

DANSCOTT STUDIO **DANCE RECITAL NEWSLETTER 2008**

The Danscott teaching staff is very excited to be organizing our 2008 Showcase and is thrilled to say that we are celebrating our 26th Anniversary.....something to be very proud of.

There will be two performances this year and they have been scheduled as follows: **Friday, June 13 at 6:30 pm., and Saturday, June 14 at 1:00 pm., at the University of Calgary Theatre.** All regular dance classes attend both performances; the extra, large choreography numbers are yet to be determined as the shows will be streamlined to run as professionally as possible.

The full dress rehearsal for the entire studio, will be on **Thursday, June 12, starting promptly at 4:30 pm.** See below for further information regarding the dress rehearsal. If you have any questions regarding the recital, we encourage you to talk to your teacher.

DRESS REHEARSAL FOR SHOWCASE

Thursday, June 12, 4:30-9:30 p.m. at the University of Calgary Theatre (2500 University Dr. N.W.)

This is a rehearsal that is very important for all dancers to attend!

This is a **complete dress rehearsal** (including stage makeup), and will follow the same order as our recital on June 13 and 14. A recital program with the order of dance numbers will be posted on the bulletin board in April. Dancers must be in full costume, including make-up, for this practice. This will be the dancer's opportunity to see all the other dance performances and cheer them on.

In order that our dress rehearsal runs smoothly and quietly, it is imperative that parents keep their dance classes together and supervise them closely. **IT IS THEATRE POLICY THAT NO FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED IN THE THEATRE DURING DRESS REHEARSAL.** You can eat your snacks in the theatre lobby or outside the building. Please remember to use the garbage cans.

RECITAL DETAILS (June 13 and 14)

- A.** One or two parents will be assigned to each younger, dance class to supervise the dancers backstage during the shows. We encourage parents to help organize your volunteers amongst your own dance classes and sign the volunteer's names to the poster that will be on the main bulletin board in April.
- B.** When dropping your dancers off for the show, please ensure you have left them in the proper place. Signs for each dance class will be posted on the walls or dressing rooms. The Pre-School and Saturday dance classes will use the downstairs dressing room. After the finale, for all performances, parents will be able to collect their dancers in the same place.
- C.** Dancers must arrive dressed and ready for their first number in the recital; changing facilities are limited. Information regarding when the dancers must arrive at the theatre for our shows will be passed on to you at our rehearsal on June 12.
- D.** Younger dancers should bring a book, coloring book and pencils, etc. to keep busy while they are waiting. Please collect all your belongings at the end of the recital on June 14th; we always have lots of lost and found items. Please note that we are not responsible for any lost items.
- E.** It is theatre policy that only non-alcoholic beverages are brought into the children's changing facilities. We ask for the parent's cooperation in this matter.

RECITAL TICKET SALES

After careful and thorough consideration we have decided that we must limit our showcase to two performances this year. With two performances we can offer apx. 1000 seats in total, so it is necessary to limit our ticket sales to accommodate this. We apologize for any inconveniences this might cause but the benefit for our dancers and families outweighs the draw backs. See the attached order form for all the ticket information.

DANCE CLASS PICTURES

Picture day for all our **regular** classes and extra large groups is **Sunday, May 4th**. All information, forms and order envelopes will be passed out to each dancer in April. We are excited to say that we have hired a new photographer this year. On picture day, the changing and waiting room facilities are limited. Everyone will need to have lots of patience! The picture schedule is very complex and we attempt to follow the same schedule as our Showcase; special requests for times cannot be considered. **Dancers are required to be early as we have usually run ahead of schedule in the past. On picture day there will NOT be any food allowed in the studio.** Dancers and parents will have to have their lunches outside or if the weather is miserable, please make other plans. We will be scheduling a 30 minute lunch break. Thank you for your consideration and understanding. **We will be taking a studio picture at the end of our dress rehearsal on June 12th, apx. 9:00 pm. Dancers must be in their finale attire for this picture (see the Finale 2008 for more details).**

***Solos, duets, trios and extra small group pictures will be taken at the studio on Saturday, May 3rd. This picture schedule will be posted ASAP. Questions please see the Danscott Parent's Association or your dance teacher.**

STUDIO AWARDS

Achievement Awards (Chosen by the Teachers)

These awards will go to the dancers in tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical and musical theatre that have worked effectively throughout the year, shown continuous improvement and accomplished individual goals. They are students who have worked hard, had a positive and dedicated attitude, a strong attendance record and also demonstrated valuable leadership qualities. We recognize these students as a very important part of our studio.

There will be two divisions for the Achievement Awards:

Junior (up to 11 years of age by June 1, 2008)

Senior (12 years and older by June 1, 2008)

In each division there will be 5 winners chosen: one from each area of dance (Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical and Musical Theatre). Every dancer is eligible. The 10 recipients will receive a trophy (donated by the Danscott Parents Association). Danscott Studio will also offer the recipients a studio scholarship that must be applied towards their dance class (es) in September of '08, at Danscott. **The Junior awards will be presented at our Friday show and the Senior awards at our Saturday show.**

We are also excited this year to honor and acknowledge our **Senior Graduating Students**. Some of our grade 12 graduates have been with us since their introduction to dance and some have recently joined our studio to become an important part of the Danscott family. We will introduce and have a small presentation for these Grade 12 students during our dress rehearsal on Thursday, June 12th.

H.O.P.E Awards

Honesty, Outstanding Effort, Personal Achievement, and Exemplary Attitude Towards Others

These awards were started several years ago and it is a tradition that we are proud to continue. In 2007, we honored 3 dance students with this special recognition which included scholarships. We would love to expand upon these awards. If you feel that you would like to make a donation to this special fund and be a part of these awards, please talk to Miss Gail or Miss Sandra or a parent on the Danscott Parent's Executive. Thank you so much for considering this. These awards will be presented during our dress rehearsal on Thursday, June 12th.

DANCE COSTUMES

If you were involved in one or more of the early competitions, your teacher will have already seen your costumes; no need to wear them again. All other dance classes will be notified by their teacher when they will have costume fittings and rehearsals.

FINALE 2008

The Pre-School Combo classes (Fri. 6:00, Sat. 12:00), Pre-Primary and Primary Ballet classes (Sat. 10:30 and 11:15) and Pre-School Tap class (Sat. 10:30) have the option of participating. These students have been invited to attend an information meeting with their teacher on March 15th.

The finale involves all other dancers.

All other dance students will have the \$15 finale fee, which covers the items purchased by the Costume Fund, automatically applied to their costume account. Please encourage your students to participate in this fun filled opportunity. The finale is a wonderful way to finish our showcase.

Every dancer participating in the finale and will be required to wear:

1. White fitted top or t-shirt for the girls; white t-shirts for the boys. This white top must be purchased by the student or they can certainly use a white top they have already. It can be long sleeves, tank, short sleeves, etc. but must be absolutely plain (no printing or logos). If dancers decide to layer their top slightly, they must layer in white only.
2. Dancers must wear blue denim bottoms. These can be jeans, capris, shorts, pants, skirts etc. They must be a plain denim fabric (blue) with no additional colors.
3. Bare feet
4. During a portion of the finale, the students will be given glow wands to use. These will be purchased by the studio and given to the dancers for our rehearsals and shows.
5. Dancers will also be given a scarf or a pashmina to wear. The dancers will wear these around their necks. These will be given to the students at our first rehearsal.

(If you are unsure as to your attire, please check with your teacher.)

We will be choreographing a dance portion of the finale in some regular classes starting in May.

The entire finale will be put together and rehearsed on Saturday, May 31st from 3:00-5:00 pm., and Tuesday, June 10th from 5:00-6:30 pm. Every participant must attend these rehearsals and must wear their white tops or t-shirts, denim bottoms and bare feet. We must insist, for these rehearsals, that parent's drop their dancers off at the door and do not come into the studio; this will avoid much congestion. If you are able to leave the parking lot once you have dropped off your dancers this would also avoid a parking lot nightmare! We will not let any younger dancers leave the studio until their parents come back to get them. We appreciate your co-operation. **We will be practicing the finale again on Thursday, June 12, at the beginning and conclusion of our dress rehearsal: 4:30-5:00 to block the finale and 9:15-9:30 pm. to run it completely through. Again, all dancers must wear their finale clothing for these rehearsals.** It is very important to attend all of these finale practices. Questions or problems please see your teacher.

RECITAL DVD's

The Danscott Parents Association will be distributing this information and order form in the near future.

RECITAL FLOWERS

The presentation of flowers for performers following a big show has been a tradition for many years in the world of performing arts and Danscott too, has adopted this tradition. It's fun and certainly appreciated by the dancers from

the youngest little star to the veteran performer (not to mention that it's a great fundraiser for the Parents' Assoc.). A form for preordering flowers will be available soon and we encourage everyone wishing to purchase them to do it this way so we have a good indication of volume. We will have additional bouquets to sell at the theatre but last year, we ran out due to the unanticipated number of "spot" sales during the recital. So...pre-order and don't miss out. We will be looking for Dads to distribute and sell the flowers before the performances, during intermission and after the recital. The Danscott Parents Association will be distributing this information and order form in the near future.

GENERAL

We encourage dancers and parents to try to keep well informed. We will keep all information posted on the main bulletin board at the studio as well as on our studio website www.danscottstudio.com . Please feel free to talk to your teacher if you have any questions at all.

***A reminder regarding the Spring Break:**

The studio will be closed starting Friday, March 21st to Sunday, March 30th . Regular dance classes will resume on Monday, March 31st.

The Policy Handbook/ Registration information for Sept 2008 will be available in early May.

Our Open House and Registration dates for 2008-2009 are as follows: June 18-20, 5:00-8:00 pm and June 21, 10:00 am-3:00 pm.

Danscott Studio.....helping dancers take charge of their future and accomplish their goals.