

# FEBRUARY 2016 – MSD NEWSLETTER

**“SOMETHING MAGICAL” DANCE EXPRESS’S ANNUAL SPRING RECITAL:** Dance Express and Maria’s School of Dance, Competition dance groups are proud to present: *“Something Magical”*. Join us for a great afternoon of dance and entertainment! Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. The box office will open at 1:00pm. The show will be Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 2:00 pm, at the Alverson Center for Performing Arts.

**ATTENDANCE:** Many students have been missing classes. Please be aware that if a student misses regularly and cannot keep up with parts of the dance, they may not be choreographed into that part.

**HELP US KEEP THE STUDIO CLEAN: VERY IMPORTANT - NO STREET SHOES OR BOOTS ARE ALLOWED IN ANY OF THE DANCE ROOMS AT ANY TIME!** If you are invited to watch your dancer, please remove your shoes before you enter the dance room, or stand outside the doorway and observe. Please make sure all dancers leave their shoes & boots on the runners provided. The cubbies are for dance bags and back packs only. When muddy boots or shoes are placed in the cubbies it leaves mud and dirt so the next person cannot use it.

**IMPORTANT CHANGE IN PROCEEDURE- RECITAL PICTURES: RECITAL GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTO’S WILL BE TAKEN AT THE STUDIO - Friday, May 20th - Sunday, May 22nd. Each class will be assigned a scheduled time. It is important that all dancers show up for the group photo.** Photos will not be taken during dress rehearsal. Auditorium costs have increased tremendously this year. In order to keep from increasing recital ticket prices, we have made a few changes to keep those costs the same as last year.

**RECITAL MUSIC:** All of this year’s recital music is now available to purchase for dancers to practice. The cost is \$1.00 per instructor. Each instructor’s music is on a separate CD. Check with the desk.

**SENIOR NUMBER:** All graduating high school seniors are invited to participate in the senior number. Seniors will meet on Wednesdays, 3:15 - 4:15 pm starting April 13th. **If you are interested, please sign up at the desk no later than April 1st.** There will be no charge for this class. Dancers are responsible for choreography and costumes which must be approved by Carrie and/or Maria. Dance/costume must be complete by June 4th in order to perform in recital.

**ACCOUNT BALANCES:** ABSOLUTELY NO ONE WILL GO ON STAGE AT DRESS REHEARSAL, OR RECITAL WITH A BALANCE ON HIS OR HER ACCOUNT. ALL BALANCES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY June 1st. Payments after June 1st MUST BE MADE WITH CARRIE OR CONNIE ONLY. Dancers with balances will NOT be allowed on stage at dress rehearsal. Even if they are there in costume and promise that their mom or dad will be back to pay later that evening. If a dancer is scheduled to go on stage and their balance is not paid off by that time, they will not go on stage. you will be responsible for your costume.

**LATE CHARGES AND COSTUME BALANCES:** All accounts must be paid up to date and in order for your child to receive his or her costume. Tuition is due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Late fees are applied on the 11<sup>th</sup> of each month. Costumes are now beginning to arrive. Please be aware that costumes will not be allowed to go home with any dancer that has a past due balance of any kind. Also, all costume balances were due in full on December 31. If your tuition becomes past due, your child may not be allowed to participate in class until it is brought up to date. If you are past due, please pay immediately, or contact Carrie with arrangements.

**SUMMER CLASSES:** The summer class schedule will be available the beginning of March! Be sure to watch for it!!

**MICHIGAN’S ADVENTURE:** MSD is planning a year end celebration at Michigan’s Adventure! We are going on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> rain or shine. Prices will be determined when MA publishes their ticket prices. Included are your park entry ticket, bar-b-que in a private pavilion, and an all-day drink pass. Mark your calendars & we will give you prices and deadlines as soon as we have them! The bar-b-que will only be available for those that purchase their tickets through MSD.

**OPENER & CLOSER:** The Opener and Closer will perform in all four shows, dances will meet Saturdays, April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, June 4, 11. Rehearsals will be between the hours of 1pm - 5/6pm most days. June 4th is tentatively scheduled for 10am-2pm. This is a very important blocking rehearsal on stage so it is imperative that dancers are present. This year’s Opener is “Teen Beach Party” and will be a selection of singing, and dancing. The Closer will also be “Rio”, which will consist of many forms of dance. The cost for the Opener and Closer is \$30 each. Or \$55/family (one number) \$105/family (both numbers) Both Opener and Closer are open to all dancers ages 8 and up with 2 years’ experience AND/OR instructor approval. Sign up will begin February 1st. Both Opener and Closer are open to all dancers ages 8 and up with 2 years’ experience AND/OR instructor approval. Sign up will begin February 1st.

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**Dance Workshops/Master Classes:** ALL MSD students ages 8 and up are welcome and strongly encouraged to take advantage of master classes. Workshop classes are taught by professional instructors! Classes will be offered in all areas of dance, students can also choose classes in singing and acting. This opportunity is available to all students, even those that are not interested in competition can gain valuable experience from attending these workshops! If interested, please ask at the desk. See below for date and cost details.

<p><b><u>Hollywood Vibe</u></b> February 27 - 28 <b><u>Location:</u></b> Adobe Hotel 600 Town Center Dr. Room Rate: \$125.00 Phone: 313-592-3622</p> <p><b><u>Workshop Fees:</u></b> Ages 6-8 (One Day) -\$120.00 Ages 9 and up (Two Days) - \$250.00</p>	<p><b><u>Access Broadway</u></b> March 13th <b><u>Location:</u></b> Somerset Inn 2601 W. Big Beaver Troy, MI 48084 Phone: 844-396-4192</p> <p><b><u>Dance or Acting Workshops. (Acting ages 12 and up).</u></b> Workshop fees: Core Workshop (2 Classes/all ages) - One day only: \$60.00 Acting ages 12 &amp; up Dance (7 and up): \$120.00</p>
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**DRESS REHEARSAL CONFLICTS:** Dress rehearsal will be Monday, June 13th 9am-6pm, and Tuesday, June 14th 10am to 9pm. Dress Rehearsal is MANDATORY. Students not attending dress rehearsal will not be allowed to perform in the recital. We make every possible attempt to work around everyone's schedule as long as the requests are reasonable. We will be taking dress rehearsal conflicts/requests now through March 31st. You must write down your name, dancers name, dancer's dance titles, date request submitted AND THE REASON for the request/conflict. This must be sent to [maria@mariasschoolofdance.com](mailto:maria@mariasschoolofdance.com). Only requests made to this email will be considered. Requests will be honored in the order they are received. DO NOT request to have all classes on one night. We cannot accommodate all families in this way. After the dress rehearsal schedule is published, it CANNOT be changed.

**DANCE EXPRESS 2016-2017 AUDITIONS:** Mark your calendars - auditions for Dance Express 2016 – 2017 will be held at the studio Sunday, June 12th. Details will be available in April. This a wonderful opportunity for your dancer to take their dance to the next level. Dance Express members attend workshops and master classes with the industries best and brightest stars.

**SUMMER CLASSES:** - Our summer dance schedule is now available. See the desk for complete schedule and information.