

DANSCOTT STUDIO

SHOWCASE NEWSLETTER 2020

The Danscott teaching staff is very excited to be organizing our 2020 Showcase and is thrilled to say that we are celebrating our 38th Anniversary.....something to be very proud of!

The involvement in our 2020 Showcase, for our dancers and their families, will remain the same as previous years; one dress rehearsal on June 4 at 4:30 pm and 2 performances, Friday, June 5 at 6:30 pm and Saturday, June 6 at 1:00 pm. The dress rehearsal on June 4 and both performances, June 5 & 6 are held at the University of Calgary, University Theatre. All regular dance classes and extra group choreography must attend our dress rehearsal on June 4 and will also perform in both presentations of our Showcase, June 5 & 6. Please note that the Ballet Vocational Levels, Stretch 'n Tumble, Technique (all levels) Tiny Toes, Junior Hip Hop, Acro Intensive 1, 2 & 3, 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 our Extra Group Choreography in both of our Showcase performances this year. We are excited that this will be happening so all of families can enjoy these special presentations. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email the DS management through our Danscott Office.

We would also like to invite any new families to Danscott or parents of younger dancers to email any questions that they may have, once they finish reading through the Showcase info. If it is perhaps your first involvement in a Showcase, you may have questions, big or small, that are not answered in this newsletter. We would be more than happy to help and have answers for you, so please reach out to us at danscottoffice@shaw.ca.

DRESS REHEARSAL FOR SHOWCASE 2020

Thursday, June 4, 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!

Younger classes, who are not involved in our finale section of our Showcase, could certainly leave this rehearsal after their class has practiced their routine(s) on the stage. This would allow these younger dancers and their parents an earlier finish to their day before our first Showcase performance, June 5.

Our dress rehearsal is a complete run-through of all our numbers (including costumes and stage makeup) so all students need to wear their full costumes on June 4. We will also be rehearsing our Finale at dress rehearsal so dancers are reminded to pack their finale attire. Our dress rehearsal will follow the same order as both of our shows, June 5 and 6. A Showcase program, listing the order of dance numbers, will be posted on the bulletin board in early April. DS teachers are happy to also go through the Showcase schedule, with all parents and dancers as soon as it is available. At our dress rehearsal, dancers will sit in the main audience section of the University Theatre so it will allow them the opportunity to see all the other dance performances and cheer on their team! In order that our dress rehearsal runs smoothly, it is imperative that parents keep their dance classes together and supervise them closely. Signs will be posted throughout the backstage area as well as the theatre, to guide everyone. It is also Theatre Policy that no food or drinks are allowed in the Theatre, during our Dress Rehearsal, thank you. Families should also note that individual or personal videoing by parents is permitted at our dress rehearsal only, on June 4.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF YOUNGER STUDENTS

Once reading through our showcase newsletter, please email through the DS office, should you have any questions and we will be happy to assist you: danscottoffice@shaw.ca.

A. One or two parents will be asked to volunteer for our younger classes to help with supervision in their dressing rooms. This supervision will be very important, before and after all their performances on the stage. We encourage parents to organize your volunteers for June 5 & 6, communicate with your teachers and then sign all volunteers names to a poster that will be on the main bulletin board, in April.

B. When dropping younger dancers off for the shows on June 5 & 6, please ensure that you have left them in the proper place or dressing room. Signs will be posted in the hallways as well as outside dressing rooms. The Pre-Jr Jazz/Tap combo, Ballet Combo, Primary Ballet, Jr 1 Tap and Jazz and Grade 1 Ballet will all use the downstairs dressing room on stage right. We find this is a successful way to keep a close eye and supervise our younger classes closely.

C Dancers must arrive dressed and ready for their first number in the Showcase. Details regarding dancer's time of arrival to the theatre will be communicated to all parents at our dress rehearsal on June 4 or you can check with your teachers. The DS office would also have these details and could assist you.

D. Younger dancers should bring a book, colouring book and pencils, etc. to keep busy while they are waiting in their dressing rooms before and after their performance on stage. Please remember to collect all your belongings at the end of the Showcase on June 6. Please note that DS is not responsible for any misplaced items.

E. Families are reminded that to avoid any messes with our fancy costumes, only clean, dry, nut free snacks and clear drinks (preferably just water) should be in the University hallways and our dressing rooms.

DANCE CLASS PICTURES Photographer: Cory Harding

Picture day for all our regular classes and extra group choreography is Sunday, May 24. 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 detailed information that will be made available in late April.

On picture day, the changing and waiting room facilities are limited. Everyone will need to have lots of patience! Dancers are asked to come 30 minutes early for their scheduled picture time as we have frequently run ahead of schedule in the past. A detailed picture schedule will be emailed directly to all our families in late April. On picture day there will NOT be any food allowed in the studios. Families should note that we will be scheduling a 30 minute lunch break on Picture Day and will also have some celebratory events happening during this break. The DPA will include this extra information with the picture schedule that is emailed 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.

The photographer will be in our studio early on May 24, before our group pictures start, and can take pictures of any dancers who had solos in 2020 as well as dancers in duets/trios, who didn't order pictures through our competition season. If soloists, duets/trios are interested in this picture opportunity, please email the office at danscottoffice@shaw.ca to confirm your participation. The office will keep an updated list of all participants for solo/duet/trio pictures but please note that there is a limited number of spots available.

STUDIO AWARDS

Achievement Awards (Chosen by the Teachers)

These awards will go to the dancers in Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical, Musical Theatre, Hip Hop 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, 2020)
Intermediate / Senior (12 years and older by June 1, 2020)

In each division there will be 7 winners chosen: one from each area of dance (Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical, Musical Theatre, Hip Hop and Acrobatics). Every dancer is eligible and considered for these awards. The 14 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 2020 at Danscott Studio. These Junior and Intermediate / Senior awards will be presented at our Stage Rehearsal on June 4.

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 4.

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 2019 we honored several dance students with this special recognition which included scholarships. We would love to expand upon these awards in 2020 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 dress rehearsal on Thursday, June 4.

FINALE 2020

WHAT IS A FINALE?

The Danscott Showcase culminates in a Finale performance that incorporates the majority of our students. It is the studio's expectation that all eligible 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 \$35 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. Families with dancers who have outstanding fees or accounts should note that their dancer will not be able to receive their finale t-shirt or LED item until payment arrangements have been made with the DS Administration. Thank you for your attention to this.

Younger classes who are 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, and later in the evening. The following younger classes are not involved in the Finale part of our Showcase: Ballet Combo (Sat. 9:35 am), Primary Ballet (Sat 9:30 am), Pre-Junior Tap/Jazz Combo (Sat 10:20 am), Jr 1 Tap (Sat 10:20 am), Jr 1 Jazz (Sat 11:15 am) and Grade 1 Ballet (Thurs 5:15 pm).

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 finale t-shirt and LED light item, after June 6 at our June Open House. 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 23 from 1:30-4:30 pm, in our main building. Dancers must pick up their Finale t-shirt and LED accessory from a DPA member outside in the parking lot promptly at 1:30 pm that day or in Studio C, if 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 23.

The second Finale rehearsal is Saturday, May 30 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 Finale again on Thursday, June 4, at the beginning and conclusion of our dress rehearsal (U of C): 4:30-5:10 pm to block the finale and then again at 9:15-9:45 pm, to run it a couple of times. All dancers must wear their Finale clothing (see Finale Attire on next page) for all rehearsals that are listed above. Questions or difficulties, please see your teacher.

Finale Attire

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

1. Dancers will be given a team T-Shirt with a celebration logo and also an LED light accessory. These will be passed out to the dancers at the beginning of our rehearsal on May 23 at 1:30 pm. All information regarding our finale t-shirts was previously emailed to all involved students and families. Please email the office, should you have questions.
2. Dancers must wear black dance shorts. These shorts must be an appropriate length, thank you.
3. Bare feet (no shoes required)

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

Finale Practice Information for Parents of Junior and Pre-Intermediate Participants:

The Danscott teachers and staff must insist, for the rehearsals at the studio on May 23 & 30, that parents 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 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 will certainly keep all our younger dancers safe and sound until parents arrive for pick up.

SHOWCASE DVD'S and VIDEOING

It is Theatre policy that personal videoing during our Showcase, June 5 & 6, is absolutely prohibited. Parents of our dancers, wishing to video individual dance routines are welcome to do this during our dress rehearsal only, on June 4. DS has hired a professional videographer, Open Call Films, for our Showcase and DVD's will be offered to our dancers and families to pre-order, at a reasonable rate. See the information and order form that has been attached to this general email. Order forms are also available through the DS office. Questions, please see an office representative, thank you..

SHOWCASE 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 Danscott Parents' Assoc.).

The DPA will have tables set up in the lobby of the University Theatre and will offer for sale, packaged individual flowers as well as beautiful bouquets before both our Showcases (June 5 & 6) as well as during the intermission, providing flowers are still available. The DPA is also needing volunteers to help distribute and sell our flowers before the Showcase performances and during the intermission so if you are able to assist, please email the Danscott Parents Assoc at dsparentsassoc@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration.

SHOWCASE TICKET SALES FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 5 and SATURDAY, JUNE 6

There is a University Policy that requires all ticket sales for events that are held in their facilities, to be conducted through the University Theatre Services. Online ticket purchasing for DS families will begin on Monday, March 30 at 9:00 am, using the following link.

<https://red.vendini.com/ticket-software.html?t=tix&e=7dd663227ba7405578dc39e0f0c3ed72>

Showcase Ticket Sale Info:

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 University 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.

**Cost of Showcase Tickets: General Admission is \$27.00 and Senior/Child Admission is \$23.00
(Age for Senior is 65+ and Child is U18)**

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

STUDENT MONTAGE FOR 2020

DS is excited to be organizing our student video montage a little differently this year. For the first time, we will feature each and every student on our video, for parents to watch and enjoy their smiling faces. A professional video will be compiled and shown at the end of our Showcase as it introduces the finale.

All DS dancers will be asked to stop by the Studio office in Studio C, from March 30-April 25, during office hours to have their picture taken by the administration. All pictures must be one dancer only so please note that no group photos will be allowed. The DS administration will be taking all of our pictures. Dancers should wear their Danscott Team jackets or any type of black dance attire when posing for their pictures. The Danscott Office will be able to help, should you have questions regarding what to wear when taking these pictures. The office will also have a list of students to track our participation but it will be up to individual families to ensure that their dancer does not miss out on this fun and exciting opportunity. A proud time for all DS students and a wonderful way to celebrate our year!

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. Please feel free to talk to your teacher or email the studio office at danscutoffice@shaw.ca, if you have any questions.

*A Reminder regarding our Spring Break Holiday and also Stage Rehearsal for Competitive Groups:

The studio will be closed Sunday, March 22 to Sunday, March 29. (Please note that we do have regular classes as well as extra choreography lessons on Saturday, March 21.) Regular dance classes will resume after Spring Break on Monday, March 30. Competitive students are reminded that we have our mandatory Stage Rehearsal at Rock Pointe Church, Bears paw, on Tuesday, March 17. See your previous handout that was sent in January for all these details.

*Registration for 2020-2021:

The Policy Handbook/ Registration information for Sept 2020 will be available in early April for all our families.

We will be hosting a Pre-Registration on Saturday, April 25, 9:30 am-12:00 pm. This Pre-Registration will be held at the DS Office and Miss Gail and Miss Aleigh will be there to happily answer your questions and guide parents through registration.

Our Open House and Registration dates for 2020-2021 are as follows: Wednesday and Thursday, June 10 and 11, 5:00-8:00 pm and Saturday, June 13, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Danscott will also have further registration in August; August 26 and 27, 5:00-8:00 pm and August 29, 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.

Our Kickstart Workshop, 2020, is scheduled for August 4-7..... watch for info and Registration, coming soon!

Danscott Studio.....Driven by Passion, Backed by Experience!