

STUDIO WEST

Dance Academy

January/February 2021 Newsletter



The Show Will Go On!

We have been planning for the 2021 Spring Showcase since last summer and have developed contingency plans depending on the phase we are in as we get closer to Showcase week. Please plan on your dancer participating in Spring Showcase June 1-6.

It may look a little different this year, but our teachers are hard at work creating a special piece for your dancers to perform. We are so excited for the anticipation and joy that this week brings.



SHARE THE LOVE

As we begin the new year, we wanted to start a new campaign to share the love with our fellow dancers, teachers, staff and families. We are encouraging our dancers to share the love by filling out a heart (or crafting your own) with a message to put on display in the window designated for your level. The Beat Box will get their very own space to share the love as well! We want to see ALL the love and believe we can make our world a little brighter by participating in this activity. This will be a fun activity for our dancers to do while they wait for their next classes to start. Please feel free to craft your very own heart at home and bring it in to display! The more love the better!



CREATIVE WEEK—
FEBRUARY 8-13

We have come up with some fun themes for you to “Share the Love” during our creative week!

If you choose to dress up, be sure to tag us on social media! We can’t wait to see how you interpret the themes and participate in class.



Mon 💜 **Peace & Love**
Tues 💙 **Red, white & pink**
Wed 💛 **SWDA love**
Thur 💛 **Hearts galore**
Fri ❤️ **Fun socks**
Sat 💚 **Sleepy Saturday**

PERFORMANCE DIVISION—SPRING

While we can't return to the stage just yet, we are encouraged that there is light at the end of the tunnel and we can't wait to have our performance division dancers dancing!

The guidelines continue to evolve for us as a studio and theatre as does our vision for our dancers. We are busy working out what our Spring 2021 Performance Division will look like and thank you for your patience. We are following the Governor's directive and adjusting what we can do, while following the guidelines and rules applied to sporting activities while we are in studio rehearsing and to theatre/performing arts when we are on stage/in theatre.

Our projected start date for Performance Division rehearsals is February 16. Please watch your email for more information coming soon.



DANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

While we are unable to hold our annual Dance to Make a Difference and Gala this year, we are starting to plan for 2022! Each year the Studio West Dance Guild, in conjunction with Studio West Dance Theatre, choose at least one charity to support through the profits from this spectacular night. The evening begins with a gala for adults featuring food and beverage as well as a silent auction and games that raise money to support our selected charities. The evening then transitions into a family-friendly event with performances from the PNW dance community and a dessert table where patrons are encouraged to support the cause by donating and selecting a sweet treat. It is an exciting night for all. Last year, we held the DMTD Gala the weekend before our state shut down. Even with lower attendance, we were able to raise \$6,931 for our charities, "[Homes First](#)" and "[All Kids Win \(formerly Homeless Backpacks\)](#)" We can't wait to see you next year and the dancers on stage doing what they love for such a beautiful cause.

MARCH— SWPA MONTH OF GIVING

We are in the process of planning a month of giving for March. Our plan is to play some fun games between each level and donate what we can to those who may need some assistance during this time. Connect with us on our social media pages and watch for more information.



Inclement Weather Policy

Just a reminder, In the event of inclement weather, we will follow the Olympia School District for closures.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8-13

Creative Week — See page 1 of this newsletter and check your email for information about this fun week!

Monday, February 15

President's Day —
Classes run on normal schedule.

March 1-31

SWDA Month of Giving—
See article on this page for more info.

Wednesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day —
Classes run on normal schedule

April 4-11

Spring Break—Studio closed

Monday, April 12

Classes Resume

June 1-6

Spring Showcase Week



Valentine Sweets & Treats

Check out the cute “#WeAreSWDA” mug bouquets that Miss Jeri created! Each mug is \$15, the large vase price is \$25 both include candy and fun valentine-themed stuffers. Our quantities are limited, but you can view them in studio today! We also have cute t-shirts, sweatshirts and pants that would make fun gifts for your sweet valentines!



Return to Studio—New Rotations!

Phase 2! We are so excited to be able to get back to more dancers in studio. We've missed you all so much! Miss Rachel has been HARD at work creating new rotations for each of our classes. The move to Phase 2 allows us to increase the number to students in studio as well as return to our normal class lengths. Please check your email for more information on when your dancer should be in studio and on zoom. Speaking of Zoom, we are hoping we have solved our issues with zoom glitching.



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