



THE DANCE EXTENSION

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Dear Parents & Students,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of The Dance Extension, we extend our sincerest wishes to all our dancers, families and friends for a joyful holiday season. Amidst the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations, may you have a moment to stand back and truly enjoy the meaning of the season. It will be over in a flash.

A beautiful new year will soon arrive and with it the promise of "Peace on Earth."

With love,

Maggie Dennis Nancy K. Dennis
Artistic Director Associate Director



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 home 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.

Studio Calendar

December 16th
Holiday Gift Drive Ends



December 18th - 23rd
Class Parties

December 24th - January 7th

Winter Vacation
We are closed.

January 8th
Classes Resume

January 15th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
We are open!



January 15th - 20th
Take A Peek Week
See reverse for details.

January 20th
First semester ends

January 22nd
Second semester begins

January 26th - 28th
Tremaine Convention

New York City
See page 2.



"It's what I always wanted to do, to show the laughter, the fun, the joy of dance." --Martha Graham

Faculty Profile

Marcia Miller

Marcia began dancing at the age of 5 in Escondido, California. She learned not only the steps, but a 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 of the United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts to teach liturgical dance in Pennsylvania. In her spare time Marcia loves to read and also ring hand bells 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 is married and has a son, Charlie, who graduated magna cum laude from the University of New Haven last May.

Makeup Classes

It is the student's privilege to make up all missed classes (including those canceled due to weather) in a class other than one in which the student is registered. Only currently registered students with accounts paid up to date may take makeup classes. Makeups should be taken in the same or lower level class as the student's present class. See teacher for recommendations. Students may take makeups for their absences only. Relatives/friends may not take makeups for student's absences. Makeups must be done during the same semester as the absence, however, absences during the last two weeks of 1st semester may be made up in February.



Take a Peek Week January 15th - 20th

We invite and encourage all parents to visit your child's class during 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. There is limited seating so feel free to bring a cushion to sit on. Car pools to the Chapman Studio are encouraged as the lot is very small. Join us!



HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

A reminder that our holiday gift drive for the Child & Family Agency ends on Saturday, December 16th.



Dance Extension Library

New Additions: "I Dreamed I Was a Ballerina" by Anna Pavlova and "Eyewitness Dance" by Dr. Andree' Grau were recently donated by Lauren Rader. Thank you, Lauren!



HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

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

AREA DANCE & MUSICAL EVENTS

Dec. 9th - 17th: Nutcracker, Bushnell/Hartford
Dec. 15th - 17th: Nutcracker, PPAC
Jan. 3rd - 21st: Wicked, PPAC
Jan 24th: Lord of the Dance, PPAC

STUDENT NEWS



Eight Week Session for New Students

January 29th - March 31st

Classes for Children, Teens & Adults

Know someone interested in dance classes? Just leave his/her name & address at the desk for information on our upcoming new classes beginning in January. Thank you!



TREMAINE CONVENTION

January 26 - 28, 2007

Some CDE Members will attend the 2007 Tremaine Dance Convention at the Grand Hyatt in NYC from January 26 - 28, 2007. The convention is a weekend of 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!



DANCE TRIVIA

November Answer: Sorry, but no one had the correct answer last month! Rudolph Nureyev and Margot Fonteyn took a record breaking 89 curtain calls after their performance of Swan Lake in Vienna.

December Trivia: Name of the ballet, choreographed by Jean Coralli and Jules Perrot, about a German peasant girl who falls in love with a betrothed count, only to be deceived and driven mad. This ballet premiered at the Paris Opera in 1841. **The first person to give Miss Nancy the correct answer will receive a dance frame.**



SECOND SEMESTER



Second semester begins on Monday, January 22, 2007. During the week of January 8th, students on the semester payment plan will receive a notice outlining second semester tuition. The due date is Monday, January 22, 2007.

"You have to practice in order to master and control this art form. After you get through practicing, you have to practice again And then you practice some more. And that is how you learn." LaVaughn Robinson on tap dancing