

# The Dee Buchanan Studio of Dance

# Dance Notes

April 16, 2008

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## Pending Programs

Our 2007-2008 dance company's **Dance & Dessert** will be held on **Monday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup>**, at **7 pm, on the Knight Stage at MHS!** Please see the attached flyer for details. Tickets are on sale at the desk.

**PICTURE NIGHTS ARE MAY 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>!!!** The Picture Night schedule will be in your recital packet. All classes will be **CANCELLED** for Monday and Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Our Mom & Me Weeks are May 5-9 and May 19-23.** Please be on the look-out for an invitation from your dancer!

**Our recital dates are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 5-7, 2008, on the Knight Stage at Middletown High School.** Recital Packets containing all picture information, rehearsal information, and arrival times for the performances will be available beginning Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. For all dancers under the age of 18 a parent **MUST** sign out the packet. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Cecchetti Chat

**Additional classes for May examinees are as follows:**

Saturday, 4/19	8-9:30 am	Grade V
	9:30-10:30 am	Grade II
	10-11 am	Grade I
	10:30 am-noon	Grade III
	Noon-1:30 pm	Grade VI
Monday, 4/21	7:30-8:30 pm	Grade III Exam Theory
Thursday, 4/24	8:30-9:30 pm	Grades V & VI Exam Theory
Friday, 4/25	4:30-5:30 pm	Grade IV solos
Saturday, 4/26	8-9 am	Grade III
	8:30-10 am	Grade VI
	9-10:30 am	Grade IV
	10-11 am	Grade I
	10:30 am-noon	Grade V
	11 am-noon	Grade II
Tuesday, 4/29	2:45-3:30 pm	Grade VI Pointe work
Wednesday, 4/30	8:30-9:30 pm	Grade IV Exam Theory

**A volunteer sign-up list will be posted at the studio next week for parents of examinees.** We need help with a few meals and with preparing the studio for exams. Thank you in advance for finding time to help in some way. Our dancers love being able to take their exams at their home studio.

## Knights News

**"Beauty and the Beast" is coming to the MHS Knight Stage on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 and 7 pm, and Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm.** The cast and costuming are both fabulous! Tickets for "Beauty and the Beast" are available at the desk. Any checks should be made payable to "MHS".

The MHS Jazz Ensemble and Dance Team will be performing **"An Evening of Jazz at the Knight Club"** on Saturday evening, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Ticket information will be available soon!

**Auditions for next year's Marching Knights Dance Line will be held in early May.** High schoolers, please listen to the morning announcements for details. 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Miss Dee will attend one of your lunch shifts to share info.

## Class Concerns

The studio will close at 6:30 pm next Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Cancelled classes include: AG V/VI, Lyrical II, AG VI, Lyrical IV, Jazz Tech III, Young Hip-Hop A, AG IVA, Beg/Int Jazz 1A, Beg/Int Ballet II, Adult Hip-Hop, and Beg/Int Jazz II.

A few classes will be holding **joint rehearsals** prior to our spring recital. Please check this list for your dancer's class(es):

- ❖ **Pre-school 2A & 2C** are asked to attend the following joint rehearsals: BOTH classes are asked to attend the "usual" Pre-school 2C time on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-5:30 pm. (2A will not be held that week due to pictures.) Additionally, on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, BOTH classes are asked to attend at the "usual" Pre-school 2A time, 5:45-6:45 pm. (Pre-school 2C will also meet on its regular day and time that week.
- ❖ **Combo 2B & 2C** are asked to attend combined classes as well. Combo 2B will NOT be held on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, but will join Combo 2C on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-5:15 pm. Additionally, Combo 2C will NOT be held on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, but will join Combo 2B on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:45 pm.
- ❖ **Intro to Ballet I** is asked to come to Intro to Ballet II TWO TIMES in May, rather than attending during their regularly scheduled time. Intro to Ballet I will join Intro II on May 5<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and therefore will dance 5:45-6:30 pm, instead of the usual 5-5:45 pm time slot.
- ❖ **Jazz Tech II & III** will have joint rehearsals on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Jazz Tech III will join Jazz Tech II on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-8:30 pm, and will NOT have class on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Jazz Tech II will join Jazz Tech III on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:15-8:30 pm, and will NOT have class on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Additionally, **Lyrical II** will be CANCELLED on May 19<sup>th</sup> to accommodate this joint rehearsal.

*From last newsletter...* Miss Dee is in need of some **old-fashioned telephones** (the kind with the cord attached to the receiver). Phones could be returned after the last recital. If you have one you can loan the dancers for a couple of months, please drop it off at the desk. Thank you!

## Additional Recital Rehearsals

The Recital Opening, Extra Advanced Jazz, Company Piece and Liturgical piece will rehearse as follows:

- ❖ Opening: Saturdays, 5/3, 10:30 am-12:30 pm; 5/17, 11 am-noon; 5/31, 10-11 am
- ❖ Extra Advanced Jazz: Thursday, 5/1, 8:30-9:30 pm; Saturday, 5/3, 1-2 pm; Thursday, 5/8, 8:30-9:30 pm; Saturday, 5/31, 11 am-noon
- ❖ Company Piece: Saturdays, 5/3, 2-3 pm and 5/17, noon-1 pm; Thursday, 5/22, 8:30-9:30 pm; Saturday, 5/31, noon-1 pm
- ❖ Liturgical: Saturdays, 5/3, 9-10:30 am, 5/17, 10-11 am, 5/31, 9-10 am

## Company Corner

*From last newsletter...* Auditions for next year's dance company will be held on **Tuesday evening, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm**. Dancers in senior levels Beginner/Intermediate and above are invited to audition. Auditioning for Company does NOT indicate a commitment to the company. A meeting will be held for accepted dancers and their parents at a later time, and no final decisions will be expected until parents have an opportunity to evaluate the commitment of both time and money.

## Dynamite Dancers

Congratulations to our company dancers on a very successful weekend at the Starpower Competition in Valley Forge! You looked amazing and you behaved like professionals amidst a hectic environment!

Thank you to Katie Andree, Sam Buchanan, Jordan DuMars, Colleen Gallagher, Matt Gardner, Jaimie Hoover, Tauri Summers and Kevin Swann for performing in the Crestwood Middle School Multi-Culturalism Event. You were terrific!

## Calendar Clips...

- ❖ **Fri-Sun, 4/25-4/27**—MHS presents "Beauty & the Beast"
- ❖ **Fri-Sat, 5/2-5/3**—Cecchetti Exams
- ❖ **Tues, 5/6**—Company Auditions, 7:30 pm
- ❖ **Mon-Tues, 5/12-5/13**—PICTURE NIGHTS—Classes cancelled
- ❖ **Mon, 5/26**—Studio Closed, Memorial Day Holiday
- ❖ **Thur, 5/29**—Blocking at MHS—*Tentative*
- ❖ **Wed, 6/4**—Dress Rehearsal at MHS
- ❖ **Thur-Sat, 6/5-6/7**—Recitals at MHS