

Starz Dancer

Denver Dance Starz Competition Team Newsletter

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Performances

Our first performances are now behind us and we are looking forward to many more performances and competitions ahead as our dance year continues! The residents so enjoyed the performances! Our dancers brought many smiles to their faces.

Our next performance is at Sunny Acres on Saturday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m. This performance will include: TWINKLE STARZ, SUPER STARZ, DAZZLING STARZ, STAR MAKERS, STAR DAZZLERS, STAR BRIGHTS, STAR LIGHTS, STAR STRIKERS, HOPE/EMMA, KAYLA/KADIN, SARAH/JAZMINE, SYDNEY/MARISSA/ASHLEY.

Reminders

This is a good time to remind you that ALL regular classes are extremely important. By now, dancers should begin to really KNOW the dance, feel comfortable with it every time they perform it and be using lots of personality. They should not look like they are still trying to LEARN or remember the steps. **This can only be achieved by regular weekly attendance - this includes being ON TIME AND staying for the ENTIRE CLASS!** This also applies to those dancers doing privates, as well as TECHNIQUE and BALLET classes. All dancers have received a copy of their music and should be practicing their routines at home on a regular basis.

Competition Info

We are just 3 weeks away from our first competition: Dance Champs on February 21-22 at Aurora Central High School in Aurora. We will not receive the schedule until approximately 1 week prior to the event and will forward this to you when we receive it.

Costume Stoning

We will have one more stoning session scheduled for Saturday, February 7 from 12-8 at the ANNEX. Dinner will be provided around 6:00. Snacks and drinks will be available throughout the day. Even if you can't make it for the entire time, please come for whatever you can. Please sign up at the front desk if you plan to attend, so we know how many to plan for. Please bring cash or checks to pay for any alterations due when picking up your costume.

In the event that we don't finish things up, tables and stoning accessories will be set up at the ANNEX and you will be able to work on costumes during the week. However, STONES and GLUE can NOT leave the studio.

Don't forget per the Competition Team Agreement: **All parents MUST volunteer a minimum of 2 hours to work on costumes.**

Competition Team Make-Up

DDS has a uniform way that ALL competition team dancers MUST wear their make-up for competitions and performances. DANCERS that are doing their OWN make-up MUST follow the make-up process. If you do NOT have a copy of this process, please check with the front desk to receive one. If you need a make-up kit or replacement make-up, see the front desk at the main studio. New make-up is now in. Also, although some of the packaging may look different, the colors are the same as we have been using, so don't be worried that we changed colors!

Starz Showcase

The annual Starz Showcase, spotlighting our solos, duets and trios will be held on Sunday, April 4 at 3:00 p.m. It will held at the Northglenn Rec Center. Tickets will be on sale March 15. The cost is \$6.00.

Accessory Bags

Very shortly, we will be giving you your dancer's "accessory bag" and costume checklist. Once you have received your accessories, they become your responsibility. We have very few extras, and may not have extras for everything. You will be charged for ALL LOST or BROKEN accessories. This includes tights, socks, earrings, chokers, gauntlets, gloves, shoe bows, sock sleeves, hair pieces, scrunchies, and anything else that is not actually attached to your costume. **You must wear the tights and socks you receive with your costume.** Please do NOT replace these with your own black or white socks, or other tights. They DO look different on stage. We also recommend that you purchase a spare pair of tights, just in case! If your jewelry breaks, it will be at the discretion of the staff, whether or not to charge for its replacement. Please handle jewelry carefully.

Privates, Small Groups, Super Groups: In an effort to do what we can to keep costume costs down, we have not included duplicate tights for these routines. If your costume is using the same tights as another costume you have, we did not duplicate and did not charge this in the costume cost.

Pictures

The DDS Yearbook staff is seeking pictures from performances and rehearsals that you may have taken. Please submit pictures on a CD to Trish or Thom Mestas.

We are also looking for pictures from WAY BACK! Has your dancer been at DDS since the beginning? If so, we want your pictures from classes, recitals, performances and competitions, etc. The best format is on a CD, however, if they are the "old-fashioned" print kind, you can give them to us and we will scan and return them to you.

Studio Merchandise

Attached is the 2009 Studio Merchandise order form. If you would like to order garment bags, backpacks, magnetics, denim shirts, etc. Please submit your order by February 14.

KAR Kids Fundraisers

The 2009 KAR Kids participants have several fundraisers going on in the next few months:

- Hoodies
- Parent's Night Out
- Tailgate Concessions

Your support of these events will be greatly appreciated by the 9 dancers attending the convention this year. If these events prove to be successful, they may be added to the fundraisers done by the Booster Club or Scholarship Committee in the future. Watch for more info as each fundraiser gets closer.

In the Know

Parents are REMINDED that it's YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to stay informed on ALL the latest info regarding performances, costumes, extra rehearsals, etc. Please do NOT rely on your dancer (no matter how old they are) as they do not always communicate information.

It is important that you stop into the studio on a weekly basis to check up on what's going on. You can also **consult the website, your group moms or e-mail me for all the latest info.**

DDS Alumni

In honor of our 10th anniversary, we will present a DDS alumni dance in the recital this year. If you know any DDS alumni or have contact with any DDS alumni, please let them know about this and have them contact the studio via e-mail. Miss Rachael will choreograph the dance and rehearsals will probably begin in April.

Important Dates

February 7	12:00-8:00	Costume Storing
February 14		MANDATORY Rehearsals
February 21-22	TBA	Dance Champs Competition
February 28	2:00	Performance at Sunny Acres
March 13-14	TBA	Spotlight Competition
April 5	3:00	Starz Showcase
May 8-14	TBA	MANDATORY Rehearsals
May 15-17	TBA	KAR Competition

Good LUCK at Dance Champs!