



THE DANCE EXTENSION

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Dear Parents & Students,

Happy March! We hope you had a great St. Patrick's Day, and may the luck of the Irish be with you this year.

Spring is upon us. The robins are here and before long those of you who take class at the Chapman Studio will hear the sound of the peeps coming from the lake. Just think, next year at this time, we'll be in full swing for our biennial performance! Can you believe preparations have already begun? Many of you are trying to guess the theme of the performance. It begins with the letter "A". Keep guessing...

It is wonderful to see the progress you're making in class during this technique year. Next year's show will be extra special!

Best wishes,



Maggie Dennis Nancy K. Dennis
Artistic Director Associate Director

POLICY CORNER

To mail correspondence or payments to the studio, please use this address:

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Since the mailbox at the New London Studio is not secure, please do not mail payments to the shopping center. Use the envelope on the Chapman Studio front door or the black mailbox at the street instead. Thank you!

Studio Calendar

March 17th
St. Patrick's Day
Check the desk for treats!



March 23rd
CDE Dance-A-Thon, 8-10 pm
New London Studio

March 30th & 31st
Waterford High School Dance Club
Performance at WHS, 7:30 p.m.

March 31st
8 Week Session Ends



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

April 23rd
Classes Resume

April 20th – 29th
National Dance Week
See pg. 2!



April 29th
CDE performs at the
Shriners Hospital & the Soldier's
Home in Springfield, MA

May 9th -14th
Take A Peek Week
Please join us!

May 12th
CDE Yard Sale, 9 am-1 pm



May 25th
National Tap Dance Day

May 26th
Last Day of Classes

Faculty Profile Paula MacDougall

Paula started dancing at the Sylvia Reynolds School of Dance where she studied ballet. She received her degree in physical education with a concentration in dance and gymnastics at the University of Massachusetts. While there she danced with the University Dancers Touring Company, which had the opportunity to dance in Italy, Greece, and Iran. She continued her dance education at the American Dance Festival and Wesleyan University.

In 1975, Paula began choreographing and performing in the area with a local company called Terpsichore. The group produced two dance concerts in 1975 and 1976. The group changed the name to DanceWeave in 1978. She and this small group of dancers produced three more modern dance concerts. In 1978 they performed at Palmer auditorium. In 1992 and 1995 they produced two more dance concerts called Collaborations I and Collaborations II.

Paula has also performed Denishawn dances with Robin Rice and others. The group performed at the Dancing in the Millennium 2000 conference in Washington, D.C. and at the National Dance Educators conference at Rhode Island College.

As well as teaching at The Dance Extension, Paula teaches physical education, and dance at Waterford High School. She is the director of the WHS Dance Club. The Dance Club has grown from 8 dancers when she started in 1994 to 58 dancers in 2007.

Paula has been teaching dance at the Dance Extension since 1991.

GOING, GOING, GONE... (after Easter)

Our sterling silver necklaces will be shipped back to the manufacturer after the Easter holiday on Sunday, April 8th. If you want one, this is your last chance! We have three beautiful styles (ballet slippers, tap shoes and leaping dancer). See the desk staff if interested.

*"Some people regard discipline as a chore.
For me, it is a kind of order that sets me free
to fly."
--Julie Andrews*



Celebrate National Dance Week! April 20th - 29th



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.

NDW Celebrity Spokespersons for NDW 2007 are John O' Hurley & Charlotte Jorgensen (Dancing with the Stars), the NDW Education Spokesperson is David Howard and once again Angelina Ballerina™ is the Children's Spokescharacter. Go to www.nationaldanceweek.org for more information.

Annual NDW Coloring Contest at The Dance Extension



Annual NDW Coloring Contest for dancers ages 3-8. Angelina Ballerina™ coloring page at the desk starting April 9th. 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 or poster. Good Luck!



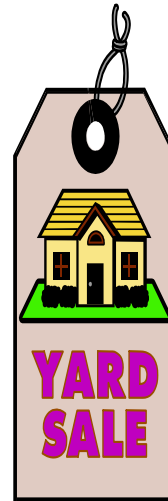
OUCH!!!!!!!!!!

A gentle reminder: Dance shoes with "room to grow" can cause blisters and accidents from tripping. Please be sure your dancer has shoes that fit properly.

DANCE TRIVIA

March Trivia Question: George Balanchine choreographed his masterpiece, Jewels, in 1967. Which three rare jewels inspired the three sections of the ballet? The first dancer to e-mail the correct answer to DanceExt@aol.com will win a red & black Discount Dance Supply bag.

February Trivia: Rebekah Patton was the first to give the correct answer: Enricho Checetti! Rebekah won a dance book called "Gotta Dance! The Rhythms of Jazz & Tap". Rebekah is in the 5th grade at St. Joseph's School and takes ballet, tap, jazz & modern at The Dance Extension and performs with the CDE. Congratulations Rebekah!



The Community Dance Ensemble is planning a Yard Sale for Saturday, May 12th to help raise funds for their trip to perform at Walt Disney World® Resort in Orlando, FL in August. Donations of books for the dancers to sell would be greatly appreciated. Please drop your unwanted books in the CDE book bin at either studio before May 5th! **Many thanks!!**



Can my child perform with the Community Dance Ensemble?

The Community Dance Ensemble, Inc. (CDE) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization comprised of dance students who perform throughout New England at nursing homes, senior centers, hospitals, and benefit concerts. Their education 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.

CDE auditions are held annually. **The next Junior Company (ages 10+) auditions are Saturday, May 19, 2007.** Dancers must reach the age of ten (10) by September 1, 2007 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 performing with the CDE in the fall or in the future, please see Maggie Dennis, Nancy K. Dennis or Marcia Miller for class recommendations.