

Virtual Performance Opportunities & Group & Individual Pictures ~ 2021

Hello Dance Families,

This is very important information for our dancers who normally attend competition in the spring!! This is not for our D&T, Tiny Tot, Combo classes. (For our younger classes we are working on opportunities for you also; watch for this information to come later ☺)

I have been working very closely with a group of dance competition directors over the last few months regarding competition this spring, and how we are able to proceed with that. We are following all SHA and government regulations and therefore things may look a little different than we are used to for this season. We are also aware that things may also be different from one event to the next. This email will be information regarding the Spring Stars competition that we are scheduled to attend March 17th – 21st as well as the Invitational Dance Showcase April 14th-18th. Both of these competitions have the majority of our studio taking part and have carried over an 80% deferral of your fees for this season.

Currently the SHA and government regulations state that dance can only happen in groups of 8/maximum, with 3 meters distance between dancers and also wearing a mask. It also states that at this time, in-person competitions cannot be held.

This does “change” how we are going to proceed but it does NOT end our season! Our number 1 goal this year along with working to improve our dancer’s technique & abilities is to give them the opportunity to use their costuming and perform their routines. Our dancers deserve this chance to perform their routines that we have worked on for 2 years and your DD staff is committed to making the absolute best of this situation until guidelines adjust and we can have a “live performance”. We are still hopeful that we can have some form of a “show” for our recital. (NOTE: we are working on options already for our year end with a possible outdoor stage set-up at the Conexus Center. Their staff has been working closely with the Business Recovery Team (BRT) for the government also.)

Therefore, after much discussion & consideration this is what we have come up with as dance competition directors & studio teachers...

Spring Stars & Showcase will be proceeding with “Virtual Dance Performances”.

The DD faculty has decided that we will participate in these events and we are excited to give our dancers this opportunity to show their stuff!! The dates for these virtual events will be provided to you parents when we have complete details.

Parents will be given an opportunity to view these routines once all the editing and feedback from an adjudicator is also completed. The intention of the virtual performances is to offer a live-stream of the recorded routines, on a set schedule during a specific time. (TBA).

The fees associated with these events will be posted to your accounts (and emailed to each family starting next week). These are due by March 13th, 2021. Thank you.

There are many additional costs to this type of venture such as costs for professional editing, data storage, and streaming as well as production costs and adjudicator fees. Our fees for the Spring Stars event have increased slightly and you will see that on your statement. Showcase has not changed. You will see that 80% is carried over from last season.

Here are some details on how that will look for us:

Our plan is to video-tape all our routines and submit them for feedback. ALL dancers will be given the chance to perform in costume, full hair & make-up and your DD staff will be working hard to present our Solo, Duo & group entries to the competition in the best way we can. (Solo, Duo information has already been emailed to those involved).

Categories will be organized by the directors and stitched together in categories to be submitted to the judges. Each individual studio will tape all routines following all guidelines set out by the SHA. This does include wearing a mask (ALL dancers will be asked to wear a PLAIN BLACK MASK for taping), and any routine with over 8 dancers will have to be taped separately in groups and your DD crew will handle editing the videos to present one routine for submission. We realize that this is a non-conventional way of getting our kids “on stage” but feel that since every dancer/studio is in the same position right now this is the best option to give our dancers & families something to look forward to and work towards. Awards will include a lapel pin with their mark (Diamond, High Gold, Gold, High Silver & Silver) as well as overall awards and of course an adjudicator comments for all routines!

Our WEEK of Virtual Routine taping & Picture Days will be from Monday March 15th through Saturday March 20th.

There will be NO regular classes on these days, but instead our training time will be set up for a virtual performance time & photo time.

All tiny tot & combo classes will have a time for photos on these days, but no actual classes will run.

Our plan is to rent curtains for studio A and create a “theatre atmosphere” so we can give our dancers the best way to feel as though they are on a stage!

*Showstoppers will be taping all group routines and having their “picture day” on Monday March 15th for the Seniors (Daytime into evening) and Tuesday March 16th (Daytime Inter’s, evening – Pre-Inter’s) for our Intermediates & Pre-Intermediates. (Details to be sent to your classes specifically).

All other classes are scheduled below the hair & tights list and this will take place at the studio.

Hair & Tights 2021 (Note: Tights can be purchased at Dancers Den, Albert Street).

1. All Tiny Tot & Combo Classes- High curly ponytail. No bangs, gelled back. Tights - Mondor Suntan.
2. Pre-Primary Classes - High curly ponytail. (All classes). No bangs, gelled back. Tights - Mondor Suntan (Tap & Jazz), Mondor Ballerina Pink (Ballet).
3. Primary Classes - High curly ponytail. No bangs, gelled back. (Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Acro, M. Theatre). Straight back bun. (Ballet). Tights - Mondor Suntan (Tap & Jazz, M. Theatre), Footless Mondor Suntan (Acro), Mondor Ballerina Pink (Ballet)
4. Junior Classes - High curly ponytail. No bangs, gelled back. (Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Acro, M. Theatre). Straight back bun. (Ballet). Tights - Mondor Suntan (Tap, Jazz, M. Theatre). Footless Mondor Suntan (Acro), Mondor Ballerina Pink (Ballet).
5. Pre-Inter B, Inter B- High straight ponytail. No bangs, gelled back. (Tap, Jazz, Acro, HH). Straight back bun (Ballet), Tights - Mondor Suntan (Tap, Jazz), Mondor Ballerina Pink (Ballet), Mondor Footless (Acro), “No see” socks in runners (Hip Hop).
6. Senior B - High straight ponytail. No bangs, gelled back. (Tap, Acro, HH). Middle part, low bun (Jazz, Lyrical & Ballet) Tights - Mondor Suntan (Tap, Jazz), Mondor Ballerina Pink (Ballet), Mondor Footless Acro), “No see” socks in runners (Hip Hop).
7. Pre-Intermediate Showstoppers- High straight ponytail. No bangs, gelled back. (Jazz, Tap, Acro, Hip Hop). Middle part, low bun (Ballet)Tights - Mondor Suntan (Jazz & Tap), Mondor Ballerina Pink (Ballet), “No see” socks with runners (Hip Hop), Mondor Footless Acro.
8. Intermediate Showstoppers - High Straight ponytail. No bangs, gelled back. (Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop). Center part bun (Ballet/Pointe, Contemporary, Lyrical). Tights - Black (Tap), Mondor Ballerina Pink (Ballet), No tights - (Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical), “No see” socks with runners (Hip Hop)
9. Senior Showstoppers - High Straight Ponytail. No bangs, gelled back. (Tap, Jazz -large & small groups, Hip Hop). Center part bun (Ballet/Pointe, Lyrical, Contemporary), M Theatre - in character. Tights - None, except Ballet & Pointe.

Virtual Performance & Picture Day Schedule ~ At the studio!

*NOT all classes are scheduled on the exact day that they have their regular lesson. Please look for your dancer’s class time and name. We had to schedule to allow for us to maintain all SHA regulations and keep our dancers health and safety a priority!

*COME dressed in costume, hair & make-up for stage done & ready for your group routine, and pick up is required as soon as the scheduled time is done. PLEASE WAIT for your dancers in the parking lot as we will be following this schedule and running ON TIME!

*You may change in bathrooms at studio **IF** your routine scheduled right near another class, **BUT** if you have an hour or more between routines you must LEAVE and get ready at home for the next one. We still need to follow SHA guidelines and have limited people in the studio at a scheduled time.

*No parents allowed in studio with the exception of our tiny tot & combo dancers whose parents can bring them into the lobby on the Saturday when they are scheduled and then wait outside until they are finished their time slot.

*Remember this is IN PLACE of regular class training for this week.

*ALL dance shoes for each routine are required for the performance and also for the picture.

PICTURES for each group will be taken by Silverswan Photography in Studio B. One group of dancers will take photos while the other tapes their performance and then we will switch. Our tiny tot & combos have pictures scheduled this week only (no performance).

Photos will include an individual picture of your dancer and then Silverswan will also create a collage in place of the group picture. You will receive an 8X10 group collage and a 4X6 individual of your dancer for each class you choose to purchase. The photos are \$20/class and more information on how to purchase these on-line, will be provided to you at a later date. (These fees will be paid to Silverswan Photography directly).

Wednesday March 17th (Class listed below followed by their regular weekly class time)

- 4:30-4:50 PM – Sen. B Tap (Thursday 6:50 Studio B)
- 5:00-5:30 PM – Sen. B Hip Hop (Wed. 8:35 Studio B)
- 5:45-6:15 PM – Int. B Hip Hop (Wed. 7:40 Studio B)
- 6:30-6:50 PM – Pre-Int. B Jazz (Tues. 7:45 Studio A)
- 7:00-7:20 PM – Int. B Jazz (Tues. 6:40 Studio B)
- 7:30-7:50 PM – Int. B Tap (Tues. 8:30 Studio B)
- 8:00-8:30 PM – Int. B Ballet (Wed. 6:10 Studio A)
- 8:45-9:30 PM – Sen. B Jazz (Thurs. 8:15 Studio A)

Thursday March 18th (Class listed below followed by their regular weekly class time)

- 5:00-5:30 PM – Acro A (Thurs. 5:10 Studio A)
- 5:40-6:20 PM – Pri. A Jazz (Thurs. 6:15 Studio A)
- 6:30-7:15 PM – Pre-Pri. A Jazz (Thurs. 7:15 Studio A)
- 7:30-8:00 PM – Jun. A Tap (Thurs. 7:45 Studio B)
- 8:15-8:45 PM – Jun. A Jazz (Thurs. 5:00 Studio A)
- 9:00-9:30 PM – Sen. B Ballet (Wed. 8:30 Studio A)
- 9:40-10:15 PM – Sen. B Lyrical (Thurs. 9:15 Studio A)

Friday March 19th (Class listed below followed by their regular weekly class time)

- 5:00-5:30 PM – Jun. A Ballet (Sat. 1:00 Studio B)
- 5:45-6:15 PM – Jun. A Hip Hop (Thurs. 5:55 Studio B)
- 6:30-7:15 PM – Pri. A Ballet – (Sat. 10:45 Studio A)
- 7:30-7:45 PM – Jun. B Jazz – (Sat. 3:30 Studio A)
- 7:55-8:15 PM – Jun. B Hip Hop (Sat. 2:00 Studio B)
- 8:30-9:00 PM – Acro B (Sat. 2:30 Studio A)

Saturday March 20th (Class listed below followed by their regular weekly class time)

9:00-9:30 AM – Tiny Tot A (Alyssa's class – Sat. 9:30 Studio A – Pictures only)

9:45-10:20 AM – Acro C (Sat. 1:30 Studio A)

10:30-11:00 AM – Combo A (Alyssa's Class – Sat. 10:30 Studio A – Pictures Only)

11:00-11:30 AM – Pre-Pri. B Jazz (Sat. 11:30 Studio A)

11:45 AM-12:15 PM – Pri. B Jazz (Sat. 12:30 Studio A)

12:30-1:15 PM – Tiny Tot B (Mackenzie's Class – Sat. 9:45 Studio B – Pictures Only)

1:20-1:50 PM – Tiny Tot Ballet (Sat. 8:45 Studio B – Pictures Only)

2:00-2:30 PM – Pri. A Tap (Sat. 11:45 Studio B)

2:45-3:15 PM – Pre-Pri. A Ballet (Sat. 3:00 Studio B)

3:30-4:15 PM – Pri. A Hip Hop (Sat. 4:30 Studio A)

4:30-5:00 PM – Pre-Pri. A Tap (Sat. 4:00 Studio A)

5:15-6:00 PM – Musical Theatre (Sat. 5:30 Studio A)

You have all put your faith and trust in us to offer the best dance education we can give to these dancers; so please trust that we will do our very best to honour them as we proceed with these entries!!

**Here is to making the absolute best of the
2021 Virtual Performance season!!**

Kara & your DD Crew ☺