

WINTER 2009 NEWSLETTER



MAKING LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Hello students and families!

With the holiday madness behind we have been in full swing preparing our amazing students for our second annual recital showcase!

I am so elated to report that I have seen almost every piece so far and am so excited to share them with you all in June.

We took a gamble this season with the elimination of the longstanding Holiday concert in the hopes that the instructors would be able to make a greater impact on their students individual dance skills and abilities.

I am happy to report that it has been paying off in a very big way. The change I am seeing in every single student is simply astounding. Bravo dancers! Keep working hard!!

- Tyler

ENROLLMENT CLOSING SOON

Enrollment for all new students for the 2009 / 2010 dance season will be concluding 3/15/2010 at which point prospective students will be placed on a waiting list for the following fall enrollment period.

Our refer a friend program is still in effect until 3/15/10 in which students have the opportunity to gain one month of free tuition (equal to \$50.00) for one class free! If you know a fellow dancer or someone who would love to start dancing for the first time, bring them in for a trial class! Please see: <http://www.dancemakers-me.com/policies.html> for rules and guidelines.

Remember that many of our classes are closed to new enrollment due to the class reaching its maximum size. For the most up to date list of classes that are still open to new students, please visit: <http://www.dancemakers-me.com/schedule.html>

WINTER STORM CANCELATIONS

All things considered, we have been very fortunate this year in regard to winter weather. However, as we all know, that can change in the blink of an eye here in Maine.

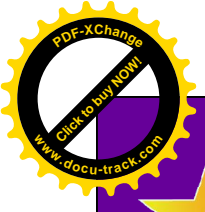
During the season, classes will inevitably be canceled for a host of reasons including periods of inclement weather, or for instructor illness. In the event class is canceled due to dangerous driving conditions and inclement weather, we will post notifications by 12pm on our website and studio voice-mail. We will also report weather cancellations to channels 6, 8, and 13. Students may make up canceled classes by attending another class of the same format at a later date. For classes with more than 3 storm cancellations, a make-up classes will be scheduled.

RECITAL DATE CHANGE

Our recital, "Here in Your Arms" originally scheduled for June 5th has officially been changed to June 12th due to Windham HS accidentally double booking 2 events on the same date. Please mark your calendars accordingly!

Our dress rehearsal will be held on the same day on the 12th with the rehearsal beginning and 9am and concluding at 2pm, followed by our show at 4pm - 7pm. A more detailed schedule of the dress rehearsal will be distributed later in the spring.

**FOR MORE DETAILED NEWS ABOUT THE STUDIO,
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.DANCEMAKERS-ME.COM**



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WELCOME NEW INSTRUCTOR: KATIE FOSTER



Dancemakers is excited to announce the newest addition to our professional faculty, Katie Foster.

Specializing in Hip Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, and Tap, Katie received her training at the Centre of Movement from Ms. Victoria Lloyd and Tyler Wing. During her senior year in

high school, Katie was accepted to the highly respected New York City Dance Alliance: Summer Intensive, in which only a select number of students from across the country are invited to study with the most successful choreographers in the professional industry. Spending three weeks in NYC, Katie had the privilege of studying with Joe Lanteri, Laurie Adams, Jason Parsons, and other renown industry legends. Katie is the second student from Maine to hold this honor, with Tyler being the first over 12 years ago. Katie received a choreography award for her piece, "Hit Me With a Hot Note" during a regional competition, in which her piece was recognized for exceptional classical jazz style. An honor rarely awarded to student choreographers.

Katie went on to her local professional career in which she has choreographed and danced with Schoolhouse Arts Center, and Dance USM. Since the age of 15, Katie has 5 years of teaching experience.

Katie will be taking over for Tyler as the instructor for Hip Hop 1 (Ages 6-9) on Monday at 4:30 beginning 2/22/10, as well as frequently assisting Tyler in his other classes. Welcome Katie!

CHANGES IN FAMILY INFORMATION:

It is absolutely imperative that any personal family information that has changed during the dance season, must be reported to the office staff immediately.

This includes the following: Address changes, telephone numbers, credit card or debit payment information including canceled cards or new cards, changes to student medical conditions, and email.

RECITAL COSTUMES

Costumes for our June recital were ordered as of the Holiday Break in December!

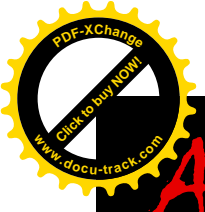
These costumes will be distributed during peek week once the studio has received a complete order for every class.

It is at this time that instructions will be given to parents regarding hair and makeup requirements from the instructor for both the recital and our annual student photo shoot.

As a reminder, PLEASE do not allow your child to play with their recital costume prior to the showcase! We require all costumes to look the same onstage and will have to charge an additional fee should a costume need to be fixed or replaced entirely.

RECITAL FEE REMINDER

Just a quick reminder that the recital fee of \$75.00 is due as of April 1st 2010. The fee which is charged once to each enrolled family, provides 3 tickets to our June recital and a DVD of the performance. The fee will be billed directly to the credit or debit information we have on file for tuition. If you have any questions please speak with the office team.



ADRENALINE NEWS:



Adrenaline Dance Program: (Company and Team) is Dancemakers own pre-professional dance training program existing outside of our regular curriculum. Membership includes dancers from the southern, central, and western Maine area and is determined by director or audition. Emphasis is placed on the variety and quality of dance training with a highly-respected, professional faculty. The aim of the program is to enhance the student's development for a potential career as a dancer, or in a dance- or arts-related field. Students take part in competitions all over the country and receive accelerated training outside of the typical recreational program from master instructors and renown choreographers who work with some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry.

Starting the week of February 1st. All members will be selling Little Caesars Pizza kits. Each Little Caesars Pizza Kit contains all the ingredients to make delicious pizza and snacks at home in less than 10 minutes! All items are individually packaged, so that what is not used immediately can be stored in the refrigerator or freezer. Orders will be taken now until February 22nd. All kits will be delivered to the studio on March 3rd.

GEARING UP FOR THE 2010 COMPETITION SEASON

Adrenaline is getting pumped!

The company and team members of Dancemakers own elite training program are gearing up for their biggest competitive season ever in which they will perform 12 different pieces ranging from west coast video jazz, contemporary, and hip hop dance styles, for a panel of professional industry judges, and competing against students from hundreds of various studios in both Maine and Massachusetts.

Just like our local high school sports teams, these kids need our support!! **Support your dance studio and your team by attending!** It's my hope to bring a huge crowd of fans to cheer our girls on and watch them win!

Mark your calendars and join us at these upcoming big competitions!

Turn it Up Dance Challenge: March 27th at Scarborough High School

The Power of Dance: (Competition for Charity) April 30th - May 2nd, South Portland High school Auditorium

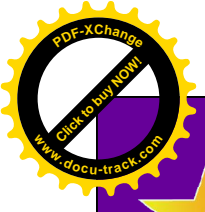
Spirit of Dance Awards: May 23rd, Lowell MA (Venue TBA)

ADRENALINE PROGRAM FUNDRAISERS

We will announce the delivery time in an upcoming e mail. Order forms are available from any Adrenaline Dance Company and Team member. Additionally, we will have an order form available at the studio. If you have any questions, please contact the fundraising coordinator for this event Erica Lane at mylane@roadrunner.com .

As always, we have water and snacks available for sale at the studio. Please remember, all proceeds from these fundraisers go directly towards competition fees and expenses.

If you have a fundraising idea you would like to share, please contact Susan Johnston at 310-1756. or at the studio Wednesday Nights from 5pm -close or Sat Mornings at 9am.



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PICKUPS, DROPOFFS, AND PARKING

As a reminder to all families, we ask that if you are picking up or dropping off a student to remember not to park in the upper turn around area for more than 2 minutes. The main building which is occupied by several other businesses has been frequently blocked in by vehicles that have been left idling while drivers are inside the studio. Also in the event that emergency services are requested, we need to guarantee them full access to our facility without being hampered by cars that should be parked in the lower lot. We ask that all parents park in the lower lot in the event you do need to leave your car for any reason. The upper lot is specifically reserved for the tenants in the main building as well as studio staff members. **The landlord has notified me that those who risk leaving vehicles in the upper lot for any reason and are at risk to be towed! Eeek!**

LOST AND FOUND

Just like in previous seasons, our lost and found bin is getting pretty full with a number of different items.

Have you recently misplaced a winter coat, socks, hats, gloves, shoes, or something else?

We urge parents to take a look!

Our lost and found bin is located on the second floor of the studio in our student lounge!

ARRIVING FOR CLASS EARLY

Believe it or not, sometimes there is such a thing as too early. :)

Much of the time we have been seeing students upwards of 45 minutes ahead of time which becomes slightly problematic as we are some of the best dance instructors in the region, but terrible babysitters! (hah.)

Additionally during much of the day, our lobby is absolutely full with families waiting for their child who is in the current class, and not able to really house much more than that at this time. (Plans are in the works for a lobby expansion within the future.) Likewise teachers are having classes disrupted by the volume of noise from students who are waiting upstairs for a class that does begin in some cases for 45 minutes. I personally have witnessed arrivals starting as early as 1 hour when the studio has not even opened yet.

As a reminder to everyone, the studio should only be receiving students 15 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled classes. For early afternoon classes that begin at 4pm, please do not arrive for your class or expect the studio to be open prior to 3:45pm.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

" What is difficult for some people is not difficult for others and the difference is in their attitude. Everything is possible when you believe in yourself and when you blindly believe that it can be done, when you have a burning desire and a stubborn and persistent attitude to succeed."

2010 WINTER DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 1st: Costume Installment Payment #3 Due with Tuition

December 24th - January 4th: (Holiday Break) No Classes

February 15th - 20th: (February Break) No Classes