



THE DANCE EXTENSION

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Dear Parents & Students,

With the holidays rapidly approaching, we ask you once again to join in helping those in need in our community. In lieu of holiday gifts for the faculty and staff, we ask you to make a donation to TVCCA Shelter (Thames Valley Council for Community Action). For more information on how to donate a gift, see page two.

Knowing that you are bringing joy to the less fortunate is the greatest gift of all. Thank you all so very much.

The faculty has selected the costumes for our performance. Please see the desk staff to confirm your costume size, and feel free to ask them any questions you might have.

Best wishes,

Maggie Dennis Nancy K. Dennis
Artistic Director Associate Director

POLICY CORNER

Attire: As outlined in the student handbook, dancers are required to be in dress code with hair neatly pulled back off the face and neck. No jewelry, watches, long t-shirts or jeans are permitted in class. Please have dancer's full name marked in all dance shoes and clothing.

Child Supervision: Dancers and young siblings may not be left unattended in the waiting area. Our desk staff is not required to supervise or baby sit children in the lobby.

Studio Calendar

November 8th - Election Day
November 11th - Veteran's Day

We are open!

November 14th - 19th
Bring a Friend to Class Week
All classes except R&M can bring a friend to class to watch.



November 19th
Balloon Day

November 21st - 27th
Thanksgiving Vacation
We are closed.



December 1st
Costume payments due

December 4th
Faculty Lunch
CDE caroling at Briarcliff Manor & Holiday Party



December 17th
Holiday Gift Drive Ends

December 24th - January 7th

Winter Vacation -
We are closed.
Classes resume January 9th.



Adult Shoes Needed

Do you have a pair of black or tan heeled (1 1/2") tap shoes? If so, please call Liz at 443-1154 or email DanceExt@aol.com. We would like to borrow them for the performance.

Faculty Profile

Julie Solari

Julie has studied classical ballet since childhood at local dance schools, as well as at the collegiate level at the School of the Hartford Ballet and Eastern Connecticut State University. She has studied under Peggy Lyman, Franco DeVita, and Alla Nikitina. She has attended summer programs throughout the area and has been to dance workshops. Since 1995, Julie has taught all levels of ballet. She has been trained in the Russian Vagonova Syllabus of ballet instruction. She taught creative movement and ethnic dance at East Conn's Summer Camps. She served as dance coach of the Bluff Point Summer Institute in 1999. She has choreographed various high school musicals including Oklahoma, West Side Story and Kiss Me Kate. She was Assistant Director and Assistant Choreographer of The Windham Nutcracker in 2000 and 2002. Julie earned her Master's Degree in Special Education in 2003. She is currently a Special Education Teacher at a local elementary school. Julie is excited to be at The Dance Extension and looks forward to sharing her love of dance with many aspiring dancers.

DANCE TRIVIA

November Trivia: Name three Broadway musicals choreographed by Agnes de Mille. The first person to give the correct answer to Miss Nancy will win a *Dance Magazine* mouse pad.

October Trivia Answers: Louis XIV became king at age five. He established the L'Academie Royale de Danse in 1661. Natalie Anderson was the first to give the correct answer to Miss Nancy. Natalie is a 3rd grader at St. Joseph's School.

REMINDER: All allergies/medical conditions must be noted on your registration form.



Studio Dancer of the Year Award

Congratulations to Ashley Days who was chosen by the faculty to receive this award! Ashley will receive a tuition scholarship to the Tremaine Convention (January, 2006 in N.Y.C.), a dance bag, t-shirt & award certificate.

Adult Studio Dancer of the Year Award

Congratulations to Lori Brennan who was chosen by the faculty to receive this award. Lori will receive transportation to N.Y.C. and tuition for a dance class of her choice in the city.

If you have news, please email it to us at DanceExt@aol.com or see the desk staff.



HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

In lieu of holiday gifts for the faculty, please donate a gift on our behalf to the TVCCA Shelter. The Shelter needs holiday gifts for adult men and women such as large and extra large sweatshirts, bath products, manicure sets, gloves, hats and scarves. Your participation is, of course, voluntary. Donation cards are at the desk. Just attach one to a wrapped gift and drop the gift at the studio on or before Saturday, December 17th. We will deliver it to the shelter in time for their holiday party.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season!

Maggie & Nancy Dennis, the Faculty & Staff of The Dance Extension



HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

- Sterling Silver Charm Necklaces: \$19.95
Choice of ballet shoes, tap shoes or leaping dancer
- Dance Extension T-shirts: \$8.50 & \$10
- Child's Leotards & Tights: \$10 & \$9
- Adult Tights (pink, tan, black): \$10.50

"Dance isn't something that can be explained in words; it has to be danced."

--Paige Arden

Performance Day

May 28, 2006 (Tentative date)
1 & 6 p.m. at Waterford High School

Costume Sizes: Please check and initial your costume size(s) with the desk staff prior to October 31st. Refer to the measurement chart posted at the studio. We have allowed for growth in children and teens by adding two inches to their girth measurement. The girth is the most important measurement for tutus, leotards, unitards or shortalls. **Sizes such as Child XL & Adult XL are special orders. These sizes can not be exchanged or returned for an alternate size and are more expensive since they are cut individually.** Changing from a child's size to an adult size or changing to an extra large size (or vice versa) will change the costume's price.

Costume Ordering: All costumes and tights are ordered by our staff in December to insure they arrive prior to picture days in May. We expect costumes to arrive in April. Please see your teacher for a picture of your costume. It is our current policy to order costumes only for students whose tuition payments are up to date. The average costume cost is \$45-\$50 for children's sizes and \$55-\$65 for adults and extra large sizes.

Costume Bills: Costume bills will be distributed starting November 7th. If you made a costume deposit, it will be deducted from your bill. **Costumes may be paid for in cash or by check made payable to MAGGIE DENNIS, and must be separate from tuition payments.** One check may be written for costumes and tights. To arrange an alternate payment schedule, please call Nancy at the office. There is a \$20 fee for all checks returned by the bank.

Costume Payment Due Date: Payments are due on **Thursday, December 1st**. All payments received or postmarked after December 1st will incur a \$20 processing fee since a separate order must be made with the costume company. **Costume payments are non-refundable.**

Ways to Pay Your Bill:

1. Drop it at the studio during operating hours.
2. Leave it in the envelope on the Chapman Studio door 24 hours/day.
3. Mail it to **Maggie Dennis, 8 Chapman Avenue, Quaker Hill, CT 06375.**

Please do not use the mailbox outside the New London Studio since it is not secure.

AREA DANCE & MUSICAL EVENTS

- Nov. 18 & 19: Will Rogers Follies, Garde Arts Center
- Dec. 9 & 10: Dance Dept., Connecticut College
- Dec. 10: The Nutcracker, Palace Theater, Waterbury
- Jan. 27 & 28: Oklahoma!, Garde Arts Center