

WHAT'S NEW FOR NEXT YEAR!?!

Please see the following for a brief look at changes and new ideas for the upcoming season! Please note these changes are to continue to expand our programs and opportunities at Center Stage and are largely due to your recommendations, which we continue to encourage. Looking forward to seeing you and your dancer in the Fall!

Payment Options:

We are pleased to return to monthly payment plans, free of service charges. We have a direct withdrawal system now in place for all payment options and are also accepting VISA and Mastercard for one or two Lump Sum payments. We will continue to try and make your payment schedule and options as convenient as possible and thank you for your patience.

Registration Fees:

Due to administration and processing work, we have decided to enforce a registration fee for full-year students at Center Stage. This fee must be received at the time of registration in order to secure your dancer's spot in their selected classes. Please note registrations will not be accepted or processed until this non-refundable fee is provided.

The fees are as follows:

Single Dancer: \$20.00/year

Family: \$35.00/year

NEW 50% Off - Discounted Classes

As we expand our programs and encourage dancers to take advantage of new classes and opportunities, we have incorporated a new discount program to help with financial demands. Please note that as we strongly recommend classes or impose class requirements we will cut 50% of the costs off the following classes, when taken in conjunction with two other specific classes:

- Musical Theatre – Dance Fitness and Flexibility – Choreography Classes -

Please see copies of our "Class Requirements" and "Discounts" handouts for more information.

Class Attire:

Consistent with many requests, we will be providing a more specific and strict attire for each class, which may be picked up at our front desk or found online. Please note that although your dancer's comfort is important to us, their safety to ensure they have proper body positioning is vital. We strongly believe a clear attire guideline will assist in having structure and respect in the classroom.

Please note that our "Classroom Attire Guideline" further provides locations and details of retail providers.

The Introduction of Bollywood

Due to popular demand we have Bollywood sessions starting up in September! This session will run until the Christmas break on Fridays afternoons with Vish from Studio Bollywood I Dance in Calgary. Please see the schedule and "Class Descriptions" handout for more details.

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Musical Theatre

Musical Theatre is a popular style of dance that incorporates Jazz, Ballet, and Lyrical technique into Broadway and stage performances. This fun discipline allows each dancer to expand and explore their performance abilities. Based intensely on choreography, any dancer participating in Musical Theatre must be registered in a Jazz, Ballet, or Lyrical class. Please see the "Class Requirements and Levels" handout for more details.

Choreography Classes

Next season we are very excited to offer choreography classes to all ages of students.

Our *junior* and *intermediate* classes are directed at covering choreography of various styles, with competition opportunities. These classes will be focused at exploring the performance side of dance and picking up new choreography on a weekly basis. Both classes will be entered into two dance competitions or festivals in the Spring of 2011...as choreography will be covered in class there will be no weekend or out-of-class time commitments (with the exception of rehearsal day).

Our *senior* class is also directed at learning new choreography, but will not be performing in competition. This class however, will provide our older students the chance to explore new styles with multiple guest teachers throughout the year.

Based intensely on choreography and with competition opportunities, any dancer participating in Choreography classes must be registered in a Ballet class. Please see the "Class Requirements" handout.

Class Levels

Please obtain a "Class Levels" handout from our front desk for a summary of new class levels for the 2010-2011 Season. Our dance classes will now follow a revamped level classification from *Junior (Intro)* through *Advanced* (with the exception of Ballet, which will continue to follow the numerical system). Your teachers recommendations for the upcoming season will reflect these new levels. Please note dancers must be able to perform the curriculum for each level, strongly and consistently. It is common for dancers not to move up a level each year and this is for your dancer's safety.

Teacher Recommendations

Please note that with our new and more consistent levels, your teachers have already prepared Miss Devon with summaries of appropriate classes for each returning student. Please understand that although we try to keep carpooling opportunities and friends together, each student will be placed strictly into the predetermined level(s). Your dancer's safety may be at risk if placed in an inappropriate class and therefore these recommended levels may only be challenged through a private evaluation by Miss Devon.

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Competitive Stream

We are pleased to continue to expand our competition program to all ages of dancers and will do so for the upcoming season. Ballet as a foundation of all basic dance movement will be required for each dancer interested in competition (with the exception of hip hop dancers). This requirement has been enforced at Center Stage for many years and is further outlined in the "Level Requirements" handout. Please be advised a competition information package is available during the first week of classes in September. This package is recommended to be reviewed and questions asked in the first couple weeks of class. For the upcoming season, Competition Sign-up will occur in September with competition routines be decided upon by early October and private choreography lessons occurring before the Christmas break.

We will also be holding a "Parent/Competitor Meeting" tentatively for Friday October 1, 2010 @ 6:00pm. This meeting will cover all details pertaining to competition, including expectations, and requirements and MUST be attended by both the competitor and a parent or legal guardian. Competitors will then be requested to make their final commitment by Friday October 6th. Once final decisions are made by all parties, the competition private lesson schedule will be released (all private lessons will occur on Saturdays and Sundays in October/November).

Ballet Expansion

The technique, positioning, and foundations learned in ballet are essential to every style of dance (with the exception of hip hop). These basics and fundamentals are essential to a dancer's growth and safe advancement through levels. As our students and classes progress and expand, our ballet program will as well. Ballet is strongly recommended for every level of class and for your dancer's safety and knowledge, will be reviewed and incorporated into each class.

Please note due to the advanced body positioning covered in higher levels of dance, ballet is strictly required for all classes (exception of hip hop) for the following levels:

Intermediate Intensive – Senior Experienced – Senior Extreme – Advanced – Teen Intensive

As it is strongly encouraged to all dancers to participate in ballet, the barre classes are also available to all students and not just our competitors.

Furthermore, RAD (Royal Academy of Dance) curriculum will be covered more prominently in each ballet class. Although seen sometimes as repetitive, this repetition and clear elements assist with a dancer's application of such to their other classes. As well, this direction allows for Center Stage to hopefully offer ballet examinations in the future, to those interested.

Movie Nights, Open Workshops, Volunteer Opportunities, Princess Parties, Fundraising

More information still to come... ☺