



defy gravity
dance company inc.

May 2017 Newsletter

What an exhilarating time of year! Competitions are finished. Recitals are almost here...the students and teachers have been working very hard to present a fantastic show with new skills and choreography. We appreciate your support throughout the next month as the dancers prepare to show family and friends what they have learned!

Recital – ICONS (Mon, Tues & Wed June 26, 27 & 28)

The theme for our 10th Annual DG Recital is "ICONS". Each class is preparing a piece of choreography to perform in one Recital. This year, Gateway Theatre was only available June 26-28 for our Recitals, so we will have three evening Recitals with On-Stage Tech Rehearsals scheduled earlier on the same day as the corresponding recital at the Gateway Theatre. We have done our best to minimize the number of recitals your dancer will perform in. Dancers in several classes may perform in more than one recital. The students can't wait to show what they have learned! Please be sure to invite your family and friends to support our students at this amazing event!

Backstage Parent Volunteers NEEDED!!

Each year we rely on help from Parent Volunteers to make the Recital run smoothly. We always have staff and alumni dancers backstage, but we need parents in dressing rooms with dancers to help them change and move to and from the stage. It is always lots of fun and the energy backstage is contagious! We will need one parent per class for younger dancers and one parent per dressing room for older dancers. Please note that parents can volunteer for the recital that their dancer is NOT performing in so that they may sit back and enjoy their dancer's Show. Backstage Parents need to be available for all Rehearsals and Recital. *Please contact the office by Monday May 29, 9:00pm to sign up to be a Backstage Parent.*

Recital Tickets on sale at DG (Sunday June 4)

Recital tickets for our fantastic recital "ICONS, Part 1, 2 & 3" will go on sale at Defy Gravity on Sunday June 4 from 10:00am-1:00pm for in person sales ONLY. All further ticket sales will happen in person at Defy Gravity office during regular office hours (Mon/Wed/Fri 3:30-9:30pm, Sat 10am-2:30pm). **Tickets are \$25 each (cash only)** and available for purchase at DG until Monday June 19 and then at the Gateway Theatre Box Office on June 26-28. **Dancers & Backstage Parent Volunteers do not need tickets (they will be backstage). We will have a purchase limit of 10 tickets per family per show this year.** Please check the Show Lists (website, in-studio & email) to see which show your dancer is performing in.

Hair & Make-up Day (Mon June 5 – Sat June 10)

We invite you into the studio for the last 15 minutes of each class to discuss Hair & Make-Up as it is to be done for Photo Day and the Recital. Please be at the studio door 15 minutes before the end of each class. Teachers answer most questions, but as usual, please check with Rishell or Melanie/Riley if there are any details you need!

Costumes

Costumes will be handed out in class June 12-17 in preparation for Photo Day. Final costume fees will be charged to your account shortly. Costumes will not be sent home unless all fees have been paid. Costumes must be paid for and picked before Photo Day (June 18).

Recital DVDs

TechnoMonkey Media will be filming and producing our Recital DVD again this year. Each family will receive one copy of the DVD as this was included in the Recital fee paid at registration.

Photo Day (Sunday June 18)

Adrienne from Gemini Visuals will be taking our class and individual photos again this year! **A detailed Photo Day Schedule and order forms will be available shortly.** All dancers must be present for group photos. Purchase is optional, but attendance is mandatory.

Dress Rehearsal (Sunday June 25)

We will hold a closed Dress Rehearsal for ALL students on **Sunday June 25 at DEFY GRAVITY.** The Dress Rehearsal gives the students another chance to practice in their costumes and to support one another in preparation for the recital! We will need our Backstage Parents available to help on this day. A schedule will be sent out soon!

Technical Rehearsal (Mon/Tues/Wed June 26/27/28)

We will hold closed technical rehearsals **at the Gateway Theatre on each of June 26/27/28** corresponding to the show your dancer is performing in. On-Stage Tech Rehearsals give the dancers a chance to practice getting to and from the stage from Dressing Rooms as well as moving on and off the stage and dancing in the theatre before the actual show. This time is very important for the dancers and these rehearsals are mandatory! Rehearsals will likely occur during school time as well as early afternoon - detailed schedule to follow. Backstage parents will need to be present for Tech Rehearsals.

Summer Camps/Classes

Registration for our Summer Camps & Classes begins on Monday May 22. The schedule of classes will be posted at the studio, website and emailed to you. Please contact the office to register.

Pre-Registration for School Year 2017-2018

Many classes filled quickly last year, so in order to make sure that our loyal DG dancers are able to keep taking the classes that they love, we are holding Pre-Registration for our current students again this year beginning June 30. Watch for details and the new schedule!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday June 4	Recital Tickets on Sale 10:00am-1:00pm
Thurs/Fri June 15/16	Ballet Exams at DG
Sunday June 18	Photo Day at DG (Father's Day)
Sunday June 25	Dress Rehearsal at DG
June 26-28	Tech Rehearsals (morning/afternoon)
Monday June 26	ICONS Part 1 - 6:30pm
Tuesday June 27	ICONS Part 2 - 6:30pm
Wednesday June 28	ICONS Part 3 - 6:30pm
Friday July 1 st	Canada Day Parade

See you all in the studio soon!

Rishell, Amy, Carolyn, Kristyn, Tamara, Adam, Alishia, Riley, Kirsten, Carly, Danielle & Melanie