

Wainwright Dance Academy

April & May Newsletter 2016

WDA BOARD MEMBERS 2015-2016

Please contact the board through email at info@wainwrightdanceacademy.com. We will attempt to address all emails quickly. We are using Facebook for distributing information only. It is not being monitored regularly for questions or concerns so please forward questions to the above email.

Parents are also welcome to attend the beginning of our monthly board meetings to ask questions or voice concerns and/or opinions. The executives are fellow volunteer parents working to do what is best for the academy as a whole, and we value your input. The next WDA Board Meeting is on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 pm in the front studio basement.

President – Kari Walsh

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Festival/Recital Director – Cathy Stang

Fundraising Director – Dawn Smyl

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Costume Director – Brandi Hedin

Performance MaL – Connie Harris

Communication MaL – Heather Rentz

Administrative MaL – Brienne Doyle

*MaL – Member at Large

SPRING FUNDRAISERS INFO

RAFFLE TICKETS – Please return the completed raffle tickets to the locked grey fundraising box in the foyer (by shoe shelves) of the front studio by Tuesday, May 2. The draw date is Saturday, May 7.

RECITAL RAFFLE TABLE DONATIONS - We are very pleased to let you know that we have received 12 donations for the raffle table at the Recital. We greatly appreciate the generous support of our dance families and local businesses!

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SPRING RECITAL – DRESS REHEARSAL

DRESS REHEARSAL:

Wednesday, May 4 – Dress Rehearsal from 5-9 pm @ the C-plex (no supper break)

All WDA dancers must participate in the Dress Rehearsal with the expectation that we will run through the entire program **with full hair and costumes** (make up is not required) to ensure adequate change times between numbers. Traditionally this rehearsal will run late and through supper so please ensure your child is adequately provided for. Remember there is NO food or drink except a water bottle allowed in the theatre. Only dancers are allowed in the theatre during Dress Rehearsal, parents and others must remain outside. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

VOLUNTEER RECITAL JOBS & SHIFTS:

We are very pleased to report that all Volunteer Jobs have been filled for the Recital! Thank you so much to all families who signed up at the Costume Pick Up night in February. It takes the effort of all WDA families to make the year-end recital possible and successful. We would like to remind you all that it is not possible to work your shift and watch a performance at the same time. Because you already know which performance you are helping with, feel free to buy tickets and watch whichever (or all) of the other performances.**

Your shift is on one of the following days listed below. The time of your shift will be dependent on the job that you signed up for and the length of the performance. You may ask more questions if you need further clarification next week at the dress rehearsal.

- Thursday, May 5 (starting around 6:00 pm)
- Friday, May 6 (starting around 6:00 pm)
- Saturday, May 7 (starting around 10:30 am)
- Saturday, May 7 (starting around 3:30 pm)

*****If you are unable to perform your “job” for the recital please help us out by arranging for your replacement (husband, wife, other relative, friend, etc).*****

TICKET SALES:

Remaining Recital Tickets for the main performances are now available for purchase at Sprouts ‘n Jabbers until May 3rd at which time any remaining tickets will be sold at the door to the performance(s). Each ticket costs \$10.

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If you still need to purchase tickets for the Solos/Duets/Small Groups Wine & Cheese, they will be available at the dress rehearsal from 5:00 – 5:30 pm (Contact person is Cathy Stang). These tickets are also \$10 each.

SPRING RECITAL INFO

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of our dance year and the annual spring recital is only one week away. Please read on regarding important details for our annual spring recital.

Thursday Performances (Elk's Hall):

Thursday, May 5 – Solos/Duets/Small Groups Wine & Cheese

- starts @ 6:30 pm (performance @ 7:00 pm)

Only students who have taken **private classes for solos/duets/small groups will perform on Thursday.*

There are Three Main Performances (C-plex):

Friday, May 6 – Performance starts @ 6:30 pm

Saturday, May 7 – Performance starts @ 11:00 am

Saturday, May 7 – Performance starts @ 4:00 pm

**All WDA dancers will perform in all three of the main performances on Friday and Saturday to showcase the dances they learned in each of their instructional classes.*

Dancers should arrive at the C-plex **60 minutes prior to show time** ready to perform **with full hair and make up completed before arrival**. Please **do not dress your child in his/her costume until arriving at the C-plex** to avoid any possibilities of compromising the outfit (mud, falling and tearing tights, etc).

GRAND FINALE COSTUME:

- WDA tank tops
- black dance shorts (should be upper to mid thigh in length and fit snugly)
- beige tights
- jazz shoes or bare feet

****The Grand Finale will include all of our WDA dancers.****

RECITAL INTERMISSION COOKIES & SQUARES:

All parents are kindly asked to donate **two dozen** cookies or squares. These snacks are for the audience members (NOT dancers) during intermissions. Please drop off the cookies/squares at the C-plex kitchen on Friday, May 6 before the first performance.

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PHOTOGRAPHY DURING RECITAL:

There is no flash photography nor videoing of any kind allowed in the theatre during the performances, as it is very distracting and could cause an injury to an unsuspecting dancer.

We have been unsuccessful in trying to find a professional videographer to record the recital this year. Parents, if you have any ideas or suggestions as to who may be interested in videoing the recital for us please contact us at info@wainwrightdanceacademy.com. If we cannot find one, the recital will unfortunately not be videotaped this year.

SUPERVISION OF YOUNG DANCERS:

Please provide non-staining snacks and drinks for your child as they wait for their turn to perform at the recital. ****Because there are dancer(s) who have food allergies it is important when bringing food/snacks to avoid having peanuts/peanut products and to ensure that you are not distributing/sharing foods with anyone without the permission of his/her parent(s).****

A housecoat provides a good cover to keep costumes, tights, etc clean while children eat and play between dances.

You may also send coloring books (no markers), playing cards, movies, etc to keep your child(ren) entertained in the change room. Running around is prohibited as it exhausts the children, creates unnecessary noise, and increases the chance for unnecessary injuries.

Each of the younger dance groups (up to age 9) require constant supervision. **Please be sure that you (or another responsible adult) will be able to stay in the change room to help supervise your child(ren)** and make sure all costumes, hair, and make up are ready before the children go on stage.

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Ballet P, Jazz P, Tap P, and Recreational Dancers – Last day of classes will be on or before May 3. These dancers will celebrate the conclusion of their 2015 - 2016 dance year with the annual spring recital performances.

Competitive Dancers – Last day of classes for this group of dancers is yet to be determined. It will be dependent on when dancers need to be in Saskatoon. We are unsure at this point if we will be able to run classes on Wednesday, May 11 or not. We will let you know once we receive the **5-6-7-8 Showtime!** schedule.

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MISS MACK - MAKE UP CLASSES

All of Miss Mack's WDA classes are cancelled on Sunday, May 8. Her make up classes will take place on Tuesday, May 10 as follows:

Tap 3 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Tap 4 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Jazz 4 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Tap 5 from 8:00 - 9:15 pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The WDA Board has been busily searching for local community events to attend and promote our talented dancers. Over the course of the next two months I will be sending out emails with information pertaining to upcoming events that we would like to send our dancers to perform at. Our overall plan is to showcase as many of our dancers performing their various routines in all the disciplines as often as possible. Some of the ways or reasons why certain dancers and groups will be selected and not others is based on the following criteria:

- readiness of groups (do all dancers know the routine, etc)
- whether or not a whole group is available to attend (too many absent dancers can hinder the performance)
- specific requests of certain age groups
- structural limitations of the facility (unfortunately tap will not often be chosen to perform due to inappropriate flooring at venues)
- how big the venue is will determine whether large groups will have enough space to perform
- and/or a range of other reasons that we cannot always predict

Some Upcoming Events Tentatively Include:

- Long Term Care at the Hospital (May 20)
- Train Park Family Fun Day (May 21)
- Relay for Life (May 28) – will require a practice rehearsal
- Stampede Downtown Events (June 22) – will require a practice rehearsal
- Stampede Parade (June 25) – will require a practice rehearsal

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*Please note that at this time these events are tentative only and will not include all dancers. An upcoming email will identify specific groups/privates that have been selected to attend the individual events. NOTE: Participation in the events is optional.

WDA & CIB PITCH IN WEEK NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

The annual Pitch In Week in Wainwright is coming up soon. The members of Communities In Bloom have asked that all of our local organizations help pitch in and clean up the various public areas around Wainwright. WDA has been assigned to the area surrounding the Post Office on main street. We are asking that all available dancers and family members come out to participate in this important event. If possible please bring your own gloves, shovels and/or rakes. We will meet in front of the **Post office on Tuesday, May 10 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm**. This is also a great opportunity to advertise for our academy so please wear your WDA jackets (or something else black and purple).

From Pitch-In Canada:

From its modest beginnings, PITCH-IN CANADA is now leading a multi-faceted approach to "litter" and overall proper waste management practices. These practices include: the 4 R's, REFUSE - REUSE - REDUCE - RECYCLE, personal responsibility, community sustainability and beautification. Through the use of education, community participation, and partnerships with the corporate and government sectors, PITCH-IN CANADA works with all Canadians interested, to maintain a clean, green and beautiful country.

FESTIVAL/COMPETITION INFO

REMINDER: A dancer's attendance to regular class is crucial to the success of the whole group.

A dancer that is habitually absent disrupts the group's ability to learn its routine efficiently and effectively. Please note that if a dancer fails to attend class consistently, it could result in his or her exclusion from participating in the upcoming festivals. This decision will be left up to individual instructors and will be fully supported by the WDA Board.

ATTENDANCE: Please email the Academy (info@wainwrightdanceacademy.com) or let the instructor know in advance if your dancer will be absent for any reason. All attendance emails received by the Communications Director will be directed to the appropriate instructor as soon

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as possible on your behalf. **Please include your child's name, the date of the missing class, and the name of the instructor.**

FESTIVAL DATES & VENUES:

There is one festival left to attend in our current season. Please ensure that you have reserved your hotel rooms and/or changed your reservations if necessary. We are still waiting on the Saskatoon schedule and will forward it as soon as we receive it.

5-6-7-8 Showtime!

May 12 - 15, 2016

Saskatoon, SK

TCU Place (35 - 22nd Street East)

Reminder: Festivals are attended by our **COMPETITIVE** dancers only who have registered and paid extra fees to attend these special events.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

April 29 – Miss Sandy & Miss Victoria Classes are Cancelled

May 4 – Recital Dress Rehearsal @ C-plex (5-9 pm)

May 5 – Solos/Duets Wine & Cheese @ Elk's Hall

May 6 & 7 – Spring Recital @ C-plex (3 performances)

May 8 – Miss Mack's Classes are Cancelled

May 10 – Pitch In Night (6:30 - 7:30 pm)

May 12 to 15 - 5, 6, 7, 8 Showtime! Competition (Saskatoon – times TBA)

May 26 - Early Registration Meeting for 2016-2017 Dance Year (7:30 pm)

September 2016 – Fall Registration (date TBA)