

MARIA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE – NEWSLETTER March / April 2023

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!

Dress rehearsal:

- Tuesday, May 30th: 4pm – 9pm
- Wednesday, May 31st: 4pm – 9pm
- Thursday, June 1st: 4pm – 9pm
- Monday June 5th: 4pm-9pm

Recitals: 7pm showtime (doors open @6:30, act 1 dancers report by 6:20 pm)

- Tuesday, June 6th
- Wednesday June 7th
- Thursday June 8th

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP TO....

DANCE IN DISNEY WORLD!!!!

DANCERS AGES 7-22 (as of 12/07/2023)



MSD will be taking dancers to perform at Walt Disneyworld December 7th – 10th, 2023
We will be staying at the Swan and Dolphin Resort! Dancers ages 7-9 will dance through Downtown Disney, dancers ages 10-22 will dance down Main Street USA. <https://www.wcv.com/trip/dance-the-world-holiday/>

Information meeting: SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH @ 10:00 in the studio A! Please join us for information and questions!

SPRING CLASSES – There is still room to sign up for spring classes!!!

LOST AND FOUND - Please go through the lost and found containers in the main lobby. All items remaining will be donated to Good Will after recital.

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 your instructor or Maria.

COSTUMES - Many costumes have been received – it is studio policy that costumes will not be given to any student with any past due balances. If you were absent or if you have since paid your balance and still haven't received your costume, please ask at the desk. Please be aware that all costume balances were due 12/01/2022.

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.

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OPENER / CLOSER 2023 INFORMATION! (CHANGE IN DAYS/TIMES) Opener / Closer Rehearsal days/time: Dancers will be placed in groups and may be scheduled only portions of time. The schedule will be emailed and posted in Band each week!! All choreography will be posted in Band as well. Check your email for the “Opener Closer Band” invitation. REMINDER: ALL DANCERS NEED BLACK AND TAN JAZZ SHOES, TAN TIGHTS, BLACK SOCKS/TIGHTS and BLACK LEGGINGS! Dancers that take tap need their tap shoes.

- Saturday, April 15th: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, April 22nd: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, April 29th: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, May 6th: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, May 13th: 11am – 3 pm
- Saturday, May 20th: 11am – 3 pm
- Maybe: Friday, June 2nd or Saturday, June 3rd. (Only if needed)
- DRESS REHEARSAL: TBD

TRIP A LITTLE LIGHT (Tap F 12+, Tap G, Tap H, Adv Tap, Int Adult Tap):

We will be combining classes beginning in May! All 5 classes will need to attend Tuesdays from 7pm – 9:30pm. (This is instead of your scheduled class times.) There will be a couple of Saturday rehearsals for the seniors, Mary Poppins and the kids. This information will go out in an email. Adv ballet students may make up classes in Grade 3 or 4 if they wish and will have class from 8-8:30 on May 16th and May 23rd.

RECITAL SHIRTS: Shirt order forms due Friday, March 17th! (We will take orders Saturday, March 18th at the latest!)

RECITAL TICKETS: Tickets will go on sale **Sunday, May 7th 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 8th – Saturday, May 27th. 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 25th in order to perform in recital.

DANCE EXPRESS 2023 – 2024: **ANYONE** interested in trying out for (or even just learning more about) Dance Express should attend the information meeting, **SATURDAY, MAY 20TH @ 3:00pm!** 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 20th: 3:00pm Information Meeting

Saturday, May 27th: Audition Choreography uploaded

Sunday, May 28th: Sign Up Genius for auditions will be available

Saturday, June 10th: DE 2023-2024 Auditions

(Results posted Monday June 12th- New members will be notified Saturday evening)

Sunday, June 11th: DE POOL PARTY & Senior Baskets for 2022-2023 AND 2023-2024 Members!

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INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP RECITAL PHOTOS: Group AND Individual photos will be taken at dress rehearsal. It is highly recommended that dancers get any individual photos taken BEFORE their scheduled rehearsal time. Groups will be taken after rehearsal time UNLESS all individuals are ready to do so without being late to their rehearsal time. **DOCUMENTS FOR PRICING AND ONLINE ORDERING INFORMATION will be out by April 15th!**

SUMMER CLASSES: MSD's Summer Class Schedule and Workshop Series will be available soon!!!

THE ARTS IN THE AREA!

Tuck Everlasting is based on the novel of the same name by Natalie Babbitt. It tells the story of a family who drinks water from a magical spring and becomes immortal. When they encounter a young girl who lives in their rural New England town, she becomes friends with one of the sons, who soon offers her the secret to everlasting life. She then has to decide if she wants to join her new friends in immortality, or if she will live out her normal life. A timeless story of family, loss, friendship, and love, *Tuck Everlasting* is sure to become a classic favorite.

Come see MSDs Gabe Sheets and Stella Konopaska in the Community Theatre of Howell's performance of Tuck Everlasting!!

Performance: March 17- 19, 2023

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at <https://www.cththeatre.org/tuck-everlasting>

Aladdin Jr.: Come see MSD students Addy and Aubrey Clark and Camden Hart in Fowlerville Community Theatre's production of "Aladdin Jr"! The show will take place at the **Alverson Center for Performing Arts on Friday, April 21st at 7pm, Saturday, April 22nd at 2pm and 7pm, and Sunday, April 23rd at 2pm.**

Fiddler On The Roof: "Without our traditions, our lives would be as shaky as a fiddler on the roof." The metaphor of a fiddler on the roof and teetering on that edge, represents the safety of tradition and the danger of breaking it!

MSD's Makenna Usher will be starring in the role of Golde. **According to Artistic Director Scott Usher, *Fiddler on the Roof* is a story about acceptance. "It is about accepting and respecting your traditions, but also accepting who you are," says Usher. "It demonstrates the balance we try to build between our traditions and our individual wants and desires. Watching this story of oppression unfold evokes compassion and empathy from the audience, as well as a deeper understanding of what the world looks like when we are not accepting of others."**

Their performances will be held **April 21-23, and April 28-30** at the Hartland High School (HHS) auditorium located at 10635 Dunham Road in Hartland. Tickets are available online at www.hartlanddramaclub.org and at the door. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. Individual tickets purchased in advance are \$16 for adults and \$14 for students, children, and seniors. Tickets purchased at the door are \$18 for adults and \$16 for students, children, and seniors. Group rates are also available.

Descendants The Musical: Prelude Children's theater in Hartland Michigan is gearing up for their next production.

Disney's Descendants **tryouts will be May 7th from 1-5pm.** We will also be offering a workshop and if you plan to try out we encourage you to attend **April 15th from 3-5pm.** Both try outs and the workshop will be held at Maria's. If you have any questions please see Maria or our Facebook page Prelude Children's Theater.

Based on the popular Disney Channel Original Movies, Disney's *Descendants: The Musical* is a brand-new musical jam-packed with comedy, adventure, Disney characters, and hit songs from the films!

Imprisoned on the Isle of the Lost – home of the most infamous villains who ever lived – the teenaged children of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar, and Cruella De Vil have never ventured off the island... until now. When the four troublemakers are sent to attend prep school alongside the children of beloved Disney heroes, they have a difficult choice to make: should they follow in their parents' wicked footsteps or learn to be good?

This program is geared for grades 3rd-8th grade and includes singing, acting, and dancing. Come ready with your dance shoes and see our Facebook page for monologues and song choices for tryouts. We hope to see you there.