



We would like to welcome all of our new and returning students another exciting year of dancing. We are very pleased to have such a great response in all our forms of dance; jazz, tap, ballet, hip-hop and acrobatic gymnastics. We offer Shotokan Karate classes at our Studio B location on Tuesday 7:30 and Thursday evenings at 7:15pm – please feel free to observe a class if you are interested. Our instructor Sensi Mike Enright will be happy to answer your questions.

OUR STUDIO

We have many different levels of classes to offer depending on your child's needs. Denise Smith Studio is well known and recognized for our professional and excellent caliber of teaching.

We are pleased to welcome back our qualified and talented teaching staff, Chemay Forrester, Cindy Newell, Stacey Hamilton, Maki Kabayama, Rebecca Tee, Ryan Foley, Andrea Findlay, Alyssa Montuoro, Catherine Carnegie and Mike Enright.

We would like to welcome Tiffany Cross, Katie Campbell, Carole-Anne Decristoforo and Lauren Thompson to our teaching staff. Teachers, we are proud to have all of you as part of our studio and are looking forward to a fun and exciting year.

OUR PROGRAMS

85% of our students are involved in our recreational programs. For some it is an introduction to the wonderful world of dance – for others it is a continuation of learning, training, building self-esteem, poise and grace, having fun and making great friends. This program is geared to the student who is not only looking for qualified training, and the opportunity to be part of a professional performance at the end of the year, but just wants to include dancing as one of their extracurricular activities.

We offer adult classes in tap, jazz and hip hop – come out Mom's, Dad's and relatives and have some dancing fun!! 15% of our students are involved in our intense competitive program, all of whom have come from our recreational classes or reputable out of town or local studio's competitive program. Not only does this

program include all of the recreational program's benefits, it focuses more on a higher standard requirement of dance training and commitment in order to participate in competitions throughout Canada and the U.S. This standard of training helps the student reach goals in the dance-world professionally when they are older. This is a program where students are invited and if they choose to make the commitment are included. Both programs are designed so that everyone can enjoy dancing as part of their lives.

If you are interested in further information about this program for your dancer, I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

EXAMS

Exams are intended as a personal goal for each student to achieve on an individual basis. This places the student in a position to work towards a certificate indicating his/her personal progress focusing on the technical aspects of dance. If you are interested in exams for your child please feel free to contact me. We teach the ADAPT syllabus in tap and jazz. The examiners will come from Toronto to our studio and there will be a charge for each level. Exam procedure will be taught in class with some extra classes for preparation.

NEWS

Adam Schultz and Ashley Wright left in September for eight months to work as dancers on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, Jewel of the Sea. Our Senior competitive team had great success at the Starpower National Finals in Ocean City, Maryland in July, won many awards, trophies. Deirdre Barnes won Senior Miss Starpower and Danny Lawn won 2nd runner up to Senior Mr. Starpower. Congratulations to all of our senior dancers, we are so proud of all of you!

THANKSGIVING

There will be regular classes on Saturday October 6th. Classes will be cancelled on Monday October 8th.

HALLOWEEN

Classes will be cancelled on Wednesday October 31st.

October 27th - Saturday classes Children may come dressed in their Halloween costumes to class on this day. Please make sure that the little gremlins are able to dance in them!!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Annual Recital

“Showtime 2008”

Wednesday June 18th – dress rehearsal

Friday June 20th – Show

Saturday June 21st - Show

SEASON CHANGE

As we head into rain and snow conditions, would parents and students please remove footwear upstairs in the lobby area before going downstairs. The carpet gets very wet on the stairs and is not good for expensive dance shoes. Thanks

FUNDRAISING

There is a blue bin under the bulletin Board at Studio A to collect ink cartridges of any kind which will be exchanged for \$ as a fundraiser. Please bring your empty cartridges and place them in the bin. Anyone interested in forming a fundraising group to raise money for competition expenses, please see Denise.

STUDIO LOGO WEAR

Order forms for Studio Logo Clothing will be handed out in classes within the next couple of weeks, these items may be purchased for Christmas! We do have some items in stock, see Denise or Chemay.

DRESS CODE

I would like to ask that proper dance clothes be worn to class – students will not be allowed to participate in class if not appropriately groomed and dressed.

Ballet

black body suit, pink tights, pink ballet slippers, hair in a bun with a hairnet, bangs pinned back neatly.

Jazz and tap

Body suit, tights, tight cotton/lycra dance top, tight fitting spandex or “Dancer” shorts (No pants, baggy clothes, boy beater or T-shirts please, we need to see your body in order to correct you!)

Acro Gymnastics

Body suit, bare legs or footless tights

Pre-Jazz

Body suit, tights and pink ballet slippers, short chiffon skirt or tutu (optional)

Pre-tap

same as pre-jazz, beige tap shoes (with ribbon tie)

Hip-Hop

Loose pants, (no boy beater shirts or pajama pants, please) Fitted T-Shirt or top, hair up and non-marking running shoes (please be sure to bring a separate pair of non-marking running shoes for your class). Street shoes will not be allowed in the studio for hip-hop classes or at anytime as sand, salt and water ruin dance shoes and floors. Please respect our expensive professional dance floor in the dance areas. Thanks.

Hair up for ALL classes in a secure elastic. No gum-chewing please allowed in the studio building. This gets dropped onto the carpet and is difficult to remove. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Happy dancing!
Denise and Chemay

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