

STUDIO WEST *Dance Academy*

March/April 2021 Newsletter

En Pointe



On March 7th our Ballet 4 dancers finally received their first pair of pointe shoes! This is a big deal for all ballet dancers and this group had to wait a bit longer due to the pandemic. Ms. Marie helped find the perfect pair for each dancer and then taught these new Pointed dancers how to sew the elastics and ribbons into their new shoes!



TAKING FLIGHT

The 2021 Spring Performance Division dancers (Levels 5-8) were back in the theater rehearsing and recording "Taking Flight", another mix repertoire performance. Our choreographers have been hard at work and Miss Trish and her cadre of costumers have been behind the scenes working their magic and helping to make this performance a special one for our dancers. They looked beautiful on stage and we cannot wait to share the movie with you!

The recorded performance will be shown at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, May 15 at 7pm. Tickets are on sale now at www.washingtoncenter.org at \$16 per ticket (plus WCPA service fee). Seating is limited as the theater has created a seating chart to keep us socially distant and safe while viewing the show. If you can't make the show, we will also have flash drives available for purchase with the performance recording so you can host your own viewing party at home with your dancer.



MONTH OF GIVING

March was the Month of Giving at SWDA with a focus to support the Studio West Dance Guild, our non-profit arm that helps provide supplemental dance and education workshops and opportunities for our students and families.

The lobby was filled with some fun games and a silent auction to encourage giving. It was a ton of fun to have dancers and their families build the rainbow between the Pot of Gold and hat. The penny war was a bit crazy at the end— hopefully you caught the video in the SWDA Facebook and Instagram stories! Ballet 1 and Ballet 3 had last minute deposits with Ballet 1/Jazz 1 ultimately winning with 13606 points!

With your help, we were able to raise \$1198.56! It is our hope to work with the Guild to get some Master Classes and workshops scheduled as soon as we are able to do so safely and within the rules outlined by the Governor.

We are currently brainstorming ideas for workshops that include:

- Bun class
- Stage Make-Up
- Spring Showcase 101
- Nutcracker Season
- Spring Ballet Season
- Intro to Performance Division
- Fueling Your Body for Dancing
- Exercises and Stretching After a Hard Day of Dance or Performance
- Strengthen and Stabilize Sore Bodies

We would love to hear any ideas you may have too! Feel free to send them to Pam Abbott, SWDA's Marketing Coordinator at pam@studiowestdanceacademy.com

SPRING SHOWCASE



AT SWDA JUNE 1-6, 2021

2021 Spring Showcase will happen during our scheduled week! We have come up with a creative solution to be able to allow all dancers to shine while family and friends watch safely!

Our goal, besides being safe, is to keep costs low for everyone and provide some added benefits.

Our teachers have choreographed pieces that adhere to state guidelines and Miss Trish has been working hard to secure costume alternatives. Our fabulous videographer, Aaron Zeigler of Whitecap Media will be filming all dances at the studio during our scheduled theater week so that families will have the opportunity to download and watch their dancer perform over and over.

The price is \$65 this year and includes the costume kit (including a SWDA Spring Showcase mask), performance and access to download your dancer's performance.

Watch your email for additional information about this exciting performance week! Let the show go on!



Studio West
Dance Guild

The Studio West Dance Guild is our non-profit organization that helps provide supplemental dance and education for our students and families. Members are SWDA parents who volunteer their time and talents to support our dance community through outreach, networking and exposure to the arts.

We are a fun group of parents with a goal to help our dancers. We are looking to grow our membership and our ability to impact the dancers at Studio West!

Did you know the Guild meets monthly to plan and organize events and fundraisers for your dancers? This year, due to the pandemic, The Guild has hit pause and is regrouping to start the next year off and running. We encourage you to attend a meeting and will be in touch regarding the next meeting of the Guild!

Many Hands Make Light Work!

We know you have many organizations you can choose to volunteer with; we hope you will consider sharing your talents, skills and time with us. It costs nothing to join and your efforts benefit many! Thanks to those who signed up during the March Month of Giving. We will be in contact shortly with information on the next meeting and ways you can help! If you are still interested, it is not too late! Contact Pam Abbott (pam@studiowestdanceacademy.com) or the front desk and we will be sure to get you on the list!

Guild members have served the organization in the following ways:

Volunteering at productions & behind the scenes

The following volunteer opportunities are coordinated by the SWDT Volunteer Coordinator:

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| Flower Prep & Sales | Guild Raffle |
| With young dancers | Serving as an usher |
| Assisting with stage duties | Theater load in and load out |



Fundraising

- Organizing Chipotle, MOD & Panera fundraisers
- Organizing and assisting with Dance to Make a Difference
- Finding other opportunities/ways to obtain donations
- Barnes & Noble Events

Outreach

- Spreading the word about Studio West Dance Academy/Theatre in the community.
- Identifying ways for SWDA/SWDT to be involved in various community events such as

Christmas Forest	Oly On Ice
Children's Museum Events	Olympia Arts Walk

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3 —NOON

Summer Registration Opens

Kids' Camps, Boot Camps & Summer Session

May 15—7pm

Taking Flight

Washington Center for the Performing Arts

June 1-6

Spring Showcase Week

June 14-17

Advanced (5-8) Ballet Boot Camp

June 21—NOON

Fall Registration Opens

June 21-24

Neon Grooves Dance Workshops

Intermediate (3-4) Ballet Boot Camp

June 28-July 1

Enchanted Dance Workshops

Hip Hop Boot Camps

July 6-August 21

SWDA Summer Intensive

SWDA Summer Session

Summer at SWDA

Summer is right around the corner and so is our Summer Program registration for Boot Camps, Dance Workshops and Summer Session classes! Registration will open at noon on Monday, May 3!

BOOT CAMPS

After a few weeks off, this is a great way to tune up your bodies before you head into Summer session! *(Please note: These are one-week boot camps this year due to Covid.)*

Ballet

Advanced (Levels 5-8) Monday, June 14-Thursday, June 17

Intermediate (Levels 3-4) Monday, June 21-Thursday, June 24

Hip Hop—Monday, June 28-Thursday, July 1

Intermediate (Levels 2 & 3) 4-6pm

Advanced (Levels 4 & 5) 6:15-8:15

DANCE WORKSHOPS

Join us for a fun way to experience dance! With two special workshops and a morning or afternoon session to choose from, children ages 4-7 are sure to have a great time!

Neon Grooves Dance Workshop—June 21-24 with a hip hop/jazz focus. Two sessions to choose from. 10:30am-12pm or 1-2:30pm

Enchanted Dance Workshop—June 28-July with a ballet and tap focus. Two sessions to choose from 10:30am-12pm or 1-2:30pm

SUMMER SESSION**

Our Summer Session begins on Tuesday, July 6th and will run through August 21st. With a short session, this is the perfect opportunity for your dancer to try a different style of dance. Summer session has a one-time, non-refundable registration of \$15.

SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM**

Why leave town in search of fantastic intensive programs? This 7 week program begins July 6 and runs through August 21st focusing on correct technique and practice. No need to fly, drive or stay away from home to experience a quality summer intensive. Studio West offers pre-professional instruction and well rounded class line up.

**Due to the 4th of July holiday, the first week begins on Tuesday, July 6 and runs through Friday, July 9. Remaining weeks will run Monday through Thursday.

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