

## **DANSCOTT STUDIO** **SHOWCASE NEWSLETTER 2018**

The Danscott teaching staff is very excited to be organizing our 2018 Showcase and is thrilled to say that we are celebrating our 36th Anniversary.....something to be very proud of!

The involvement in our 2018 Showcase, for our dancers and their families, will remain the same as previous years; one stage rehearsal on June 7 at 4:30 pm and 2 performances as follows: Friday, June 8 at 6:30 pm and Saturday, June 9 at 1:00 pm. The stage rehearsal on June 7 and both performances, June 8 & 9, are held at the University of Calgary, University Theatre. All regular dance classes and extra group choreography, must attend our stage rehearsal and will also perform in both presentations of our Showcase. Please note that the Ballet Vocational Levels, Stretch 'n Tumble, Technique (all levels) Tiny Toes and Tumblers, Acro Intensive A, B & C and Acro A & B are not performing in our Showcase as they are training classes only.

We also wanted to inform our families that we will be including all of our **extra group choreography** in our two Showcase performances this year. We are excited that this will be happening so all of families can enjoy these special presentations. We will be temporarily putting our Show with a Twist on hold until our studio enrolment can once again support this third show. This decision was made carefully after considering many factors so we hope that we have the understanding and support, from all our families. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email the DS management through our Danscott Office.

We will also have a question and answer period this year, for parents of younger dancers and also parents of new students to Danscott, where it is perhaps your first involvement in a Showcase. This gathering will be in the form of an information meeting where Miss Gail can address all of your inquiries or additional questions about our Showcase. This information meeting for parents will be:

**Saturday, April 21 at 10:30 am in Studio C**

### **STAGE REHEARSAL FOR SHOWCASE 2018**

**Thursday, June 7, 4:30-9:45 p.m. at the University of Calgary Theatre (2500 University Dr. N.W.)**

This is a rehearsal that is mandatory for all dancers to attend! Individual or personal videoing by parents is permitted at this stage rehearsal. The theatre will be very full with all our dancers and their parents so outside guests must not be invited to attend this rehearsal. Thank you for your cooperation with this request.

The stage rehearsal is a complete dress rehearsal (including stage makeup) so all students must bring and wear their full costumes on June 7. This rehearsal will follow the same order as our Friday evening show and Saturday matinee on June 8 and 9. A Showcase program with the order of dance numbers will be posted on the bulletin board in early April. At the stage rehearsal, dancers will sit in the main audience section of the theatre so it will allow them the opportunity to see all the other dance performances and cheer on their team! In order that our stage 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 and recycle bins.

### **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF YOUNGER STUDENTS**

**We can address any questions that you may have at our information meeting, April 21, 10:30 am but please also make a note of the following:**

A. One or two parents will be assigned to each younger dance class to supervise the dancers backstage when they are not performing. We encourage parents to help organize your volunteers amongst your own dance classes, communicate with your teachers if you can help and then sign the volunteer's names to the poster that will be on the main bulletin board in April or you can check with your teacher.

**B.** When dropping your dancers off for the shows, please ensure you have left them in the proper place. Signs for each dance class will be posted on the walls and dressing rooms. **The Pre-Jr Jazz and Tap, Ballet Combo, Primary Ballet, and Jr 1 Tap and Jazz will use the downstairs dressing room.** We find this is a successful way to keep a close eye and supervise our younger classes. After the performances on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, parents will be able to collect their dancers in the same dressing room.

**C** Dancers must arrive dressed and ready for their first number in the Showcase; changing facilities are tight. Details regarding dancer's time of arrival to the theatre will be passed on to all parents at our information meeting as well as our dress rehearsal on June 7.

**D.** Younger dancers should bring a book, colouring book and pencils, etc. to keep busy while they are waiting. Please collect all your belongings at the end of the Showcase on June 9; we always have lots of lost and found items. Please note that we are not responsible for any misplaced items.

**E.** It is theatre policy that only non-alcoholic beverages are brought into the changing facilities or backstage. We ask for the parent's cooperation in this matter.

## **DANCE CLASS PICTURES**

**Picture day for all our regular classes is Sunday, May 27.** We are continuing with an on-line ordering system so that our parents can place their order directly with the photographer. Picture orders will be sent directly to all parents, which eliminates picture errors and also individual pick up. Watch for information that will be made available later in the spring.

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; special requests for times will not be considered. **Dancers are required to be early as we have usually run ahead of schedule; this time schedule will be shared with our families when the information is posted. 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 alternate plans. **Families should note that we will be scheduling a 45 min minute lunch break on Picture Day and will also have some celebratory events happening during this break.** The DPA will post all this extra information when they post the picture schedule in late April; this schedule will also be posted on our website. A reminder again that special requests cannot be accommodated in regards to our picture schedule, thank you for your understanding.

**\*Solos, duets, trios and extra group pictures will be taken at the studio on Saturday, May 26, in the early evening.** This picture schedule will also be posted in early spring. **Questions: please see the Danscott Parent's Association or your dance teacher.**

**Our finale cast will be posing for a quick team picture at the end of our rehearsal on June 7 at apx 9:30-9:45 pm. Parents and families are invited at this time, to take a picture for their own personal use. Please note that the DPA will not be offering a professional finale picture for sale.**

## **STUDIO AWARDS**

### **Achievement Awards (Chosen by the Teachers)**

**These awards will go to the dancers in Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical, Musical Theatre and Acrobatics who 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, 2018)**

**Intermediate / Senior (12 years and older by June 1, 2018)**

**In each division there will be 6 winners chosen: one from each area of dance (Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical, Musical Theatre and Acrobatics). Every dancer is eligible. The 12 recipients will receive a medal donated by the Danscott Parents Association as well as a studio scholarship that must be applied to their dance classes**

in September of 2018 at Danscott Studio. **These Junior and Intermediate / Senior awards will be presented at our Stage Rehearsal on June 7.**

We are also excited 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 stage rehearsal on Thursday, June 7.

## **H.O.P.E Awards**

### **Honesty, Outstanding Effort, Personal Achievement, and Exemplary Attitude towards Others**

These awards were started many years ago and it is a tradition that we are proud to continue. In 2017 we honored several dance students with this special recognition which included scholarships. We would love to expand upon these awards in 2018 so 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 a parent on the Danscott Parent's Executive. Thank you so much for considering this. These awards will be presented during our stage rehearsal on Thursday, June 7.

## **FINALE 2018**

### **WHAT IS A FINALE?**

The Danscott Showcase culminates in a **Finale** performance that incorporates the majority of our students, excluding only our younger classes as listed below. Apart from these younger classes, it is the studio's expectation that all other dancers participate in the **Finale** or the final number of our Showcase. In this spirit, the Finale has long been a tremendous opportunity to celebrate our year in dance with a unified show ending performance.

The \$30 finale fee, which is non-refundable, was automatically applied to participant's costume accounts in the fall. This fee was paid with your costume deposit but if it is still outstanding, you will be contacted by the studio office.

### **Younger classes NOT involved in the Finale part of Showcase:**

At Danscott, we do not ask our younger students to participate in the finale as it is at the end of our Showcase, in the later evening. The following younger classes are not involved in the Finale part of our Showcase: **Ballet Combo (Sat. 10:45 am), Primary Ballet (Sat 9:45 am), Pre-Junior Tap (Sat 9:10 am), Pre -Jr Jazz (Sat. 9:45 am).**

## **Finale Rehearsal Schedule**

### **Student Attendance is mandatory!**

**Dancers who are eligible to be in the Finale but choose not to attend the Finale practices as outlined below, will not be eligible to participate in this performance in our Showcase. They can, however, still receive their t-shirt and LED light item after June 9. Questions please see your teacher or an office representative.**

**We will be starting some of the Finale choreography during our classes in late May and early June but our first formal practice is on Saturday, May 26 from 1:30-4:30 pm, in our main building. Dancers must pick up their Finale attire from a DPA member outside in the parking lot promptly at 1:30 pm that day or in Studio C if the weather does not cooperate. Once this is done, the dancers then come inside the main building to start choreography immediately after. We will be dividing our cast into sections at the discretion of the teaching staff and will be organized for this on May 26.**

**The second Finale rehearsal is Saturday, June 2 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Attendance is imperative and dancers should wear their finale attire again for this practice. This rehearsal will again be in the main building, Studios A and B.**

**We will be practicing the entire Finale again on Thursday, June 7, at the beginning and conclusion of our stage rehearsal (U of C): 4:30-5:10 pm to block the finale and 9:15-9:45 pm. to run it a couple of times Again, all dancers must wear their Finale clothing for these rehearsals.**

**It is very important to attend all of our Finale practices. Questions or problems please see your teacher.**

## **Finale Attire**

**Every dancer participating in the Finale will be required to wear:**

- 1. Dancers will be given a T-Shirt with a celebration logo. These will be purchased by the studio and given to the dancers for our rehearsals and shows. These will be passed out to the dancers at the beginning of our rehearsal on May 26 at 1:30 pm. Once our style of t-shirt is designed and finalized, this information, including try on samples for sizing, will be passed on to all our students and families. Watch for this info through a separate email soon from the DS Office.**
- 2. Dancers must wear black dance shorts. These shorts must be a respectable length, thank you. Dancers supply their own.**
- 3. Barefeet (no shoes required).**
- 4. All participants will be given an LED light item. These will be purchased by the studio and given to the dancers at the beginning of our rehearsal on May 26 at 1:30 pm.**

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

## **Finale Practice Information for Parents with Junior Participants:**

The Danscott teachers and staff must insist, for the rehearsals at the studio on May 26 and June 2, that parent's drop their dancers off at the studio door and do not come into the studio themselves; our facilities are tight and this will avoid much congestion. If you are able to leave the parking lot once you have dropped off your dancers this would help prevent severe parking congestion! **We will not let any younger dancers leave the studio until we are finished our practices and their parents come back to get them; the DPA will be assisting us with this close supervision.** We appreciate your co-operation.

## **SHOWCASE DVD's**

See this information and order form that has been attached to this general email. The DVD form is also posted up at the studio as well as hard copies are available through the Danscott Office.

## **SHOWCASE FLOWERS**

A Flower Pre-Order Form will be sent from the Office soon; hard copies will also be available.

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 Danscott Parents' Assoc.).

We encourage everyone wishing to purchase flowers, to pre-order as prices will increase after the pre-order deadline. Don't miss out! We will have additional bouquets to sell at the University Theatre but there is always a concern that we may run out due to the unanticipated number of "on the spot" sales during both showcases.

We will also be needing volunteers to help distribute and sell the flowers before the showcase performances and during the intermission. See a DPA member to volunteer. Thank you.

## **SHOWCASE TICKET SALES FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 8 and SATURDAY, JUNE 9**

There is a new University Policy as of 2018, that requires all ticket sales for events that are held at their facilities, to be conducted through the University Theatre Services. Given this, please note that DS will no longer be able to offer our Showcase tickets for sale through our Studio Office. An online service, private for just our DS families, will be available to pre-order/buy tickets at:

<https://red.vendini.com/ticket-software.html?t=tix&e=f6b0f1474e90259984c9e00684836a26>

This online service will be available for ticket purchases, starting Monday, April 2 at 8:30 am, 2018. Should you have any questions or problems, please let the Office know and we would be happy to help. ....cont.

### **Showcase Ticket Sale Info cont.**

Parents and families should note that all ticket sales are final; no exchanges or refunds for purchased tickets will be available. All seating is reserved so when you order your tickets, you will also be able to choose your seats. This order system, will be done on a first come, first serve basis. For our families who need special or wheelchair access to the theatre, please notify the Univeristy staff, when purchasing your tickets. We would also ask you to notify the DS office so we can compile a list of these special requests as well. We feel that this will be helpful for the Univeristy Theatre staff for our two Showcase performances.

**Cost of Showcase Tickets: General Admission is \$25.00 and Senior/Student Admission is \$22.00**

**Age for Seniors is 65+ and Students to 18 years.**

Families should also note that the University Theatre Services, will add a service fee on all credit card sales.

**Personal videoing during our Showcase, June 8 & 9, is absolutely prohibited.** Parents of our dancers, wishing to video individual dance routines are welcome to do this during our stage rehearsal only, June 7. We have also hired a professional videographer for our shows, and these DVD's will be offered to our dancers and families at a reasonable rate. See this information posted at the studio on the bulletin boards, through the Office and also attached to this general email.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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](http://www.danscottstudio.com). Please feel free to talk to your teacher or email the studio office at [danscottoffice@shaw.ca](mailto:danscottoffice@shaw.ca) if you have any questions.

### **\*A Reminder regarding the Spring Break Holiday:**

The studio will be closed after classes finish on Saturday, March 24 to Sunday, April 1. Regular dance classes will resume on Monday, April 2 and attendance is very important for this day. Competitive students should check with their teachers regarding any possible extra rehearsals during the spring break as well as the March 31 & April 1 weekend. A reminder to our more involved or competitive students that we have our Stage Rehearsal at the U of C, University Theatre, is on Monday, April 9th and attendance is imperative. See your previous handout for these details.

### **\*Registration for 2018-2019:**

The Policy Handbook/ Registration information for Sept 2018 will be available in early May. Our Open House and Registration dates for 2018-2019 are as follows: Wednesday and Thursday, June 13 and 14, 5:00-8:00 pm and Saturday, June 16, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. We will also be hosting an early Junior registration this year on Saturday, April 21 from 9:30 am-12:00 pm to accommodate our families with younger dancers. This pre-registration will be held at the DS Office. Several dance teachers will be there to answer any questions you may have and also guide parents through registration.

**Danscott will also have further registration in August; these dates are August 22 and 23, 5:00-8:00 pm and August 25, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Should you have any questions, we invite you to email through the Danscott Office and we would be happy to help.**

**Watch for our Kickstart Workshop Info and Registration for August 2018, coming soon!**

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