

# DANCE

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*Proudly celebrating 26 Years!*

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018**

## **Meet Our Fabulous Faculty!**

**Lindsay Tusche - Artistic Director...Company**

**Barb Stokes - Jazz & Pre-School Programs**

**Chelsea Akbar - Company, Lyrical &  
Acrobatic Arts**

**Megan Creran - Company, Lyrical &  
Acrobatic Arts**

**Kelly Hobson - Modern & Ballet**

**Deborah James R.A.D. - Ballet**

**Melanie Narciso - Hip Hop, Crew &  
Musical Theatre**

**Leticia Pang R.A.D. - Ballet**

**Chelsea Schaddelee - Tap, Hip Hop, Jazz,  
Company & Crew**

**Guest Faculty...Carley Cofield and Julie Vegliante**

### **WELCOME BACK!**

The Dance Unlimited Faculty would like to welcome all new dancers, returning dancers and their families! If you haven't danced before, have come back from a break, have come from another studio or moved to Victoria from out of town, WELCOME!!! 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 as there is tons of exciting new work just around the corner! Please work together to help each feel comfortable at our studio. Parents, thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with your children and for choosing Dance Unlimited. We look forward to working with all of you in our 26<sup>th</sup> year!

### **STUDIO OFFICE**

Our office staff Karen Tahouney and Angie Simons are here to help! Please speak to them if you have any questions or concerns.

### **ASSISTANT TEACHERS**

We held our third Assistant Teacher Training Program (ATTP) in August and it was a great success! You will see them around the studio wearing ATTP shirts. You can read about them on the studio bulletin board in the foyer. The ATTP provides dancers with the training, guidance and support, which will allow them to be successful assistants within the classroom. Dance Unlimited is excited to offer this program in order to encourage and provide further support in our classes with the enthusiasm of students interested in volunteering their time to make a difference. The ATTP consists of classroom and practical training in topics such as anatomy, technique, musicality, vocabulary, creating lesson plans, classroom etiquette, teaching methods, and various others. In addition to the Dance Unlimited ATTP, they are now also certified Assistant Teachers with the IDTS. Congratulations dancers!

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Did you know that Dance Unlimited is on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter? This is where you will find lots of updates, fun facts, great articles, cool pictures and exclusive contests! Join us today so you don't miss out!

**Facebook** at Dance Unlimited Performing Arts

**Instagram** at danceunlimitedperformingarts

**Twitter** @DUPAVictoria

## **PHOTO WALL**

You will notice in the hallway that we have a DU background. There are some fun props to use in your photos. If you post them on Instagram (@danceunlimitedperformingarts), Twitter (@DUPAVictoria) or Facebook (Dance Unlimited Performing Arts), be sure to tag us in it! We will be having some Social Media contests happening so be sure to post and tag as many photos as you can to increase your chances of winning!  
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## **DANCERS OF THE WEEK!**

Keep an eye out on the studio foyer bulletin board for our Dancers of the Week! These dancers will be selected by our faculty and will be recognized for their outstanding work in class!

## **YOUR STUDIO DIRECTOR DANCE ACCOUNT**

Every family has an account with the Studio Director. This is where you registered for classes. VERY IMPORTANT NOTE...*If you opted not to receive emails from Dance Unlimited, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS!!! This means you will not receive any details about Recitals, important dates, watching weeks, special events and much more.* If you log in, you can opt in to receive emails, register for additional classes, see class schedules, update your personal information, including a dancer photo and more.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

Newsletters will be emailed out to those who opted in to receive emails in their Studio Director account. They will be emailed at the beginning of the month, every 2 months, and monthly from March through May. They are available under "News" on our website [www.danceunlimited.ca](http://www.danceunlimited.ca). Hard copies will not be handed out. Please be sure to read every newsletter, as this is how you will keep up to date on what is happening in your studio. It is your responsibility to keep up to date with what's happening in your studio.

## **STUDIO DRESS CODE/ BUN KITS**

Parents, please assist your child in dressing appropriately for class. All dancers must have proper dance attire by Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Bun kits are available in the office for \$6.00. They have everything you need to make a perfect bun! The dress code will be strictly enforced, as the dress code is an important part of a dancers' discipline. We do not give out hair elastics so please make sure you have plenty in your dance bag.

## **"BRING A FRIEND" WEEK**

October 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> is "Bring A Friend Week"! Bring your friend to class and dance too! Dancers are encouraged to try other age appropriate classes.

## **FAMILY APPRECIATION WEEK**

We are having a "Family Appreciation Week" from October 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> to thank all of you for being part of our Dance Unlimited family! Parents, pop into the studio and enter your name to win a beautiful gift basket.

## **HALLOWEEN HOWL**

Dance Unlimited welcomes you to an event full of Halloween fun on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-2:30pm! Bring your friends and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon! Free entry and events for all! There will be games, a cupcake walk, crafts, face painting, prizes, treats and much more! Don't forget your costume!

## **WEBSITE - [www.danceunlimited.ca](http://www.danceunlimited.ca)**

Our website has tons of information such as newsletters, auditions, schedules, birthday party info, registration info, a photo gallery, Performance Company info & a news page. It's updated often so be sure to check it out!

## **COMMUNICATING WITH TEACHERS**

We ask that you do not try and communicate with your child's teacher between classes, as their time is very limited. Please leave a message for them in the office for them to return your call. We kindly ask that you do not contact them at home or text them outside of studio time. Thank you!

## **SPACE AVAILABLE IN CLASSES**

There is still space available in some classes. If you are interested, inquire through the office or email us.

## WITHDRAWALS

A reminder that withdrawals are accepted until October 31<sup>st</sup>. 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!

## 26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DANCE UNLIMITED RECITALS

Our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Recitals are on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at the McPherson Playhouse. There are 2 *different* shows at 11:30am and 5:30pm. The dress rehearsals are on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00-9:00pm and Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2018. Dancers **MUST** attend the dress rehearsals if they plan on participating in the Recitals. Please write these dates on your calendar!

## LOUNGE

The Lounge has a work area, seating, fridge and microwave. All food and drinks must be stored and eaten in the lounge. (**No nuts or seafood of any kind (anaphylactic allergies), popcorn or gum please!**) If you would like water during class, please bring your own water bottle and fill it in the lounge before class starts. Don't forget, the lounge is your space, let's keep it clean!

## CHANGEROOM

We ask that parents do not enter the change room as it is strictly for dancers. Boys and men are not permitted in the change room. Please do your best to bring your child in their dance attire. You are welcome to change your child in the lounge or washrooms located at the end of the hallway and use the cubbies in the lounge. Food and drinks are not to be brought into the change room. If it is found in the change room, it will be discarded immediately. This prevents anything being spilled on personal belongings. Please respect this rule!

## BIRTHDAY PARTIES

**Celebrate your birthday party at Dance Unlimited Performing Arts!**

Did you know Dance Unlimited does Birthday parties? Visit our website for more information.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- *The studio is closed on all statutory holidays unless noted otherwise below*
- *The studio is open on all school professional days*
  - o October 1-6 Bring a Friend Week (*does not apply to Company /Crew classes*)
  - o October 1-6 Family Appreciation Week
  - o October 8 Studio closed for Thanksgiving
  - o October 31 Studio closed for Halloween
  - o November 10-11 Groove Street Dance Convention
  - o November 12 Studio closed for Remembrance Day
  - o December 17-22 Watching Week
  - o Dec. 23 - Jan. 6 Studio closed for Christmas Break
  - o January 7 First day back after Christmas Break
  - o February 18 Studio closed for Family Day
  - o February 24 Performing Companies OACP On Stage show
  - o March 11-16 Watching Week
  - o March 17-31 Studio closed for Spring Break (*studio is closed for 2 weeks*)
  - o March 17-22 Company Tour to Disneyland
  - o April 2 Easter Monday (*This is not a stat holiday so classes will run*)
  - o April 13 Class pictures (*regular classes cancelled*) **TENTATIVE DATE**
  - o April 19 Studio closed for Good Friday
  - o April 22 Studio OPEN Easter Monday is it's not a Stat holiday
  - o May 11 Buccaneer Days Parade
  - o May 20 Studio is OPEN for Victoria Day
  - o May 21-25 Studio closed for rehearsals and recitals
  - o May 21-22 Dress rehearsals for the recitals at the McPherson Playhouse
  - o May 25 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Recitals at the McPherson Playhouse
  - o May 27-June 1 "Workshop Week" (*regular classes cancelled*)
  - o June 3-8 "Bring A Friend Week", Watching Week and last week of classes