

Today's Dance Center - Recital Newsletter

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Our annual spring concert is fast approaching. We at Today's Dance Center are planning another great show. Our theme this year is "Peace, Love, and Joy", celebrating our 28th year anniversary. Students, teachers and staff are working hard to produce a performance that you and your child will always remember. Please hold this newsletter for future reference. It contains all-important information for your child's recital. You can also find this information at www.todaysdancecenter.com, and posted outside the main office.

DATE: Saturday – May 21, 2011 – 1:00 PM
Saturday – May 21, 2011 – 6:00 PM

All performances will take place at the "**Lenape Regional High School**", 235 Hartford Rd., Medford. Everyone will perform in both performances with the exception of the following classes, Petite Performers I and CreateAbilities.

Saturday 1 PM Performance

Mon. 10:45	Petite Performers	Joy To The World	Victoria
Mon. 6:15	Petite Performers	Three Little Birds	Victoria
Thurs 6:15	CreateAbilities	Car Wash	Melissa

Saturday 6 PM Performance

Mon. 12:45	Petite Performers	Three Little Birds	Victoria
Sat. 10:15	Petite Performers	Tinkerbell's Love	Melissa

TICKETS: Tickets will be on sale at the studio Saturday, April 9th 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Family scheduled times for purchasing tickets will be posted. This year we will still have reserved seating. All seats/tickets will cost \$17. We will not have a limit on ticket purchasing per family this year. Only cash or checks will be accepted. If you have a conflict with your scheduled time/order you may fill out a form at the desk & TDC Staff will pull your tickets during your assigned time/order) Additional tickets can be purchased at the desk starting Saturday, April 30th depending on availability. **NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES OF TICKETS. ALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID IN FULL TO PURCHASE TICKETS.** Tickets will also be available at dress rehearsal and at the door depending on availability.
PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

COSTUMES: Tentative distribution will be the week of March 21st - March 26th. Please have children attend class. We suggest that a guardian come to class to receive information and to see the costume for fit. Please cut **all** tags out of your child's costume. We ask that you put your child's name on every item of costume and accessory, (ie, on elastic band). Children should not wear undergarments under their costumes. They can come to the theater on dress rehearsal night in their costume, but please not on performance dates, with the exception of Petite Performers and Petite Performers II, who should be covered with a long shirt. Dancers in more than 1 dance should wear a nude leotard under their costume for quick changes. Makeup should be applied and completed at home for dress rehearsal and performances. Hair should be styled as directed by the director. All Ballet performers must wear their hair **securely fastened** in a bun. **NO BANGS**, please. **NO JEWELRY, WATCHES, NAIL POLISH OR TATOOS.**

PICTURES: We have arranged for Capone Photography to come to the studio on Friday, April 8th from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. See the photo packages on attached flyer. The photographer will work by appointment. You must come to the studio front desk, pick up and fill out your envelope and sign up for an appointment. You must **select and pay** for the package when signing up for a portrait appointment. Only cash or checks will be accepted. All checks should be payable to: "Capone Photography". Pictures will be available for pick up in mid July at TDC. **No mail delivery** is available for pictures.

RECITAL DVD: We have contracted Ashe Productions again this year. You may purchase your DVD in advance by using the attached order form. You may also order your DVD on the night of the recital. Only cash or checks will be accepted. All checks should be payable to: “Ashe Productions”. DVD’s will be available in mid July at TDC. **No mail delivery** is available for DVD’s.

PARKING: Parking available at Lenape Regional High School – please park in designated parking areas. Do not park in driveways or on grass!!

DRESS REHEARSAL NIGHT: This will take place **Wednesday, May 18th** at “**Lenape Regional High School**”, **235 Hartford Rd., Medford**. Everyone **must** participate. Please check the dress rehearsal schedule for your child’s scheduled time in this packet or online. If you have a problem we need to know ASAP. Dress rehearsal will start promptly at 4:00. Please see your child’s scheduled time. Parents may remain in the theater during the rehearsal period, but we ask that you sit in the back section quietly. Each student is to sit with their class, which will be marked in the audience. After your child performs, you are free to go or he/she may join you to watch the remainder of the rehearsal from the back section of the theater. **NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE** is allowed in the theater. Some rooms will be open back stage to change costumes for those doing more than one number. Come with make-up and hair in performance style. Everyone must report to the auditorium. Videos may be taken during Dress Rehearsal only and in designated areas. No one is permitted in the front of the stage area.

LAST CLASS: The last day of classes will be Friday, May 20th. *Due to the change in Dress rehearsal from Friday to Wednesday & our few snow days, TDC will offer Wednesday classes on May 25th and Thursday classes on May 26th at their regular scheduled times. We will run our Wednesday Summer Program, June 8th through August 24th. A Children’s Performing Arts Camp will run from July 6th - July 27th. We will also offer weekly Children’s camp and Intermediate/Advanced Level Camp in July. Please see our website **www.todaysdancecenter.com** for the Summer and Fall Class information. **ALL STUDENTS MUST RE-REGISTER FOR FALL CLASSES.**

PERFORMANCE NIGHT: Have the younger children rest in-between performances. Only children will report to the backstage dressing rooms in the cafeteria, with color-coded table/sections. There will be supervision during the entire program. **NO ONE IS PERMITTED BACKSTAGE DURING THE PERFORMANCE OR DURING INTERMISSION. NO PERFORMER IS ALLOWED IN THE AUDIENCE WITH OR WITHOUT A COSTUME.** All performers (with exception of Petite Performers I and Createabilities) are expected to stay until the finale and report back to the dressing room. No flowers may be given on stage, but you may give flowers in the dressing room following the show. It is necessary for the following rules so that the recital is a success for all.

NO CHILD WILL BE EXCUSED BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF THE SHOW, WITH EXCEPTION OF PETITE PERFORMERS WHO MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER INTERMISSION WITH THEIR WRITTEN CONSENT FORM. ANYONE ELSE THAT NEEDS TO BE EXCUSED WILL HAVE TO HAVE WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM MS. KIM AT LEAST 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO SHOW TIME.

RULES: NO gum, food or beverage backstage or in dressing rooms. (Water only)

NO flash photography during the performance for safety reasons.

NO Videos-No bright lights for safety reasons. (Videos allowed during dress rehearsal in designated area only.)

NO parents backstage or in the dressing room during performance or intermission. (This is for the safety of your children and preparation for Act II.)

NO performing children allowed in the audience.

NO smoking, loud talking or running in the halls.

Every performer will report backstage to their color-coded dressing room area at 12:15pm on Saturday afternoon, 5:15pm on Saturday night. One female guardian will escort and pick up child after the show. No men are permitted backstage. Attendance will be taken in the dressing rooms. The backstage Dressing rooms will be marked as you come through the theater's main doors. In the event your child should become ill on performance day, please call the studio and leave a message so we can inform the room mother, who takes attendance. This is extremely important! If we do not hear from you and your child does not show up for their committed performances, they will not be eligible to register at TDC. Parents and students are reminded to check our website at www.todaysdancecenter.com and/or read the bulletin board on a regular basis to keep posted on current information. Please follow rules & directions so this can be a positive experience for all involved. If you have any further questions, please call the studio. Thank you for your cooperation.

ROOM MOTHERS: In striving to better the needs and safety of the students at TDC's Annual Dance recital, we are once again in need of Volunteer Room Mothers. The task of a room mother entails responsibility to **all** children in your assigned room. (Hair, make-up, bathroom trips, etc.) 2 Room Mothers are needed for each recital dance in each show.

This year we will again, be having a lottery so that all interested mothers have a fair opportunity to serve as a room mother. We also ask that you be willing to work in a room other than your child's. If you are granted your first choice we ask that you be willing to help **all** children in your assigned room and not just your **own**.

- *Under **no** circumstances are children to be left unsupervised
- *No more than 2 room mothers are to leave the room at one time
- *Only 1 person (female only) to accompany their Petite Performer or younger dancers to the color-coded dressing rooms back stage.

The Red dressing room will be staffed by individuals appointed by the director. Please also note that men are not allowed in the dressing rooms, the hallways of the dressing rooms, or to serve as room mothers.

The continued success of our annual recital is very important to us at TDC. Without the help of **YOU**, the dedicated room mothers, we couldn't do what we do. We appreciate your commitment to the students of TDC and would like to avoid any problems. A brief mandatory meeting will take place during Tech Week, where instructions and backstage badges will be picked up. No one will be permitted to stay backstage without a badge.

Again, we thank you for your commitment to the TDC students!!!

ROOM MOTHERS REQUEST SLIP (please return slip to the front desk by March 18th .)

Name: _____ Childs Name: _____
 Phone: _____ Child's Class, Day & Time: _____

2 Room Mothers are needed for each recital dance in each show.

1:00 Performance (please check) _____	OR	6:00 Performance (please check) _____
Room Color: (please circle) Purple, Green, Yellow, Orange, Pink, White, Black or Blue		Room Color: (please circle) Purple, Green, Yellow, Orange, Pink, White, Black or Blue
1 st Choice: _____		1 st Choice: _____
2 nd Choice: _____		2 nd Choice: _____
3 rd Choice: _____		3 rd Choice: _____

Please sign and return this portion to the front desk by April 30th.
I have read and I am aware of the policies and procedures for the Today's Dance Center Recital on May 21.

Print Last Name _____ Signature _____

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Fall 2011 Information and 2010 Summer Dance

FALL 11/12 School Year **Registration Procedure**

1. Go to the TDC web-site www.todaysdancecenter.com
2. View the Fall Schedule 2011 (please check for the appropriate age of the class or see your child's teacher regarding moving up to the next level.)
3. Download your Fall Registration Form.

Returning students registration will be accepted by mail beginning June 8th
or in person beginning June 15th.

New students registration will be accepted by mail
or in person beginning June 15th.

All Schedules and Forms will be posted on the website in April.

Summer 2011 Registration Information and Classes

To view ALL Summer Information and to download your Summer Registration Form, please see our web site at www.todaysdancecenter.com

Summer Classes (Wednesday Only)

June 8 –August 24 (ages 2-18)

Session A, June 8-29

Session B, July 7-28

Session C, August 4-25

Kicks for Kids/Showcaser (2-3 ½yrs)
Petite Performers (3½-5 yrs)
Ballet/Modern I (5-8 yrs)

Stretch, Tumble & Dance (4-6yrs)
Jazz/Hip Hop (5-10 yrs)
Ballet Int/Adv.

Ballet/Modern (Open Level)
Hip Hop/Jazz (tween/teen)

Children's Camp (Wednesdays only, 9-12pm) July 6th thru July 27th
(2-4yr olds, 9-11:30am & 5-8 yr olds, 9-12pm)

Camp consists of stretch, dance, music, arts & crafts and a snack.

Weekly Children's Camp (Mon. thru Thurs. 9-12pm) (5-10 yrs)

Offered Weeks of July 11th-14th and July 18th-21

Camp consists of Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Tap and Musical Theater, Snack & Craft

Weekly Intermediate/Advanced Camp (Mon. thru Thurs. 12-5pm) (12-18yrs)

Offered Weeks of July 11th-14th and July 18th-21

TDC's Int/Adv level Summer Intensives are for those students who are looking for more challenge in the art of dance. Offering a full pre-professional curriculum with professional teachers from Broadway Dance Center, Joffrey Ballet, Princeton Ballet, Walnut Street Theater, Sixer's Dance Team, NYC Rockettes, Melanie Stewart Dance, & much more. Ages 12-18yrs. Camp consists of Ballet, Pointe, Modern/Contemporary, Jazz, Tap, Musical Theater, Dance History, Choreography, Body Conditioning and stretching. Special guest teachers from the Philadelphia & NYC dance scene add to this enriching experience!

Programs are based on enrollment and are on 1st come, 1st serve basis.