



THE DANCE EXTENSION

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Dear Parents & Students,

On behalf of the faculty & staff at The Dance Extension, we extend a most sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated a holiday gift to The Child and Family Agency on our behalf. You may take great joy in knowing your gifts brightened the holiday for many less fortunate friends and they were deeply appreciated.

A warm welcome to our new students who have joined us for an eight week session this month. We hope you enjoy your classes!

Best wishes,
Maggie Dennis Nancy K. Dennis
Artistic Director Associate Director

Studio Calendar

January 29th
8 Week Session begins
See page 2.



February 5th
Valentine wishes
available at the desk.
Post one today!

February 14th
Happy Valentine's Day!

February 19th - 25th
February Vacation
We are closed.



February 26th
Classes resume.



March 3rd
CDE NYC Trip

March 31st
8 Week Session ends
Rockette Experience/NYC



April 16th - 22nd
Spring Vacation
We are closed.



April 23rd
Classes resume

April 29th
CDE performances at the Soldiers' Home & Shriners Hospital in Massachusetts

Faculty Profile Helen Stack

Helen Stack has been involved in dance most of her life. As a child she began her formal ballet training with Max Froman of the Forman School in New London. A charter member of the Dance Arts Council, she also studied with Sylvia Reynolds, Libby Nye, and various teachers at Connecticut College and the American Dance Festival. She began studying with Maggie Dennis in 1971 and was asked to join The Company (now the Dance Ensemble) in 1984. In addition to her participation in the Dance Ensemble, Helen has performed in numerous local theater productions, including the Coast Guard Academy's production of Camelot. She was asked to join The Dance Extension faculty in 1995, and since then "Miss Helen" has been admired for her patience and gentle manner with our littlest dancers.

Helen was a medical secretary for a New London neurological group for 18 years. In her free time she enjoys traveling (mainly to warmer climates), exercise classes, reading and walking with friends. Helen makes her home in Quaker Hill. Her son Ted and daughter-in-law, Barbara have two daughters, Olivia and Gabriella, future little ballerinas!

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 & level.

DANCE TRIVIA

December Winner

Brenna Sherbanee gave the correct answer of Giselle. Brenna is 7 years old and a 2nd grader at Mohegan Elementary. She takes ballet & tap on Mondays. Congratulations!

January Trivia Which Italian dancer & choreographer (1850-1928) codified his own ballet technique characterized by precise head and upper-body placement and demanding footwork? The first dancer to give Miss Nancy with the correct answer will win a dance book.

WHO'S AT THE DESK?

Jean Church has been a desk staff member for 11 years. She has taken tap class at The Dance Extension for 20 years & jazz for 18 years. Four of her grandchildren, Erin MacKinzie, Andreanna McKinzie, Breanna and Marisa Florio, have also taken class at The Dance Extension.

Jean's interests include Jazzercise, traveling, reading and listening to music. Jean's favorite part of working at the desk is meeting interesting people and making new friendships. You will find her at the NL studio on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.



Pammy Patton is our newest desk staff member. She has one daughter, Rebekah, who has danced at The Dance Extension since age 3. Rebekah currently takes ballet, tap, jazz and modern, and is a member of the Community Dance Ensemble's Junior Company.

Pammy formerly worked at St. Joseph's School in New London. She currently is finishing her master's degree in Accounting.

Her favorite part of being at the desk is being with a wonderful family of dance enthusiasts. She enjoys meeting the children and their parents. You'll see Pammy at the Chapman studio on Saturday mornings.



New Eight Week Session January 29th - March 31st

Rhythm & Movement (ages 3 & 4) Saturdays
11:30-12:15 p.m. at Chapman

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

Thank you!

VALENTINE WISHES



Post a Valentine
Wish for your dance
friends or teacher
on our bulletin board.

Ready-made valentines are available at the desk!

Dance Extension Library

New Addition: "*Acts of Light, Martha Graham in the 21st Century*" by Nan Deane Cano was donated by Nancy K. Dennis.



We're delighted to announce the **Community Dance Ensemble (CDE)** has once again been selected to perform in the **Magic Music Days Program** at **Walt Disney World® Resort in Orlando, FL** on **Wednesday, August 15th**. The CDE dancers will also enjoy a **Disney Dancin' Workshop** with a **Disney dancer** at the **Magic Music Days Rehearsal Hall at Epcot**.

Congratulations, dancers!

AREA DANCE & MUSICAL EVENTS

Feb. 9th-11th: Cats, Prov. Performing Arts Center
Feb. 14th: Classical Savion, Jorgensen, UConn
Feb 27th-Mar.4th: Cats, Shubert, New Haven

"When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It's to enjoy each step along the way. That's what life is. There's no way to happiness. Happiness is the way. It's what you bring to life." --A. Dyer

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