

Spotlight News



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our two September Dancers of the Month: Makayla Houck and Jocelyn Kunz. Both girls were presented The Spotlight Dancer of the Month dance bag during their regular weekly lesson.

Inclement Weather

Studio closings due to inclement weather are posted on our website: www.spotlightx2.com and announced on Twitter. Stay current with announcements and weather cancellations. Simply register at twitter.com and follow @spotlightx2 to receive the latest tweets.

Studio Jackets

Just in time for Christmas... the Spotlight Studio Jacket! The jacket is royal blue and features the studio logo rhinestoned on the back. Dancers may choose to have their name embroidered on the front as well. Jackets are \$65 each. Complete the below order form and return to Miss Adonica on or before Monday, November 21.

Spotlight Studio Jacket Order Form

Dancer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

Size: SC MC LC XSA SA MA LA

Print the name to be embroidered on front: _____

Is this a Christmas Present? _____

From the Desk of Miss Adonica

As we approach our third month of lessons, I am pleased with the amount of growth I see in the students. I am amazed at how well our young dancers retain information. One of my favorite parts of my day is listening to my three-year-old students shout ballet terms at the top of their lungs. As they bend their knees and round their arms, their mouths scream various words in French. How rewarding! We also skip and gallop with fun ribbons and hoops, learning life skills such as: how to take turns, how to stand in line, and how to share.

The KinderCombo and MiniDance students have been busy learning ballet terms and basic tap rhythms, but most importantly they are learning how to behave as dance students. We have learned how to cross the floor in lines, how to stand at the ballet barre, and how to execute skills in groups. We were even able to demonstrate formation changes in our Family Night routine. This goal was accomplished months ahead of schedule.

Beginner and Intermediate level students have mastered basic fundamentals, and we are now learning how to combine a list of skills in short and long patterns. Students are learning a new element or trick at each lesson, and after practicing this new move, we are encouraged to present it in a pattern with previously mastered skills. The dancers are becoming familiar with this approach of learning, and we are now using it in various methods of development: in the center of the dance floor, with the whole class, across the floor with small groups, or from the corner with a partner or individually.

At the highest level of instruction, our Junior and Senior students are encouraged to learn short and long combinations within a couple of minutes. They are given 16 to 32 counts of choreography to learn very quickly, which the students are expected to present in small groups. Students at this caliber love sharing their mastered skills with their peers and are learning auditioning skills. The Junior and Senior level students are not only learning advanced skills, but they are learning how to present previously mastered material without any demonstration. I have been able to compile a list of moves I would like for them to be able to present without demonstrating. It is highly rewarding to watch students use their terminology.

The dance season is off to a great start, and the faculty and I are planning the Spring Finale. We hope to see continued strong attendance at our weekly lessons, so we can showcase a rewarding and entertaining Spring Finale for the dancers and their families.

Working together... ~ Miss Adonica

Happy Thanksgiving

The Spotlight School of Dance will be closed Tuesday, November 22 through Sunday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes resume Monday, November 28. Enjoy the holiday with family and friends!

Tastefully Simple Fundraiser

The Tastefully Simple Fundraising Packets will go home with students in early November. Participating students receive a 20% commission, which is directly deposited into their costume savings accounts.

One-By-One

Many students have already requested a place in our annual One-By-One Solo and Duet Exhibition. The number of private lessons this season will be limited, and we encourage prospect students to reserve their spots today. A \$20 deposit is required to hold a spot. Solo fees are \$200 and duos/trios are \$125/dancer this season. One-By-One is perfect for dancers wishing to nurture technique, address challenges, and study choreography. Competition students often use their routine as a competitive solo in local Bill Riley Talent Contests and in dance competitions the following season. Register for a spot today! Miss Adonica only has a few spots remaining.

Calendar Check

NOVEMBER

November 11: Adonica's Dance Slumber Party

November 22-27: Thanksgiving Break

Both studios CLOSED. Celebrate Thanks!

November 28: Classes resume

DECEMBER

December 3&4: Company: Hollywood Vibe

December 22 thru January 3, 2011: Winter Break

Both studios CLOSED.

JANUARY

January 4: Classes resume

January 15: Company: Local Preview Show

January 20-22: Company: DMA Competition

MARCH

March 3&4: Company: Midwest Starz Contest

March 10: Company: Symposium Contest

March 12-15: Costume Distribution Week

March 16-25: Spring Break

March 26: Classes resume

APRIL

April 1: Creston Pictures: Location TBA

April 4: Corning Pictures: Extreme Images

April 21&22: Block Stage Rehearsals

April 23&24: Dress Rehearsals

April 27&28: Season Finale: Recitals

MAY

May 7: 1x1 Rehearsals Begin (Register NOW!)

JUNE

June 1: 1x1 and Spirit Camp Showcase

Calendar subject to change.

View the calendar: www.spotlightx2.com

Fundraisers

We take pride in our professional Season Finale performed every Spring. This season will conclude with a showcase performed in cost-friendly uniforms. We realize many students will perform multiple numbers in the Season Finale and multiple uniforms may be necessary. To aid students with this expense, we have organized a few fundraisers. Students just completed the Butterbraid fundraiser, and dancers will sell Tastefully Simple products in November. Fundraising profits directly deposit into participants' uniform accounts. In seasons past, students have been able to use fundraisers to pay for uniforms in full. All fundraisers are optional.

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Dear Parents,

In our October newsletter I mentioned our recital procedure will change at the end of this season. I proposed a two-part recital featuring all our students from both locations in two different age categories, a Young Children's Recital and a Main Show.

This decision was based on our growing student body and audience attendance. Our recent Family Night showcase reminded me that our audience is outgrowing our venue.

After further consideration and listening to suggestions made by parents and faculty, I have decided to organize our recital into three parts. Our Corning students will have their own show on Friday night, April 27 at 7pm. Our Creston students will have two separate shows divided by age levels.

Creston students participating in Predance, Kindercombo, Mindance, Mini Hip Hop, Mini Pom, Tumble Tots and Beginner Acro will be showcased in the Children's Matinee at noon on Saturday, April 28. All other classes held at our Creston location will perform the same show twice on Saturday evening, April 28 at 4pm and 7pm. The Company dancers will be featured in all four shows; our Pointe dancers and Senior solos will perform in all three evening shows.

I believe that featuring our younger dancers in their own show will foster an even more entertaining recital. Students will have more space in dressing rooms, offering a calmer backstage environment.

I look forward to this change, and I believe our season finale will again showcase our students in a most rewarding production.

Comments, concerns and kudos are always welcome. Please contact me at dance@spotlightx2.com or 641.782.6058 anytime. The faculty and I appreciate parental support.

Thank you!

~ Miss Adonica

Order of Performance - Recitals 2012: Draft 1

CORNING RECITAL

Friday, April 27 at 7p at SWCC

1. Int-Sr Jazz
2. Beginner Tap
3. Kinderballet 4p
4. Int-Sr Tap
5. Preballet AM
6. Beginner Ballet
7. Kindertap 4p
8. Int-Sr Ballet
9. Beginner Jazz
10. Pretap AM
11. Kinderballet 5p
12. Danielle Schafroth Solo
13. Beginner Lyrical
14. Kindertap 5p
15. Jr-Sr Hip Hop

INTERMISSION – Butterflies

16. Advanced Acro
17. Tumble Tots
18. Beginner Acro
19. Intermediate Acro
20. Pointe
21. Mini Hip Hop
22. Preballet PM
23. Haley Fiegenbutz Solo
24. Mini Pom
25. Jr-Sr Lyrical
26. Pretap PM
27. Special Feature 1
28. Special Feature 2
29. Senior Company
30. Petite Company
31. Junior Company
32. Senior Salute
33. Finale

CRESTON MAIN SHOW

Saturday, April 28 at 4p and 7p at SWCC

1. Senior Jazz
2. Junior Contemporary
3. Intermediate Ballet
4. Beginner Jazz
5. Senior Ballet
6. Junior Lyrical
7. Intermediate Jazz
8. Beginner Tap
9. Senior Tap
10. Junior Ballet
11. Intermediate Tap
12. Beginner Ballet
13. Advanced Acro Tuesday
14. Junior Pom
15. Beg/Int Lyrical
16. Danielle Schafroth Solo
17. Senior Hip Hop
18. Intermediate Acro
19. Boyz Hip Hop
20. Jr/Sr Broadway

INTERMISSION – Butterflies

21. Pointe
22. Intermediate Hip Hop
23. Haley Fiegenbutz Solo
24. Junior Hip Hop
25. Senior Lyrical
26. Junior Tap
27. Advanced Acro Wednesday
28. Junior Jazz
29. Senior Contemporary
30. Intermediate Pom
31. Aerial Acro
32. Special Feature 1
33. Special Feature 2
34. Senior Company
35. Petite Company
36. Junior Company
37. Senior Salute
38. Finale

CRESTON CHILDREN'S MATINEE

Saturday, April 28 at 12 Noon at SWCC

1. Minitap Thursday
2. Preballet Monday
3. Kindertap Monday
4. Miniballet Thursday
5. Pretap Monday
6. Kinderballet Monday
7. Minitap Wednesday
8. Kindertap Thursday
9. Preballet PM
10. Miniballet Wednesday
11. Kinderballet Thursday
12. Pretap AM
13. Beginner Acro Monday
14. Beginner Acro Tuesday
15. Beginner Acro Wednesday
16. Tumble Tots Tuesday
17. Tumble Tots Wednesday
18. Pretap PM
19. Mini Hip Hop
20. Preballet AM
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22. Special Feature
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Family Night Success

Kudos to all the students on your performances during our annual Family Night Demonstration. Your teachers and parents are so very proud of you! Well done dancers. We are all looking forward to your performances at your spring recital in April.

20% Off All Dance Supplies

The Dance Boutique will host its annual Christmas Sale during the week of November 14-19, 2011. Purchase any dance apparel or dance shoes at a 20% discount.