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The Dance Force

Monthly Newsletter



We Need Your Help!

As of February 1st, there are many accounts with late account balances.

The costs of running a studio are extraordinary. If you're behind and you've made arrangements, then great! Otherwise,

please visit the parent portal and ensure that your payments are up-to-date. **Late fees (per month) will be applied to missed or late payments for the remainder of the year.**

As per the registration agreement, pay in full, pay monthly with a credit card, or provide the studio with post-dated cheques.

If credit cards decline, if the studio does not have cheques, not only does this create administrative hiccups, but also may result in disruptions to your dance services, and we'd like to avoid that! Thanks Very Much! - WDF

Greetings Dance Parents! You are receiving this newsletter because you currently have an active account with Winnipeg Dance Force, and/or are registered for classes. WDF will be sending this newsletter to parents monthly where you will find out information for the upcoming months and season. This newsletter will also be posted on the website at www.winnipegdanceforce.com. The majority of the communication you receive from WDF will be in the form of emails. If you have any questions, you can address them via email: info@winnipegdanceforce.com or in-person at the WDF administration desk.

Save the Date!

Dance Recital

March 14th
ONLY PRE-COMP
and COMP
STUDENTS*. If
interested in our
programming, please
attend! ☺

Valentines Day!

Thursday, Feb. 14th
Wear RED to class,
and get ready to move
and express your
LOVE for DANCE!!

No Classes

February 18th
It's Louis Riel day
in Manitoba – a
chance to catch your
breath and spend
time with family!
No classes at WDF.

Costumes Forthcoming! – *Now*

We are in the midst of appropriating, and receiving HUNDREDS of performance and recital costumes for our pre-competitive, competitive divisions, and recreational divisions.

Pre-Comp/Comp costumes will arrive first. Of course, we cannot receive all of the costumes at once – it's a process. Once we receive costumes, we need to inspect each one, then we check our manifests against what we ordered, and the sizes we recorded at the studio in October. Then we process each costume for exchange, duty, shipping, applicable taxes etc.

Once we complete processing, we need to apply the balance owing (after deposits) to each and every student's account.

The process of applying costumes balances will commence immediately, and will continue through to April and May as costumes continue to arrive throughout the coming months.



Musical Theatre Class Rocks Matilda 1/27/19

As a reward for Musical Theatre enrollment, the WDF Musical Theatre class was treated to attending the award-winning, sold-out musical MATILDA at the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre, and everyone had a blast.

The show was terrific and exemplified elements of the many styles of dance, acting, and singing necessary to pursuing professional performance opportunities.

WDF Directors strongly encourage everyone attending classes at Dance Force to enroll in Musical Theatre. 1) MT is fun! 2) MT opens doors to new skills and new horizons and new confidence! 3) MT and the skills acquired is one of the only legitimate way to make a living as a performer in Canada! Want to make all this investment in dance classes count one day?

Enroll in Musical Theatre!

WDF Students To Attend NUVO Dance Convention and Competition in Minneapolis 2/22/2019

“Break A Leg!” as they say in the biz...to those parents and students who are travelling to MN this month to immerse themselves in 3-4 days of amazing classes, and a bit of dance competition!

As we've worked with these young dancers for the past few months (and years) we've had a blast! We're so proud of our dancers for all their hard work, and as some of them kick off their season here this month – we want to remind everyone to travel safe!

Enjoy this educational experience...and most importantly – HAVE FUN! PS - TEAM JACKETS ARRIVE ON FEB 20th! ☺☺☺

2019/2020 New Loyalty Program!!

We're happy to announce a new loyalty program for returning students!

Although tuition rates will see a rise next year due to higher operating costs, returning students will see a reduced rate, as our way of saying thanks for your loyalty!

Some conditions do apply: Students need to be pre-registered by May 30th, 2019. Pre-registration will commence May 1st, 2019 and will be available online.

Congratulations

From years of performing in the industry, WDF Directors do have connections, and from time to time, they call on us to help!

Congratulations to WDF student Brienna Ward who BOOKED IT, and pulled off a fabulous stunt on a locally produced television series. We hope you had a great time Brienna!

Contest!

You could **WIN a \$500 TRAVEL PACKAGE** from Winnipeg Dance Force and TPI Wander Off Travel! Details are further in this newsletter! Some conditions apply! Check it out!

Important Studio Dates

September 17th-22nd : Bring a friend to class week!

Saturday, September 22nd : WDF Competitive Student Fundraising Committee meeting! 3:00pm. *All full-time competitive student parents wanting to participate in fundraising will need to be in attendance.*

Monday, October 8th: No Classes. Happy Thanksgiving!

Wednesday October 31st : Halloween. No Classes.

Monday, November 12th: Remembrance Day. No classes

Sunday, December 16th: WDF Christmas Spectacular! @TBD w/All WDF Students. 11:00am Dress Rehearsal. Showtime is @2:00pm. Tickets go on Sale Sunday November 18th @10:00am. www.winnipegdanceforce.com

December 17th-January-6th: Christmas Break! Last Day of classes is Saturday, December 16th. Classes resume on Monday January 7th, 2019.

February 18th- Louis Riel Day. No Classes

February 22nd-24th : Nuvo Dance Convention & Competition in Minneapolis, Mn.
(Convention & Competition for any WDF Full-time Comp students wanting to attend).

Thursday, March 14th: WDF Showcase at Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre. Tickets go on sale Sunday, February 17th @10:00am. **If you are enrolled in a "workshop" – this means you!**

March- 20th-23rd : Move Dance Competition @ The Winnipeg Convention Centre (All WDF competitive & pre-competitive students.)

Saturday March 23rd- Sunday, March 31st : Spring Break! No Classes.

Friday March 22nd is the last day of classes. Classes resume Monday April 1st.

April 22nd -28th: Canadian Nationals Dance Competition @The Winnipeg Convention Centre. (All WDF competitive & pre-competitive students.)

May 3rd -5th : Midwest Starz Dance Competition in Fargo (All WDF full-time competitive students.)

May 18th – 22nd : Dance Canada @ The Centennial Concert Hall. (All WDF competitive & pre-comp students.)

May 20th- Victoria Day. No Classes

May 21st- 24th: Photo week @WDF (all students take a class photo in their recital costume). This date will be confirmed closer to.

***Saturday, June 22nd, 2019**: WDF Year-End Recital @ The Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre. (All WDF Students.) Tickets go on Sale May 26th @10:00am. www.winnipegdanceforce.com



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If your child is enrolled in a **workshop class**, this means your child is on the **WDF Performance Team**.

(Pre-Competitive/Competitive).

Your child will be performing in the **SPRING SHOWCASE** on **Thursday, March 14th** at the **Seven Oaks Performing Centre**.

Tickets go ON SALE at 10:00am on Sunday, February 17th.

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This recital showcases all of the performance costumes, and additional choreography (solos/duos/trios/groups).

This recital is **MANDATORY** for **WDF Performance Team Members**.

Because recitals are expensive to produce (and there will be less ticket sales) tickets need to be priced at \$34.50/per to make this event possible.

Important Studio Dates – Competitive Teams

*Please Note: Rather than requiring payment upfront for all competitions etc, we have attempted to space payments out for WDF families as best we can to help alleviate competition entry fees and choreography fees. Because of this, some deadlines are tight. Please be prompt with payment. ***This schedule is subject to change.*

September 17-22- – Bring a friend to class week. Competitive students may bring a friend and join in with them on a Pre-teen or Teen class!

Saturday, September 22: WDF Fundraising Committee m 3:00pm.

Wednesday, October 3rd: **This is the deadline for competitive invite acceptances.** Please hand the bottom portion of your invite paper (available in the parent portal) (signed) to WDF administration as soon as possible. 1- ½ Choreography fees for additional invites are due at commencement of rehearsals. (Schedule to be posted). **All competitive and pre-comp students should hand in a competitive agreement.**

Monday, October 8: No Classes. Happy Thanksgiving!

Saturday, October 7-15: **1- ½ Choreography Payments due!** for additional invites.

Saturday October 28- WDF Full-Time Comp Student Fundraiser @ Rossmere Lanes

Friday, November 2: Additional Invite Costume Deposits Due.

Monday, November 12: No Classes.

Friday, November 16: **Nuvo Dance Convention & Competition fees are due.** (Convention & Competition is optional for any WDF Full-time Comp students wanting to attend). **Register by November 9.** Funds collected will be sent via courier the following Monday. Please be prompt with payment. ☺ November 10: Meeting. TBA

Friday, December 14: **Move Dance Competition Fees Are Due. Midwest Starz Competition Fees Are Due. (U.S Funds).** Funds collected will be sent via courier the following Monday. Please be prompt with payment. ☺

***Sunday, December 16:** WDF Christmas Spectacular! @ the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute in the Jubilee Auditorium. Tickets on sale: November 18- @10:00am. Bake Sale! 50/50! SANTA!

December 17-January-6: Christmas Break! - Last Day of classes is Saturday December 15th. Classes resume on Monday January 7, 2019.

Friday, January 18th: **Canadian National Dance Competition fees are due.** Funds collected will be sent via courier the following Monday. Please be prompt with payment. ☺

Friday, February 1st: **2nd Choreography Payments are due!** (2nd half of choreography).

Friday, February 15th: **Dance Canada Entry Fees are Due.** Funds collected will be sent via courier the following Monday. Please be prompt with payment. ☺

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Winnipeg Dance Force together with
TPI Wander Off Travel presents...

WIN

A Travel Package Worth

\$500!!

TO ENTER, you simply need to post on **INSTAGRAM OR FACEBOOK**, "SOMETHING YOU LOVE ABOUT WDF!": The location, a dedicated teacher, a fellow student, the dance rooms, a performance number you're working on, incredible choreography, a great correction you receive, a class you love, a WDF parent who drives you to dance every day, the fact that the studio emails everyone on their birthdays, a certain dance day ("I love the smell of "Pine-sol Tuesdays" at WDF!")...whatever!!!

The more times you "enter/post" the better your chances. One post will enter you into the contest however, **the top 5 people with the most posts** (everyone tracks the number of posts they make, and we verify), **will be entered into the draw for a \$500 travel package courtesy of WDF and TPI.** As classes and experiences at WDF are ongoing, there should be no shortage of great and positive things to post!

Each post on Instagram must contain "@wdanceforce & @wander_offtravel"
Each post on Facebook must contain "@wpgdanceforce & @WanderOffTPI"

Participants must be currently enrolled in classes at WDF.

Certain Terms and Conditions Apply

Contest winner will be notified on Friday, March 22- at 10:00am! Get posting!!





Grateful

It's so valuable, that we have the WDF dance studio in our community - for our children to come together in a safe, nurturing, structured, and (dance) disciplined environment to participate in dance classes! The benefits of dance instruction are many!

We will continue to invest in the children at Winnipeg Dance Force to overcome, and excel – and of course we couldn't do that without all of our support from our parents, our wonderful faculty, the WDFFC, and our volunteers! So, thank you from your WDF Directors for choosing Winnipeg Dance Force as your dance destination. Continue to express your love for dance at WDF and reap the benefits!

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