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Proudly celebrating 28 Years!

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020

Meet Our Fabulous Faculty!

Lindsay Tusche - Artistic Director

Carley Cofield - Company, Hip Hop, Jazz, Acrobatic Arts

Chelsea Cofield - Company, Lyrical & Acrobatic Arts

Megan Creran - Company, Lyrical & Acrobatic Arts

Caleigh Hunter - Contemporary & Tap

Deborah James R.A.D. - Ballet

Melanie Narciso - Hip Hop, Jazz & Lyrical

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 28th year!

COVID-19 POLICIES

Our policies can be found on our website at www.danceunlimited.ca under the Handbook page. Please respect our policies and do not ask for exceptions as we are doing our part in keeping your dancers and our faculty safe.

FRONT DESK/ GREETERS

Karen Tahouney, Angie Simons, Erica Lalonde and Caleigh Hunter will be the happy faces your dancers see at the front door when your dancers arrive! They will be making sure our dancers sanitize, receive their bin to place their belongings in, that our dancers maintain their distance from each other and keep our studio safe for our dancers and faculty!

ASSISTANT TEACHERS

Your dancers will see our Assistant Teacher Training Program (ATTP) dancers around the studio wearing yellow ATTP shirts. 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 also certified Assistant Teachers with the International Dance Teaching Standards.

SOCIAL MEDIA/ PHOTO WALL

Post your first day of dance photos on Instagram and be sure to tag us in them! You'll find us @danceunlimitedperformingarts. You can also follow us on Facebook (Dance Unlimited Performing Arts) and Twitter (@DUPAVictoria). 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. 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

Parents, please assist your child in dressing appropriately for class. All dancers must have proper dance attire by September 28th. 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.

COMMUNICATING WITH US

As you know, dancers 7 and over must enter the studio on their own and dancers 6 and under may have 1 parent enter with them to help them get ready for class, if necessary. If you have a question for us, or your dancer's teacher, please email us at info@danceunlimited.ca. We kindly ask that you do not stop and chat with or ask the greeters questions as they must focus on having our dancers enter the studio safely and in a timely fashion. We kindly ask that you do not contact the studio owners or teacher at home or text them outside of studio time.

WITHDRAWALS

A reminder that withdrawals are accepted until October 31st, 2020. You must submit notice by completing a Withdrawal Form found on the Handbook page of our website at www.danceunlimited.ca. After that date, classes have been established and ***absolutely no refunds will be given.*** Thank you!

28th ANNUAL DANCE UNLIMITED RECITALS

Our 28th Annual Recitals are on Saturday, May 29th at the McPherson Playhouse. There are 2 *different* shows at 11:30am and 5:30pm. The dress rehearsals are on Tuesday, May 25th from 4:00-9:00pm and Wednesday, May 26th 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, 2020. Dancers **MUST** attend the dress rehearsals if they plan on participating in the Recitals. Please write these dates on your calendar!

THEME WEEKS!

We are so excited to have super fun theme weeks happening once a month! Use your imagination and get creative with us! Mark these weeks on your calendar!

Our first week is:

September 28th- October 3rd - Sparkle & Shine! Too many sequins, sparkles or shades...there's no such thing!

Our second week is:

October 26th - October 31st - Wacky Hair Week! Go wild and show us your craziest hairstyle!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

- *The studio is closed on all statutory holidays unless noted otherwise below*
- *The studio is open on all school professional days*
- *Please note that some of these dates and events may change based on what is happening with Covid-19.*

- Oct. 12 Studio closed for Thanksgiving
- Nov. 2-7 Parent Appreciation Week
- Nov. 11 Studio closed for Remembrance Day
- Dec. 20 – Jan. 3 Studio closed for Christmas Break
- Jan. 4 First day back after Christmas Break
- Feb. 15 Studio closed for Family Day
- Feb. 28 Companies/Crews OACP On Stage show
- Mar. 9-11 Synergy Dance Competition (Courtenay)
- Mar. 14-28 Studio closed for Spring Break (*studio is closed for 2 weeks*)
- Apr. 2-5 Easter weekend (*all classes cancelled*)
- Apr. 9-11 Hollywood Vibe Seattle (Elite Team only)
- May 7-9 Summit Dance Challenge (Victoria)
- May 9-14 Synergy Dance Competition (Duncan)
- May 24-29 Studio closed for rehearsals and recitals
- May 25-26 Dress rehearsals for the recitals at the McPherson Playhouse
- May 29 28th Annual Recitals at the McPherson Playhouse
- May 30 Company Crew auditions for 21/22 year
- June 7-12 Last week of classes