



# THE DANCE EXTENSION

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Dear Parents & Students,

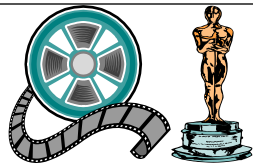
Spring is always such a beautiful time of year as our magnolia tree springs into bloom! Just think, next spring another performance season will be almost through. Spring is also time to say goodbye to our graduating seniors. They leave special memories in our hearts and take a part of The Dance Extension with them. We invite the seniors to visit often and join the many graduates who gather backstage to assist our young dancers during performance time. We will add your names to the "Production Staff" list for the year 2008, and hope to see you there. Congratulations and good luck!

To all our dancers this year: We have been enriched by your presence and we're proud of your accomplishments. Please invite your parents to Take A Peek Week in May so they can see your progress!

Best wishes,



Maggie Dennis Artistic Director  
Nancy K. Dennis Associate Director



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**Congratulations to Maddie Mador who guessed the theme of our next performance in 2008!**

**Get ready for dances from your all time favorite movies, and be sure to bring your happy feet!**

*"My heart lifted my feet, and I danced."*  
--Nathan of Nemirov

## Studio Calendar



**April 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Spring Vacation**  
**We are closed.**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Classes Resume**

**April 20<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**National Dance Week**  
**Hurry! Coloring contest entries are due April 29<sup>th</sup>!**



**April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**CDE Yard Sale, 9 am-1 pm**  
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**April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**CDE performs at the Shriners Hospital & the Soldier's Home in Massachusetts**



**May 14 -19<sup>h</sup>**  
**Take A Peek Week**  
**Please join us!**



**May 19<sup>h</sup>**  
**CDE Junior Company Auditions**  
**New London Studio, 3:30-5 pm**

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**National Tap Dance Day**

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Last Day of Classes**

**August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**CDE performs in the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World® Resort**



**August 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Fall Registration**  
**6-7:30 New London Studio**

## Faculty Profile

### Kim Prescott

Kim, a native of southeastern CT, began her ballet training at the Sylvia Reynolds School of Dance at the age of 14. She also took classes at The Dance Studio and was asked to be a member of "The Company", a concert group of students now called The Community Dance Ensemble based at The Dance Extension. She was a member of the Waterford High School dance club and after graduation continued to work with the dance club as an assistant to the director. Kim was also accepted into the Hartford School of Ballet Teacher Training Program. She attended Thames Valley Technical School where she earned her Associate Degree.

Kim studies modern and tap at The Dance Extension, and teaches children's dance classes for the Ledyard Parks & Recreation program, and creative movement at an area elementary school. She lives in Ledyard with her husband, Bill, and three children, Denielle, who also dances at The Dance Extension, Justin and Trevor. Kim is involved with the youth program at her church and enjoys gardening, scrap booking and spending time with her family.

### Rockette Experience

Melissa Buriak, Ashley Days, Karen Hamilton, Megan Kane, & Amanda Mehlman won scholarships to the Rockette Experience at Radio City Music Hall in NYC on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. The day included a backstage tour, class with a current Radio City Rockette, a mock audition and a Q&A session in the rehearsal hall at Radio City. The dancers received feedback on their performance skills as well as a wonderful Rockette t-shirt!

## WHO'S AT THE DESK?

Bonnie Days has worked at the desk for 17 years. She works full time at Ledyard Center School as a paraprofessional in the special needs classroom and is also a seamstress. Bonnie lives in East Lyme with her husband, Frank, and daughter, Ashley, who is a member of the CDE. Bonnie currently takes tap and modern and has taken jazz in the past. Bonnie enjoys watching the children grow as dancers and individual.



Liz Palazzo has worked at the desk for 6 years. She presently takes tap, but has taken modern and theatre/jazz in the past. Liz was a member of The Company and her daughter, Theresa, was a member of the Junior Company. Liz worked for 11 years in Human Resources at Connecticut College before joining the desk staff. Her favorite part of the job is meeting so many nice families and sharing her love of dance with them.



## Community Dance Ensemble Auditions

**Junior Company (ages 10+) auditions will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2007 at 3:30 pm at the New London Studio. Interested dancers should sign up on the bulletin board at either studio.** Dancers must reach the age of ten (10) by September 1, 2007 and have a minimum dance experience of Ballet Level 3, Tap Level 4, and Jazz Level 1 in order to audition.

The Community Dance Ensemble, Inc. (CDE) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization comprised of dance students who perform throughout New England at nursing homes, senior centers, hospitals and benefit concerts. Their education is enhanced by attendance at master classes, conventions, concerts and educational performance programs. The CDE has also performed at Walt Disney World® Resort & Hershey Park.

## NATIONAL TAP DANCE DAY

National Tap Dance Day is celebrated on May 25<sup>th</sup>; the birthday of legendary tap pioneer Bill "Bojangles" Robinson who was renowned for dancing on the ball of the foot, in split wooden soles, and in perfect time. In NYC, the day is celebrated with entertainment and music at Town Hall where the National Tap Dance Day Committee presents awards.



## DANCE TRIVIA

**April Trivia:** Which choreographer was honored in 1961 by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences with a special award for choreographic achievement on film? The first dancer to email the correct response to Nancy at nancy@danceextension.com will win a Dansco t-shirt embroidered with rhinestones.

**March Trivia:** Caitlin Drouin was the first dancer to give the correct answer: The three gems in Balanchine's masterpiece Jewels are rubies, emeralds and diamonds. Caitlin is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Great Neck School in Waterford. She takes ballet and tap on Mondays at the Chapman Studio. Congratulations Caitlin!



**Community Dance Ensemble Yard Sale**  
Saturday, April 28th  
19 Pilgrim Road  
Quaker Hill

(Just around the corner from the Chapman Studio!)

**Join us!**



## A few words from our Graduating Seniors

**How do you think dance has affected your life?**

*"Dance has enabled me to be a better person in the sense that I have learned discipline and leadership skills."—Rachel Timmons*

*"I have had the opportunity to impact countless others whether it be at a nursing home, community center, Disney or within my own family."—Katie Wild*

**What is your favorite memory of The Dance Extension?**

*"My favorite memory at The Dance Extension was the CDE trip to Hershey Park."—Rachel Timmons*

*"My favorite memory was the first year I joined the CDE in 2001 and we danced at Walt Disney World."—Katie Wild*

**Do you have any advice for children in our dance program?**

*"My advice to young dancers is that if you love dance, pursue that passion and work hard to keep it a part of your life."—Katie Wild*

**Future Plans:** Rachel plans to attend UMASS Amherst to major in Communication Disorders. Katie plans to attend college and major in English & Art. She would like to continue dancing either as a minor or in a college club.

**Here's to your future!**

**Good luck, and visit often!**

