

# April Newsletter

2019



*March Dance of the Month*

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*CONGRATULATIONS!!*



**Attendance** at this point in the year is **very important**.

Please make sure your dancer is in class as much as possible so they are prepared for the upcoming production!

**Don't forget to practice your dance at home!**

A dancer's **dress code** is very important; it ensures all dancers are ready to go and work hard.

Please ensure your dancer is wearing the correct attire in class, this includes their hair. For obvious reasons we have a no jewelry policy and this must be observed each week as well as onstage. (Stud earrings are permitted.) No outdoor shoes in the dance studio AND no dance shoes to be worn outside.

## Specialty Dances!!!!

**"Daddy Daughter Dance"** - calling all Dance Works Dads!! Now is your chance to make your dancer proud (or embarrass them depending on their age!) Please sign up via your DW account if you are interested in doing this dance at Recital. "Dad" may also be replaced with another someone special. More details to follow. Just \$10 per dancer!

**"Senior Dance"** - This is our first season having multiple Senior dancer's graduate, so we thought it would be nice for them to dance with someone special on stage. Seniors, pick someone special to dance with and register via your online account. More details to come.

**"Dancer of the Month"** (and DOTY) - will have a special announcement dance! More Details to come.



## Calendar

### April - Spring to Life

**April 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>:** Spring Break (Studio is closed)

**April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm:** DWDC Dress Rehearsal - please come to watch & support!

**April 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>:** Tremaine Dance Competition & Convention (**Studio remains open Saturday**)

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>:** Parent Appreciation Week!

**April 26<sup>th</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>:** Recital Photos; Individual & Group Photos (**See schedule**)

### May - Born to Perform

**May 1<sup>st</sup> -** All DW accounts must be paid in full.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>:** Hollywood Vibe Competition & Convention (**Studio remains open Saturday**)

**May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Last day to order Dance Wear!

**May 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>:** Trial Week!

**May 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>:** Memorial Day Weekend (**Studio is closed**)

## Updates you should know:

-Thank you for your **Food Drive Donations!**

-**Music** - is available on the DropBox; simply follow the link in the email and retrieve the music for your dance(s).

-**Video** -if you have not yet been able to record your dancers dance in class, you will be able to do so over the next few weeks.

-Don't forget to **SHARE** the "from West End to Broadway" event on Facebook/Instagram/Twitter, and tag us in your photos!!!  
#westendtobroadwayDW2019

-We have had some changes to our **Office Staff** over the last few months, to bring you up to date;

Ms. Melissa will not be returning to the office staff after Spring Break - we are thankful for her time here at Dance Works and we wish her well with her future endeavors. Ms. Val has recently been added to the Dance Works team - welcome! We are planning to add more office staff over the next few weeks, and will introduce them as they settle in. We thank you for your patience as we all work hard and people settle into their new positions.

# Costumes!!!

Please follow the **Costume Rules** explained by your teachers in class to ensure all costumes stay special and look beautiful on stage.

- Do not wear your costume at home.
- Do not wear your costume outside (to and from rehearsals/pictures).
- Do not eat or drink in your costumes.
- Do not iron, or try to wash your costume.
- Keep all your costumes, including the extra bits, organized and together.
- Put names in **EVERYTHING!!**

## A quick look ahead....

Details on all the below information will follow in our coming newsletters.



### Most Costumes will be distributed the week after Spring Break!

We will send a confirmation email to all the groups who will be receiving their costume.

**All Recital T-Shirts will be in dancer's Costume Bags.**

**\*\*NOTE:** some individual's costumes, especially those who ordered late, have not yet arrived. We will contact you as soon as they come in.

**If you are NOT participating in Recital – do NOT bring your dancer the week we distribute costumes.**

### Parents NEEDED!!

- We will need your help getting costumes on all the dancers.
- All costumes must be "initialed" in the roll book the day you take them home.
- Be sure to write names in **all** parts of all costumes/tights/shoes **NOW!**

### May

ALL Dance Works accounts must be paid and up to date by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Most charges from your Family Recital Booklet have been posted to your accounts, so please make the payments on your account (including June's Tuition).

**\*\*If your account is not paid up to date, your dancer will not be permitted to participate in the recital/production.**

**Trial Week: May 11<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>** For one week in May dancers have a chance to try out a different class, in addition to their regular class, (genre or level) that they might be thinking about taking in September.

For example, if a dancer has been in the Jr. Ballet class, recently turned 8 years old and would like to see what the Foundation Intermediate Ballet class is like or if they take Jazz now and would like to try out Ballet... Trial Week enables them to do that without commitment. This is a fantastic opportunity to see what other classes are available at Dance Works and help dancers decide what classes best fit them. Trial Week is only available for one week and only for current Dance Works dancers. New dancers must wait until September for their trial class.

#### **Assistant Teacher Program:**

Want to be part of the Dance Works team? We will be accepting new applications for our Assistant Teacher (including Jr. Assistant Teachers & AT Internships) for the new 2019-2020 Season. Whether you are applying for the first time or you are currently in the Assistant Teaching Program – **everyone must apply for the new season.** We have been working on improving this program, and all applying AT's & Jr AT's will need to complete and pass a summer Training Session to be accepted into the program. Minimum age 8 years. Please email Miss Emma for the Application link.

### June

Please note, classes are as normal Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Then the week after our Recital we return to the studio for our Party Week. See the adjusted schedule for this week. This is also the week when dancers receive their achievement award for their hard work all season.

Also it is **Pre-Registration: June 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>** if you know which class your dancer would like to take next dance season (Sept '19 - June '20) and you want to secure their spot in that class, please take advantage of our Pre-Registration period. To pre-register for your classes your Dance Works Membership Fee will be required. (\$65 per Dancer/Family) This opportunity is only available for 4 days - so don't miss out! The pre-registration process can only be via your on-line account. After the Pre-Registration period is over you must wait to register the end of August, dates to be announced. **Take advantage of Pre-Registration – it is only available for current Dance Works families!!**

Which class will your dancer be eligible for in the new season?

Most dancers spend 2 years in the level (depending on when they started). Some Dance Classes will require "pre-approval" for a class. If you have a questions about the level of your dancer, please complete the form at the front desk. Your teachers will have a meeting and get back to you a.s.a.p. to allow you time to make arrangements.

### July/August

**Summer Event: We have updated a few things for the summer sessions!** We will have several **Themed Dance Summer Camps** (4-7yrs) (7-11yrs) available for 3 day, and 1 day camps! New this summer 4 consecutive day **Intensives Courses** for Intermediate level (8-11yrs), Inter/Advanced Level (12+yrs). A variety of **Mini Summer Session**, weekly 45min long classes for a 4-week session, Mondays & Wednesdays. **All Summer Events are posted on our website and on-line sign-up will be available soon!**

### New for the 2019-2020 Season!

As we start our second full season in our new home, some adjustments will be made to allow us to better serve you.

Firstly, there will be a \$2 increase in tuition. For example; your monthly Tuition will go from \$52 to \$54. We will have a detailed plan of all tuition breakdowns available at the front desk in May. At Dance Works we try very hard to keep all costs down, but as our bills increase we must of course increase our fees.

Secondly, your tuition will be split into **9 EVEN** monthly payments. Meaning the June half month payment will NOT be added to the May full month payment, but rolled into the other monthly payments. This eliminates a higher May payment for our families.

The Dance Works staff is constantly finding ways to better the things we do throughout the season. The entire staff is very excited now that we are settled into our new home and we can put even more focus on providing the best dance classes for your dancers.