



# 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 TVCCA 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. Thank you for allowing us to be "Santa Claus" for a day.

May the New Year bring happiness and peace to all.

Best wishes,

Maggie Dennis     Nancy K. Dennis  
Artistic Director   Associate Director

## SECOND SEMESTER

Second semester begins 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 first semester, please do so before January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Students on the semester payment plan will receive a letter the week of January 9<sup>th</sup> outlining second semester tuition which is due on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## MISSING A COAT?

Check our lost and found!

## Studio Calendar

**January 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

We are open!

**January 16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>**

**CLASS VISITATION**

**Take A Peek Week**

See reverse for details.

**January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**First Semester ends**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**2nd Semester begins**

2<sup>nd</sup> semester payments due.

**January 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Tremaine Convention, NYC**

See page 2.

**January 30<sup>h</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>**

8 Week Session

See page 2.

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Valentine wishes

available at the desk.

Post one today! See page 2.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Happy Valentine's Day!

**February 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

February Vacation.

We are closed.

**February 27<sup>th</sup>**

Classes resume

## Faculty Profile

**Dawn Renee Wagner**

Dawn started dancing at age three and was lucky to find her passion early in life! She grew up dancing competitively at studios outside of Pittsburgh, PA. and grew to love all forms of dance. Dawn traveled across the country, competing at regional and national dance competitions. One of her proudest dance moments was being named the second overall senior duet/trio at the nationally televised Showstopper Nationals, where she and her partner topped dancers from across the U.S. & Canada. Dawn also has a love for musicals and the theater. She performed in plays throughout high school and choreographed and performed in numerous high school, college, and community musical production. In college, Dawn performed with the Penn State Dance Team in front of 110,000 people at home football games!

Dawn graduated from Penn State University's College of Engineering and Schreyer Honors College with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering in 2003 and moved to CT in 2004 to work as an Associate Scientist at Pfizer. She teaches hip-hop, choreographs for the CDE and takes classes. She loves teaching and looks forward to sharing her love of dance with children for the rest of her life. Dawn also teaches kindergarten faith formation at her church, St. Patrick's in Mystic.

Dawn has three younger sisters: Desiree, Danelle, and Deanna, who live in PA along with her parents, Deb and Dan.

## DANCE TRIVIA

**December Trivia:** The winner was Crystal Diaz, age 9, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Joseph's School.

**January Trivia:** What material are taps made of today?

The first dancer to give Miss Maggie the correct answer wins a small tap shoe frame.

## QUESTIONS?

Our desk staff has danced in many of our performances over the years so, feel free to ask them any questions you may have. They're here to help you!



**Take A Peek Week**  
January 16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>

We invite and encourage all parents to join us for Take A Peek Week (Class Visitation). 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 be a distraction to 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.

Please join us for this special week. See you in class!

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**Performance Day**

**Sunday, May 28, 2006**

**1 & 6 p.m. at Waterford High School**

**PHOTO DAYS: May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>--Mark Your Calendar!\_**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Parent volunteers are needed to help with Sunday rehearsals, Photo Days, sewing and alterations, concessions, backstage crew and set construction. To help, leave your name, phone & email address with the desk staff.

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** Dry cleaning bags and hangers are appreciated as we use these to help transport costumes safely to your home.

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

**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** (11x14 & larger) that can be spray painted gold are needed. Email or call Nancy at Chapman.



**POST A VALENTINE WISH FOR YOUR DANCE FRIENDS OR TEACHER ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.**

Valentines will be at the desk starting February 1<sup>st</sup>.

*"You can dance anywhere and you can dance in your mind, in your heart."*

*--Jacques d'Amboise*

**AREA DANCE & MUSICAL EVENTS**

- Jan. 13-15: Blast, Providence Performing Arts Center
- Jan 17-22: Peter Pan, Oakdale Theater, Wallingford
- Jan. 27-28: Oklahoma!, Garde Arts Center
- Feb. 2: Momix, Jorgensen UConn, Storrs
- Feb. 3-4: Liz Lerman Dance, Wesleyan, Middletown
- Feb. 4: Doug Varone, Connecticut College

**EIGHT WEEK SESSION FOR NEW STUDENTS**

January 30<sup>h</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>

- Rhythm & Movement (ages 3 & 4) : Saturdays 11:30-12:15 p.m. at Chapman
- Dance Forms (ages 5 & 6) : Fridays 4-5 p.m. at New London Studio
- Ballet Discovery (ages 7-9): Tuesdays 4-5 p.m. at Chapman Studio
- Beginner Jazz (ages 7-11) : Saturdays 12:15-1:15 p.m. at New London Studio
- Beginner Tap (ages 7-11) : Thursdays 6:15 - 7 p.m. at Chapman Studio