

The Dance Extension

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Dear Parents, Students & Friends,

Hopefully spring will arrive soon! Our performance day is just around the corner. This newsletter includes a great deal of important information so please take a moment to read it carefully and save it for future reference. More information is posted at www.danceextension.com. If you have questions, please ask our desk staff. They have been involved as a dancer or parent in many of our productions and will be glad to assist you!

Best wishes,
Maggie & Nancy Dennis



PROGRAM ADS

Send your dancer a personal greeting in our 2006 program book! **Program ads are a fun way to say "congratulations" or "thank you" to dancers, parents, faculty & staff on performance day. Be creative! Add a photo!**

A copy of our 2004 program is posted at the studio so you can see the types of ads placed in the past. Advertising space is also available for local businesses.

Ads must be received with payment by Monday, April 10th. Ads should be typed on clean white paper with graphics and attached to the order form (p. 5). Original photos only! We will scan the material you provide to create your ad. There is an additional fee for handwritten submissions and photos.

Studio Calendar

April 1st

8 Week Session Ends

Monday, April 10th

Program Ads & T-shirt Orders Due



April 17th - 23rd

Spring Vacation

We are closed.

Friday, April 21st

First Day to Mail In Ticket Orders



May 2nd & 3rd

Photo Days

Quaker Hill Firehouse
Schedule attached.

April 30th & May 7th

Sunday Rehearsals

New London Studio

We will rehearse the entire performance.
A detailed schedule will be available in April.

Saturday, May 13th

Photo Sales Day

Ticket Pick Up

New London Studio, 2:15 - 6:15 p.m.

May 21st, 23rd, 24th & 27th

Rehearsals on Stage at

Waterford High School

A detailed schedule will be printed in April.
Ticket Sales at WHS on May 23rd & 24th



Sunday, May 28th

Performance Day

Waterford High School

"At the Mall"—1 & 6 p.m.

Cast Party at Mr. G's—10 pm

Is your name spelled correctly?
If not, notify the desk staff so
it will be correct in the program.

HELP WANTED

**Set Construction & Painting
Backstage Parents
Ushers
Stage Crew**

Fill out the volunteer form if you or
someone you know can help.
THANK YOU!



HELPFUL HINTS

Visit www.danceextension.com
for rehearsal schedules, extra
forms, and performance
information.

Take the phone number of
another parent or student in your
class so you'll have someone to
call with questions when the
studio is closed or we're in
rehearsal.



DVD & Video Orders

Professional DVDs & Videos of the
performances will be taken by
EAP Photo Service of NY. To order
a DVD or Video, go to
www.eapphoto.com or pick up an
order form at the desk. The dvd
includes chapter titles for each
piece (for quick viewing of your
dance), special "behind the
scenes" footage and shipping to
your home.

Camera/Video Policy

Photography, sound recording and/or
videos are **not** permitted during our
performances.



Celebrate National Dance Week! April 21st - 30th



National Dance Week, NDW, is a celebration of dance focusing on education, health, and the cultural contributions of all forms of dance. It is held each year during the week which includes April 29th, the birthday of Jean-Georges Noverre, the honored dancer, choreographer, ballet master and dance theorist born in Paris in 1727. The goal of NDW is to raise public awareness of the benefits derived from dance, and to establish its validity as a learning mechanism, creative art form, and means of communications and expression, and a performing art. Spokespersons for NDW 2006 are Frank Hatchett, the Radio City Rockettes and Angelina Ballerina. Go to www.nationaldanceweek.org for more information.

NDW Events at The Dance Extension

Annual NDW Coloring Contest for ages 3-8! Pick up your coloring sheet at the desk starting April 10th. All entries are due on Saturday, April 29th and will be displayed at the studio. We will select one winner in each age group: 3-4, 5-6 & 7-8. Winners receive a Dance Extension t-shirt and a dance book.

- ★ ★ Our Children's Ballet classes will learn about Swan Lake!
- ★ Dance Extension Gift Certificates will be presented to babies born at L&M Hospital during NDW.

"You can dance anywhere and you can dance in your mind, in your heart." Jacques D'Amboise

Faculty Profile Kim Prescott

Kim, a native of southeastern CT, began her ballet training at the Sylvia Reynolds School of Dance. 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.

Currently, 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 area elementary schools. She lives in Ledyard with her husband, Bill and three children, Denielle, who dances at The Dance Extension and in the Junior Company, Justin and Trevor. She enjoys gardening & spending time with her family.

Can my child perform with the Community Dance Ensemble?

The Community Dance Ensemble is a non-profit, charitable organization of dance students who perform throughout New England for community organizations such as nursing homes, senior centers, hospitals, and benefit concerts. Their dance training 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.

Auditions for the Community Dance Ensemble (CDE) are held in the fall. Dancers must reach the age of ten (10) by September 1, 2006 and have a minimum dance experience of Ballet Level 3, Tap Level 4, and Jazz Level 1 in order to audition.

To reach these technical levels by age 10, students should be enrolled in both ballet and tap from ages 6 to 8, and then take weekly classes in ballet, tap and jazz from ages 8 to 10. We strongly recommend students do not skip a year of ballet or tap since doing so will put the student at a disadvantage technically. Enrollment in summer classes or dance camp helps students gain the extra technique needed to advance in the curriculum and learn CDE repertory as well.

If your child is interested in dancing with the CDE in the fall or in the future, please see Maggie Dennis, Nancy K. Dennis or Marcia Miller for class recommendations.