

# DANCE

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*Proudly celebrating 27 Years!*

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019**

## **Meet Our Fabulous Faculty!**

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

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

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

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

**Kelly Hobson - Modern & Ballet**

**Caleigh Hunter - Jazz**

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

**Melanie Narciso - Hip Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, Tap &  
Musical Theatre**

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

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

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> year!

### **FRONT DESK**

Our front desk 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 fourth Assistant Teacher Training Program (ATTP) in August and it was a great success! You will see them around the studio wearing yellow 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 International Dance Teaching Standards. Congratulations dancers!

### **SOCIAL MEDIA/PHOTO WALL**

You will notice in the foyer that we have a DU background. Post your photos on Instagram and be sure to tag us in it! You'll find us @danceunlimitedperformingarts. You can also follow us on Facebook (Dance Unlimited Performing Arts) and Twitter (@DUPAVictoria). We have a Social Media contest happening now on Instagram to reach 1,000 followers by September 30<sup>th</sup> so start telling your family and friends! If we reach our goal, someone will win a month of free classes so start sharing! Post and tag your dance photos so you can be featured on our Social Media pages! #danceunlimitedperformingarts #idanceatDUPA

## **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.

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

Parents, please assist your child in dressing appropriately for class. All dancers must have proper dance attire by September 30<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**

September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 5<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 September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 5<sup>th</sup> to thank all of you for being part of our Dance Unlimited family! Parents, pop into the studio during this week and enter your name to win a beautiful gift basket.

## **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 email us and we will have them contact you. We kindly ask that you do not contact them at home or text them outside of studio time. Thank you!

## **WITHDRAWALS**

A reminder that withdrawals are accepted until October 31<sup>st</sup>. You must submit notice by email. After that date, classes have been established and absolutely no refunds will be given. Thank you!

## **27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DANCE UNLIMITED RECITALS**

Our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Recitals are on Saturday, May 30<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 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-9:00pm and Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</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, 2019. Dancers **MUST** attend the dress rehearsals if they plan on participating in the Recitals. Please write these dates on your calendar!

## **LOUNGE AREA**

The studio has a lounge area with tables and seating. 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!)** There is a sink, fridge and microwave located by the washrooms. 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, this is your space so let's keep it clean!

## **BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

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

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

## **EVENTS HAPPENING AT YOUR STUDIO!!!**

### **HALLOWEEN HOWL - Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>**

Dance Unlimited welcomes you to an event full of Halloween fun on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-3:00pm! 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!

### **PAW PATROL PARTY - Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>**

It's a PAW PATROL PARTY for ages 3 & up! Join us for dance, games, crafts and fun on October 20th from 11am-12:30pm!! Cost is \$25.00. Register through the following link before it sells out!

[https://app.thestudiodirector.com/danceunlimitedperformin/portal.sd?page=Enroll&cident=1568078030634&class\\_day=2019-10-20](https://app.thestudiodirector.com/danceunlimitedperformin/portal.sd?page=Enroll&cident=1568078030634&class_day=2019-10-20)

### **LADIES NIGHT OUT - HEELS CLASS - Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>**

Leave your kids at home, gather your girlfriends, dust off those heels and come dance the night away! Dance Unlimited is offering it's first "Ladies Night" and we want you to come join us!

- What is ladies night? Your night will consist of a sassy heels dance class, appetizers, refreshments and of course, a good time!
- Do I have to wear heels? Not comfortable in heels? No worries! Heels with good ankle support are encouraged; however, you may dance in whatever you're comfortable in...including bare feet!
- But what if I don't have experience...like, none? No dance experience is required! We want everyone to have a fun night full of laughs, sweat and sass!
- Who can attend? You do not have to be a Dance Unlimited parent to attend! This is a great opportunity to invite your friends, co-workers, or family (as long as they are 19+).
- What is the cost and how do I register? \$30 and you can register here...

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## **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

- Sep 30-Oct 5 "Bring a Friend" Week (does not apply to Company /Crew classes)
- Sep 30-Oct 5 Family Appreciation Week
- Oct 14 Studio closed for Thanksgiving
- Oct 19 Ladies Night Out - Heels Class (register through your account)
- Oct 20 Paw Patrol Party (register through your account)
- Oct 26 Halloween Howl
- Oct 31 Studio closed for Halloween
- Nov 9-10 Groove Street Dance Convention
- Nov 11 Studio closed for Remembrance Day
- Dec 16-21 Watching Week
- Dec 22-Jan 5 Studio closed for Christmas Break
- Jan 6 First day back after Christmas Break
- Feb 17 Studio closed for Family Day
- Feb 23 Performing Companies OACP On Stage show
- Mar 7-8 or Apr 3-5 Summit Dance Challenge (Victoria/Duncan) (possibly)
- Mar 9-14 Watching Week
- Mar 13-15 Hollywood Vibe Seattle (Elite Team only)
- Mar 15-29 Studio closed for Spring Break (studio is closed for 2 weeks)
- Apr 10-13 Easter weekend (all classes cancelled)
- Apr 26-29 Peak Invitational Competition (Nanaimo) (possibly)
- Apr/May TBA Company /Crew School Tours (date depends on competition dates)
- May 9-14 Synergy Dance Competition (possibly)
- May 18 Victoria Day (all classes cancelled)
- May 26-30 Studio closed for rehearsals and recitals
- May 26-27 Dress rehearsals for the recitals at the McPherson Playhouse
- May 30 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Recitals at the McPherson Playhouse
- May 31 Company & Crew auditions for 20/21 year
- June 1-6 "Bring A Friend Week", Workshop Week and last week of classes