

FCDA NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2014

Happy New Year and welcome back to dance at FCDA!

REGISTRATION

Classes have resumed starting on Monday January 6th. We are still accepting registrations up until the end of January! Please visit the front desk or call 416-916-3687 to check for availability in our classes.

ADULT CLASSES

We are happy to announce that we have added a few new adult classes to our schedule! Classes will be running for 8 week sessions with the cost being \$120+tax for the session. Please see below for descriptions. Trial classes are available for \$15+tax per class. Please visit the front desk during office hours to reserve your spot!

I Got Rhythm Tap Classes

This term we will be focusing on the classics – Time Steps, Maxi-fords and the national anthem of tap dance: the Shim Sham! This class will continue to build on the foundation of the basics while expanding your vocabulary and sharpening your improve skills.

When: Mondays 8:45pm-9:45pm Jan 13-March 17 (no class Feb 17th and March 10th)

Adult Hip Hop

Looking for a new and interesting way to exercise? Come join our adult hip hop class to learn some hip and trendy moves. Dancing to music hits of today this class is energetic and stylized. Whether you are looking to learn some new moves to bust out at your next social gathering or if you are searching for a great way to break a sweat this class is the perfect fit for you! All levels welcome.

When: Thursdays 8:15-9:15pm (Jan 23-March 20) (no class March 13th)

Adult Ballet- Beg/Int

Ballet is a fantastic way to improve posture, flexibility and grace. Time will be spent at the barre, working on balance, stretching and strengthening. The remainder of the class dancers will be working on combinations and progressions centre floor, focusing on technique, postural alignment and coordination. Experience the elegance and poise of a prima ballerina as you plié and jeté into 2014!

When: Tuesdays 8:45-9:45pm (Jan 21-March 18) (no class March 11th)

BRING A FRIEND WEEK

Bring a friend week is fast approaching! Students can bring 1 friend of the same age range, who does not already take class at FCDA to their classes during this week. If dancers bring a friend their name and their friend's name both get entered into a draw for a **chance to win a free iPad!**

Bring a Friend is running from **Monday January 13th-Sunday January 19th, 2014** with the exception of ballet classes which will have their Bring a Friend the following week (Monday January 20th-Sunday January 26th).

Waivers for friends must be signed in order for friends to participate in the class, and to be eligible for the iPad draw.

BALLET MOCK EXAMS

Ballet mock exams will be occurring during the week of **Monday January 13th-Sunday January 19th, 2014 in class**. During this week students are expected to dress the same way they would for their ballet exam (proper bodysuit, tights, hair in a bun etc.). This is a great way for students to experience the atmosphere of an exam before their actual exam date. Students will receive feedback from teachers during class.

BALLET EXAMS

Exams are taking place **Monday January 27th-Wednesday January 29th**. Those students selected should already be aware of their examination times. Posted on the studio board is the exam schedule for the week. All times posted are final. Reminder: please arrive early with hair already done so that dancers have time to stretch and prepare before entering the examination.

NEW FACULTY

New this year on faculty we have the following teachers:

- Amy Lintunen - Tap, Contemporary, Lyrical
- Michelle Crossman - Hip Hop
- Lianne Tammi- Lyrical, Hip Hop
- Michelle Fox- Ballet, Pointe, Tickle Trunk
- Ashley Brodeur - Hip Hop, Jazz
- Leah Cameron - Ballet, Lyrical, Jazz, Tickle Trunk, Stars & Starlettes

We also have new front desk administrators. Please feel free to come in and introduce yourself to your friendly administrators: Fiona Green and Nicole Nouvion. If you have any questions they would be happy to assist you.

PARKING WITH SAFETY

Please remember to be extra cautious in the parking lot outside of the Academy, especially with the recent weather conditions. We are very fortunate to have a parking lot for pick up and drop off purposes; however FCDA is not responsible for the parking area. We advise parents to take their time while parking and look around for pedestrians. If you are walking in the parking lot please look around as well and use the sidewalk as much as possible. It is a small area which can get congested at times and we would like to avoid any accidents.

RAPTORS CREW PERFORMANCE

Our Crew teams will be performing at the Toronto Raptors game on **Wednesday January 22nd and Wednesday February 12th**! If you would like to attend and support our Crew dancers please visit the front desk or call the studio for more information on how to purchase tickets at our group rate.

50% OFF FCDA CLOTHING & LOCKERS

All FCDA clothing and lockers are being sold for **50% off** the regular rate! Sizes and lockers will go fast so be sure to visit the front desk soon to purchase these items. There will be no refunds or exchanges on these purchases.

NEW AND EXCITING NEWS: Credit Card Payments Online

Starting in March FCDA will be accepting credit card online payments for our current students when registering for classes for the next dance season. We will also continue to accept cash and cheques. More details to come.

ATTENDANCE

A reminder that class attendance is very important, especially now that show choreography has begun. Please call or email academy if your daughter/son will be absent.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Bring a Friend: January 13th-January 19th

Mock Ballet Exams (in class): January 13th-January 19th

Ballet Bring a Friend: January 20th-January 26th

Ballet Exams: Monday January 27th-Wednesday January 29th

Family Day Weekend (studio closed): Saturday February 15th-Monday February 17th

CREW auditions: Sunday March 2nd – Timeline TBA

March Break (Studio closed): Sunday March 9th-Sunday March 16th

Registration for 2014-2015 Season begins: Sunday March 23rd

ONLINE PORTAL

By visiting our online portal you can access your child's schedule, view your account information as well as update contact information. For first time users please follow the instructions below:

CUSTOMER PORTAL FIRST TIME LOGIN INSTRUCTIONS

In order to use the Customer Portal, you must have a valid email on file with us, and your email program must accept mail from info@frontandcentredance.com

Instructions for accessing the Customer Portal for the first time:

- Navigate to www.frontandcentredance.com and click on the "Portal" link located on the top right side of the homepage.
- You will be directed to a new window with our studio logo to the left and a boxed login area to the right. In the boxed area, enter the email address that you have on file with us at the studio and click on "I don't have or know my password." A password will be randomly created and sent to you immediately by email.
- Retrieve your temporary password from your email, then return to the login screen and log in to your secure personal account page.
- Change your password to something you will remember under the My Account tab. Be sure to click on the SAVE button whenever you've made changes.
- Click on a tabbed area (News, My Account, Fees & Payments, My Contacts, My Students, My Classes, Registration, Policies) to view detailed information or choose from the drop down list next to "I want to:"
- Be sure to log off after you've completed your session by clicking on the Sign Out link in the upper left corner of the main page.

IMPORTANT NOTES & TROUBLESHOOTING: If you click on the "I don't have or know my password" link and do not receive an automatically generated password in your email inbox, it is likely that the email address you've provided is not the one we have on file. Please contact us, so we can correct the email account associated with your account.

You may access your secure account via the Customer Portal link in our website at any time. Check the NEWS tab regularly for important news and upcoming events.

Looking forward to a great second half of the year!

-Front and Centre Staff