



# Pirouettes & Points

the Studio A newsletter

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## SHOWCASE VIDEOS:

A special thank you to all the students and parents who participated in the 2009 Spring Showcase, "Let's Dance." The entire weekend was a great opportunity for the families and community to see the talented students of Studio A. The students had a lot of fun and the entire staff is so very proud of their performance. If you ordered a video of the show, they will be delivered to the studio in mid-August. If you haven't yet ordered a video, don't dismay...there are forms available in the studio lobby.

## STUDIO PICTURES

Studio pictures arrived right after showcase!! If you haven't yet picked up your studio pictures, they are available in the front office.

## NEW HIP HOP COMPANY

**Joslynn Mathis** will be auditioning dancers for a new hip hop company at Studio A. Auditions will be Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. See the audition section of this newsletter for times.

## EMAIL UPDATE

In an effort to "go green" and keep every parent updated with important studio information, the studio will be corresponding via email. Please be sure that the front office has your current email address on file. If your email changes during the year, please notify our office, as we want to be sure all parents are receiving the most current information and news.

## FALL REGISTRATION

Walk in registration will take place on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please be sure to attend or mail in registration early to secure your desired classes.

## NEW FACULTY AT STUDIO A

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new faculty members at Studio A. Former company dancer **Arianna Keever** will be teaching Jazz I on Thursdays. Ari is known for her stunning technique and students love her energetic personality. **Branlee Querubin** will be teaching a Popping & Locking class as well as an all-boys hip hop. Branlee is an outstanding performer whose athleticism amazes everyone who has had the pleasure of seeing him dance.

## NATIONAL SUCCESS

Congratulations to all the company dancers who attended Nationals. Five of the studio dances were selected to perform in the "Showcase of Champions". Petite overall winning group was awarded to our very own "**Dirty Boogie**"; Petite duo/trio overall winner was "**I Want Candy**"; Sr. duo/trio overall highest score was awarded to Sam St. Germain and Devon Magee for "**Bitter Song**"; Sr. small group winner was Miss Katherine's "**Ain't Nothin' Wrong With That.**"

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations to our company dancer **Elissa Cheng** for auditioning and being selected to attend American Ballet Theatre's Summer Intensive. Way to go Elissa!! Additional kudos to graduating senior dancers **Alexis Barta, Amanda Durrant and Devon Magee**. **Amanda** was selected as an Elite Dancer for the Encore National "Showcase of Champions" in Lake Tahoe. She did an amazing job representing Studio A in the opening number! A big round of applause to **Devon Magee** who will be attending LMU in Los Angeles this Fall. **Devon** was awarded a merit scholarship, a Rotary Scholarship, and a Rossmoor Scholarship! Additionally, she was selected to attend the prestigious dance intensive "The Shoot", headed by Dee Casperly and Mark Meisner.

### **STUDIO A DANCER PERFORMS WITH SPINAL TAP...**

A special "shout-out" goes to former Studio A dancer **Jenna Purcell**, who was guest dancer at the Spinal Tap Concert at the Paramount Theatre. Be sure to check out the photo of Jenna with Michael McKean, Christopher Guest & Harry Shearer in the lobby!!

### **STUDIO A ON PARADE**

The Studio A Dancers had a fabulous time participating in the Pleasant Hill 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. It was exciting to see so many students and parents supporting this fun and festive event. Let us know if you want to be part of the Studio A parade crew next year!

### **AUDITIONS:**

The studio will be holding auditions for dancers interested in joining the Studio A Dance Company. This is a wonderful opportunity for the student who is interested in taking dance to the next level. Being a member of the company provides students with the opportunity to perform and compete throughout the year. Auditions will take place Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. See times listed below. For more information,

please see Aggie, or call the office at 691-0505.

### **Company Audition Schedule**

Jazz	Ages 5-6	3:30 – 4:15
Jazz	Ages 7-10	4:30 – 5:30
Jazz	Ages 11 up	5:30 – 6:30

Tap	Ages 5-6	4:30 – 5:15
Tap	Ages 7-10	5:30 – 6:30
Tap	Ages 11 up	6:30 – 7:30

Ballet	Ages 7-10	3:30 – 4:30
Ballet	Ages 11 up	4:30 – 5:30

Hip Hop Ages 10 up 7:30 – 8:30

### **PARTY SPECTACULAR!**

Studio A offers creative and fun parties for your child's birthday or other special events. We provide both themed as well as standard parties that are a hit for all ages. It is a fun and EASY way to celebrate your child's special day! We provide invitations, paper products, a gift list, a special gift for the guest-of-honor, an enthusiastic party staff, and all set up and cleanup. How much easier can it be??! Check out our birthday party flyers outside the office door, and see a Studio A staff member for details.

### **REMINDER...REMINDER...**

There is a no food policy at the studio. The reason for this is to keep the studio insect and rodent free. Please do not bring in **ANY** food to the studio. Students who are at the studio for extended periods of time may eat in the office. This is the only area that food is allowed.

The recycling bin in the lobby is for water bottles only...it is not a garbage can. Thanks for doing your part to keep our environment clean and green!

### **PROPER ATTIRE FOR CLASS:**

Please send your child to class in proper dance attire. This would include clothing that is "movement friendly". Jeans, dresses and skirts are not included in this category. Skorts are acceptable.