

Dance Expressions, LLC

August 2011

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Important event dates for the season may also be seen on our website at www.danceexpressions.net

9/3 to 9/5/2011
Labor Day Holiday*

11/21 to 11/26/2011
Thanksgiving Break*

12/2011 Date TBA
Peppermint Showcase

12/19/2011 to 01/02/2012
Winter Break*

3/12 to 3/17/2012
Spring Break*

4/6 to 4/7/2012
Easter Break*

5/2012 Date TBA
Spring Demonstration

05/28/2012
Memorial Day Holiday*

06/9 to 6/10/2012
Recital Performance
Stafford Center

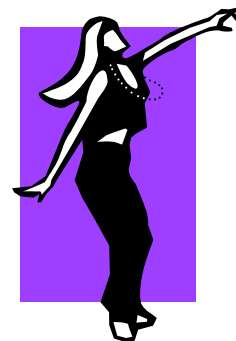
No classes will be held on these days.
Tuition will be the same regardless of holidays.
(See Tuition/Billing Policy)

Welcome!

Welcome to the Fall 2011 Dance Season! The studio will be closed for Labor Day Holiday on Monday, September 5. No classes or rehearsals will be held on that day.

One of our main communication methods is this newsletter, which will be emailed to you each month. Please make sure you read it to keep up to date on deadlines and activities of the school. Please see the front desk if some reason you don't get a newsletter or would like a printed one.

You may also check the bulletin boards for the latest dates and deadlines. Also, please visit our website for important event dates, deadlines and studio holidays. Our website can be found at www.danceexpressions.net.



Recital Dates

This season will mark the 15th anniversary of Dance Expressions. *The Wizard Of Oz* was Dance Expressions first Formal/Storyline recital and in honor of our anniversary we will be doing *The Wiz!* All recital classes will participate in the storyline and we will be holding Main and Featured Role auditions in the Fall. Dancers must enroll by October 1st in order to audition for a main part. More information on part requirements for auditions will be available in the September newsletter.

This year's recital will be on **Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10, 2012** with dress rehearsal in the morning and performance in the evening. Each class will be in one or both shows. Please save the dates because show lineup wont be announced until November.

Creative Dance and Primary Classes will have a Christmas performance at our **Peppermint Showcase** on December 11th and will participate in the June recital.

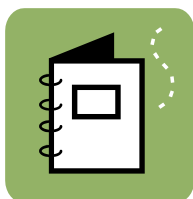
Parking Lot Safety

Because we have such a large student population and we share the strip center with other vendors, it is especially important to keep the drive beside the studio clear and moving.

Do not block the drive on the side of the studio while waiting to pick your dancer up and do not double park. If you must exit your vehicle for any reason, you may park on the right side, against the building **only**. Additional parking is available at the rear of the building and in front of the strip.

If you park in the rear of the building, we have a rear entrance that you are welcome to use. Please park your vehicle when dropping your dancer and keep safety rules in mind, especially after dark.

Also, please remember that is our policy not to let students wait outside for their parents. Students are instructed by staff to stay inside and watch from the window to ensure their safety.



Dance Expressions' Instructors, Dancers and their Families Take Trip to New York



In July, fifty-six Dance Expressions Instructors, Dancers and their families spent four days touring New York City. It was a fun and exciting trip and everyone really enjoyed the trip.

Upon arrival, the group took a bus to Times Square for some shopping and lunch at Bubba Gump's. After lunch, the group went to tour the famous Lincoln Center, which is the cultural hub for Performing Arts in New York City. After a drive by Central Park, the group ate at Sylvia's Soul Food in Harlem and dined family style. We wrapped up the evening with a gorgeous view of New York City at night atop a 3-tiered observation deck on the 67th, 69th, and 70th floors of Rockefeller Centre.

The next day the group was up early for dance classes at Broadway Dance Center. The dancers REALLY enjoyed taking classes at the Center. While the dancers took class, the rest took time to explore some of the local sights. After lunch, group went to Rockefeller Center to shop, shopped on Fifth Avenue, and had tours of Radio City Music Hall and NBC studios. Everyone was able to see many famous locations along Fifth Avenue, including St Patrick's Cathedral and Central Park. The group met for dinner at Planet Hollywood in Times Square and then it was on the spectacular musical, **Lion King!** Then, afterward, the entire group took a group picture right in the middle of Times Square!

On Wednesday, the group went to the Battery Park, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. The highlight was being able to go into the pedestal viewing area at the Statue of Liberty which, due to security restrictions, we were unable to do on our last trip. Chinatown and Little Italy was the next stop and after lunch and shopping, the group went back to Times Square for shopping and dinner on our own. After that we saw the breathtaking musical, **Wicked**, where we were able to see Friendswood native, Katie Rose Clarke, in the lead role of *Glinda, the Good Witch*. Katie met us at the Stage Door afterwards to sign autographs and take pictures.

The last day, the group went to another dance class. This time the class was instructed by cast members of the musical, **Wicked**, who taught the group dances from the musical. After that, we went to the South Street Seaport for some lunch and shopping, and then it was time for most to head home.

Most of those dancing agreed that taking classes in New York City was the best part of the trip and many are hoping to go on the next trip planned for Dance Expressions dancers in June 2013. You will receive more details about this trip as information is available.

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Dance Expressions Instructor Continue Training in New York

During the studio trip to New York, several instructors remained behind to attend the three day **Dance Teacher Summit NYC 2011**. The Dance Teacher Summit is a fantastic mix of movement sessions, seminars and workshops led by top master teachers and is the largest of it's kind.



A main focus of the **Dance Teacher Summit** is to provide the attendees with essential advice, innovative ideas and practical information for being involved in dance. They attend informative seminars that include multi-media presentations, round-table discussions, interactive panels and expert guest speakers including legends Luigi, Frank Hatchett & Jacques D'amboise.

Instructors attending the **Dance Teacher Summit** were Becky Caudle, Megan Merrow, Jennifer Smith, Angela Somogyi and Jade Whitmire-McGovern.

Congratulations to Ms Tricia on the New Addition To Her Family



Instructor, Ms Tricia, and her family welcomed new baby, Crew to their family on Wednesday, July 13, 2011, at 1:33 am by C-Section. He was 8 lbs. 11 oz. and 19.5 inches. Both are doing very well.

Ms Tricia's technique classes will have a substitute instructor until her return at the beginning of September and her competition teams will be on hold until then.

Dance Expressions Mommy & Me Classes for 18 months-3years

Tuesday, August 16 - 10:30-11:00am (This will be the last Summer class)

Tuesdays 4:45-5:15pm with Ms Dawn

Thursdays 10:30-11:00am with Ms Dawn (beginning August 25)



With Mommy (or another close family member) close by, students will learn the basics of creative dance, ballet, and music. Students engage in hands-on movement activities that develop coordination, recognizing music and rhythms, counting, timing, and self-confidence.

Students learn to stretch and dance through the use of exciting props such as dance scarves, rhythm sticks, and ribbon sticks. Moms love this opportunity to be a part of their child's dance education.

Classes are on a "drop in" basis and are \$10 per class for credit card or \$8 per class for cash. Visit our website's Mommy & me page for the most current information about this class.

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Borrow Box

As a courtesy to our dancers, we offer the Borrow Box. The box is a white toy chest located by the front desk and contain dance shoes in a variety of styles and sizes. Dancers may take any dance shoes in the box and can either keep or borrow them. Dancers may also donate any dance shoes they are no longer using.



Contact The Director

If you have questions or comments for Jennifer Smith, Director, the best way to reach her is through e-mail. Many of you have found this is a great way to get personal attention, and to have a full and complete response from Jennifer. The email address is Jennifer@danceexpressions.net.

Referral Credits

Invite all your friends to dance at Dance Expressions! Your account will get a \$25 tuition credit for **each new student** that registers and pays their registration fee and first months tuition. Please see front desk for more details.



August Birthdays

Callie F	8/2	Jessica L	8/29
Morgan M	8/2	Bailey M	8/30
Lauren V	8/2	Kasey D	8/31
Karmen H	8/4	Emily M	8/31
Kristen F	8/7	Molly S	8/31
Mallory P	8/14		
Brooklyn K	8/15	<u>Instructors</u>	
Nicole K	8/16	Ms Angie	8/9
Layne P	8/19		
Claire M	8/25		
Kami H	8/27		

