section that will be by audition only.) Dancers need to register online in compudance for the “alumni number” class. There is not cost for this class, we just need everyone registered for it! Please spread the word! Saturday May 3rd and 10th from 3-4 there will be an optional rehearsal for anyone preferring in person instruction.

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 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.

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MSD DANCE LEARNING / PERFORMING TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES:

Saturday, April 12th @ 3:30pm: Take professional classes in New York City. Information meeting for serious dancers ages 13 and up (12 with approval). Maria will be sharing information on the upcoming this summer for dancers that would like to take classes at Broadway Dance Center and Steps on Broadway. Tentative dates are: August 4-7, 2025.

Saturday, April 26th @ 10:00am: Dancers ages 7 up as of December 11, 2025 can dance in Walt Disney World. MSD is taking dancers to perform in WDW December 11-14, 2025. For more information please attend the meeting or talk to Maria. It's NOT too late to sign up!

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.

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 17th 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 4th 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 **\$20.00 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 \$23.00 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 2025 – 2026 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 during Spring Break.

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DANCE EXPRESS 2025 – 2026: **ANYONE AGE 5 – 18 (HS senior)** interested in trying out for (or even just learning more about) Dance Express should attend the information meeting, **SATURDAY, MAY 17TH @ 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 17th: 3:30pm Information Meeting

Saturday, August 9th: Audition Choreography uploaded

Sunday, August 10th: Sign Up Genius for auditions will be available

Sunday, August 24th: DE 2025-2026 Auditions (Results posted Wednesday August 27th)