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Dear Parents & Students,

Suddenly December is upon us and all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is in full swing. Here at the studio performance preparations are mounting. Dancers and teachers alike are beginning to get excited about the upcoming show. "When will our costumes be here?" is the question of the day!

Amidst all this excitement we would like to take a moment to wish you and your families a joyful holiday and thank you for making our life's work so fulfilling. Carlyle wrote: "Blessed is he who has found his work, let him ask no other blessedness." We have found ours thank to you and we are so very grateful.

May the New Year bring happiness and peace to all.

Best wishes,

Maggie Dennis Nancy K. Dennis
Artistic Director Associate Director

Studio Calendar

December 1st
Costume payments due



December 4th
Faculty Lunch
CDE caroling at Briarcliff
Manor & Holiday Party



December 17th
Holiday Gift Drive Ends



December 24th - January 7th

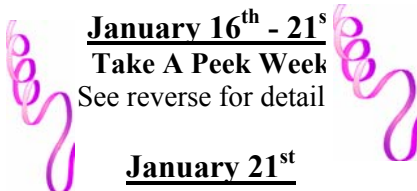
Winter Vacation
We are closed.



January 9th
Classes Resume

January 16th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
We are open!

January 16th - 21st
Take A Peek Week
See reverse for detail



January 21st
First semester ends

January 23rd
Second semester begins

January 27th - 29th
Tremaine Convention, NYC
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Faculty Profile Marcia Miller

Marcia began dancing at the age of 5 in Escondido, California. She learned not only the steps but the love of dance from her teacher, Georgia Copeland who inspired her to become a teacher. Marcia has been teaching at The Dance Extension since it opened and is the advisor for the Community Dance Ensemble's Junior Company.

Marcia has choreographed numerous musicals for local community theatre and has also had many starring roles. Marcia has a liturgical dance group at her church, the United Methodist Church of Gales Ferry which has performed to a national audience. This past summer Marcia was on the faculty for the Sacred Dance Guild Festival at Connecticut College and she has been asked to be on the faculty for a mini-festival with the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music & Worship Arts this coming summer in Pennsylvania. In her spare time Marcia loves to read and also ring handbells and sing in her church choir. She loves to go to New York and enjoys taking students to a dance convention each year.

Marcia is employed by The Savings Institute in Groton. Marcia has been married for 28 years to her husband Ron, and she has a son, Charlie who is a senior honors student at the University of New Haven

DANCE TRIVIA

November Trivia: Sorry, no one gave us an answer last month.

December Trivia Question: Agrippina Vagonova became the artistic director of which famous ballet company in 1931? The first dancer to give the correct answer in person to Miss Nancy will receive a small Nutcracker.

WINTER IS HERE!

For information on studio closings due to weather:

1. Go to www.danceextension.com. Click on "Status of Today's Classes" scrolling across the page.
2. Tune into WNLC (98.7 FM), WKNL (100.9 FM), WCTY (97.7 FM), or WICH (1310 AM).
3. Go to www.wtnh.com or wfsb.com.
4. Call the studio, 443-1154, at 3:30 pm on weekdays & 9 am on Saturdays for a recorded message.

Classes canceled due to weather may be made up in any other class appropriate to the dancer's age and level.



Ten Week Session For New Students

January 16th - April 1st

Classes for Children, Teens & Adults

Do you know someone interested in dance classes? Just leave his/her name & address at the desk for information on this upcoming session.

Thank you!



Take A Peek Week January 16th - 21st

We invite and encourage all parents to join us for Take A Peek Week. Photography and videos may be taken during this week only. We recommend leaving young siblings at home or with supervision in the lobby as they can distract the dancers. Infants and toddlers must remain on a parent's lap if inside the class. Remember to wear your best, warm socks since all visitors must remove shoes before entering the studio. Some seating is available, however, feel free to bring a cushion to sit on just in case. Car pools to the Chapman Studio are encouraged since parking is limited. See you in class!



HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

A reminder that our holiday gift drive for the TVCCA Shelter ends on Saturday, December 17th.



Dance Extension Library

New Addition: "Angelina Ballerina--The Ballet Tickets" DVD donated by Nancy K, Dennis



HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Sterling Silver Charm Necklaces \$19.95
Ballet shoes, tap shoes or leaping dancer
Dance Extension T-shirts \$8.50 & \$10
Gift Certificates

SECOND SEMESTER

Second semester will begin on Monday, January 23, 2006. Makeup classes must be taken during the semester in which they occur. If you have any absences you would like to make up from the first semester, please do so before it ends on January 21st.

Students on the semester payment plan will receive a letter the week of January 9th outlining second semester tuition due on Monday, January 23, 2006.

P E R F O R M A N C E

Performance Day

Sunday, May 28, 2006
1 & 6 p.m. at Waterford High School

COSTUME ORDERING: All costumes and tights are ordered by our staff in December to insure they arrive prior to picture days in May. We expect costumes to arrive in April. It is our current policy to order costumes only for students whose tuition payments are up to date.

TIGHTS: If you haven't ordered tights for the performance, see the desk staff ASAP!

NUDE CAMISOLE LEOTARD: A nude camisole leotard is recommended for students in more than one class as there are no private changing facilities backstage. See the desk staff.

TAP SHOES: Black and tan heeled (1½") tap shoes are needed for the performance. If you have a pair, please see the desk staff.

OLD FRAMES (8x10 & larger) that can be spray painted gold are needed. Email or call Nancy.

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CDE IN THE CITY! TREMAINE CONVENTION January 27th - 29th, 2006

The CDE will attend the 2006 the Tremaine Dance Convention at the Grand Hyatt in NYC from January 27-29, 2006. The convention is a weekend of dance classes in ballet, tap, jazz, and lyrical dance. The CDE will have the opportunity to watch student competitions, faculty concerts and see a Broadway musical. Enjoy the trip!

AREA DANCE & MUSICAL EVENTS

Dec. 7-18: Wicked, Bushnell, Hartford
Dec. 9 & 10: Dance Dept., Connecticut College
Dec. 10: The Nutcracker, Palace Theater, Waterbury
Dec. 16-18: Nutcracker, Providence Performing Arts Center
Jan. 3-8: Evita, Providence Performing Arts Center
Jan. 13-15: Blast, Providence Performing Arts Center
Jan 17-22: Peter Pan, Oakdale Theater, Wallingford
Jan. 27 & 28: Oklahoma!, Garde Arts Center

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