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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011

*The Dance Unlimited Faculty would like to welcome all new dancers,
returning dancers and their families!*

We look forward to another exciting year with all of you!

Thank you for choosing Dance Unlimited!

Meet Our Fabulous Faculty...

Barb Stokes - Artistic Director...Jazz & Pre-School Programs

Lindsay Tusche - Artistic Director...Jazz, Lyrical & Company

Candace Belisle...Lyrical, Hip Hop & Crews

Erica Beveridge...Tap & Ballet

Rachel Dewey...Lyrical

Deborah James R.A.D.... Ballet

Kelly Hobson...Modern, Ballet & Floor-Barre

We would like to welcome **Rea Narciso and Ryan Narciso** to our faculty!

They will be teaching the Musical Theatre program.

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to all our returning dancers and their families. We would also like to welcome dancers new to our studio that haven't danced before, have come back from a break, or have come from other studios. Please work together to help each feel comfortable at our studio and reassure each other it won't be long until you all get back into the swing of things. During the first few weeks of classes there may be changes made to the schedule and student placement so please be patient with us while we work to make sure everything will run smoothly for everyone. We will be doing a review of previous work to get everyone back into the swing of things so bare with us there is tons of exciting new work just around the corner! Thank you parents', for giving us the opportunity to work with your children. We look forward to working with all of you and let's have another great year!

STUDIO OFFICE

We would like to welcome back Karen Tahouney. She will be once again joining Lindsay, Barb & Teresa in the office. Please let them know if you need anything! Office hours are: Tuesday & Thursday - 4:30^{pm}-6:00^{pm} & Saturday - 9:00^{am}-11:00^{am}

YOUR DANCE ACCOUNT

At the end of September, you will be able to log on to your dance account to see your balance due, what classes you are registered for, class schedules and more. Send us an email to receive your password and as soon as it's up and running, we will send it to you. Please DO NOT register through the schedule on the website as a new family, you will already be registered.

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be posted on the 1st of the month, every 2 months, under "News" on our website www.danceunlimited.ca and hard copies will also be handed out. There will be monthly newsletters starting March 1st which will be handed out to each child individually.

"BRING A FRIEND" WEEK

October 17th to 22nd is "Bring A Friend Week"! Bring your friend to class and they get to dance! If your friend registers for the year by November 1st, **the month of May is free for you!** (*limited to 1 hour free per week*) All dancers are encouraged to try other age appropriate classes during this week too!

WEBSITE - www.danceunlimited.ca

Our website has tons of information such as newsletters, auditions, schedules, a calendar, registration info, a photo gallery, Performance Company info & a news page. The website is updated regularly so be sure to check it out often!

COMMUNICATING WITH TEACHERS

It is often difficult to communicate with your child's teacher between classes as their time is very limited. We ask that you leave a message in their box in the office for them to return your call. We kindly ask that you do not contact them at home. Thank you!

SPACE AVAILABLE IN SOME CLASSES

There is still space available in some classes. If you are interested, check with the office. Come and check them out on "Bring A Friend Week", October 17th to 22nd.

STUDIO DRESS CODE

Parents, please assist your child in dressing appropriately for class. All dancers must have proper dance attire by Saturday, September 24th. The dress code will be strictly enforced as the dress code is an important part of a dancers' discipline. Thank you!

ILLNESS

We kindly ask that if your child is feeling unwell, please keep them home and contact the office to let us know.

19th ANNUAL DANCE UNLIMITED RECITALS

Our 19th Annual Recitals are on Saturday, May 26th at the McPherson Playhouse. There are 2 *different* shows at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. The dress rehearsals are on Tuesday, May 22nd from 4:00-9:00pm and Wednesday, May 23rd from 4:00-9:00pm. All dancers take part in the recital unless you don't want your child to, in which case you must give their instructor written notice by November 1st, 2011. Please write these dates on your calendar!

WITHDRAWALS

Just a reminder that if you wish to withdraw from a class, you have until October 31st to do so. You must submit written notice or by email, to the office. After that date, classes have been established and absolutely no refunds will be given. Thank you for your co-operation!

DANCE CONVENTIONS

Dancers should be a minimum of 9 years old and have a minimum of 3 years dance training to attend. Please go directly to their website to register.

“GROOVE STREET” & “STREET GROOVE” www.groovestreet.net

Some of their faculty: Twitch, Katee Shean and Luther Brown from SYTYCD, just to name a few! Some credits include performances/choreographing for Jay-Z, Jennifer Lopez, Janet Jackson, Christina Aguilera, Kelly Clarkson, and many more! “Groove Street” is on October 22nd and 23rd in Surrey and classes include Jazz, Lyrical, Tap, Hip Hop, Theatre dance, Progressions, and more. For those with Hip Hop experience, there is the “Street Groove” Hip Hop Convention on January 28th & 29th in Surrey. Classes include Hip Hop, Old School, Popping, Locking, Breaking & more.

DANCER’S LOUNGE

The Dancer’s Lounge has a work area, VCR/DVD player, TV, fridge and microwave. The water cooler is located in studio 1 and is just for dancers. Please bring your own water bottle for it and fill it up before class. Remember that *all food and drinks must be stored and eaten in the lounge*. (No popcorn, nuts (allergies) or gum please!) Don’t forget, this is your space, let’s keep it clean for those using it after you.

SOLO’S & DUETS

To be considered for a solo or duet, dancers must have a minimum of 4 years experience in the style of the solo/duet and must excel in that style. Dancers must have an excellent attendance record and a positive attitude. They are responsible for paying for their solo/duet, extra rehearsals, festival/competition entry fees and their costume. If you would like your child to be considered for a solo or duet, please email Lindsay at info@danceunlimited.ca. All solos will be completed by December 18th.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate your birthday party at Dance Unlimited Performing Arts!

Children ages 3 and up can choose a Ballet, Tap or Jazz party and children ages 6 and up can choose a Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop or Tap party. While the children are enjoying a 1 hour fun filled class with one of our wonderful instructors, you are welcome to set up in the lounge for the rest of the party.

The cost for the party is \$115.00, includes up to a maximum of ten children and is 2 hours in length. A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is due prior to the date of the party with the remaining due on the day of the party. You bring the decorations, cake (candles only please, no sparklers), table settings and *enthusiastic* children!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- *The studio is closed on all statutory holidays unless noted otherwise*
- *The studio is open on all school professional days*

- October 10 Studio closed for Thanksgiving
- October 17 -22 “Bring a Friend” Week (*does not apply to Company classes*)
- Oct. 22-23 Groove Street: Dance Convention in Surrey
- November 1 Last day for friends from “B.A.F. Week” to sign up for students to receive the month of May free
- November 11 Studio closed for Remembrance Day
- December 13 – 19 Watching Week
- Dec. 20 - Jan. 2 Studio closed for Christmas Break
- January 3 First day back after Christmas Break
- January 28 - 29 Street Groove: The Hip Hop Convention in Surrey
- March 12 – 17 Watching Week
- March 17 – 24 Proposed Disneyland Trip for all Jazz companies
- March 18 - 25 Studio closed for Spring Break (*studio is closed 1 week only*)
- April 6 Studio closed for Good Friday
- April 9 Easter Monday (*This is not a stat holiday so classes will run*)
- May 21 As this is the last day of Monday classes before recital, classes will run
- May 22 - 26 Studio closed for rehearsals and recitals
- May 22 & 23 Dress rehearsals for the recitals at the McPherson Playhouse
- May 26 19th Annual Recitals at the McPherson Playhouse
- May 28 Class pictures (*regular classes cancelled*)
- May 29 - June 2 “Workshop Week” (*regular classes cancelled*)
- June 4 - 9 “Bring A Friend Week”
- June 11-16 Watching Week
- June 16 Last day of scheduled classes for 2011/2012