



Dear Dance Families,

Thanks everyone, for another wonderful recital! We had such a great crew this year with the college tech crew, parents, and instructors! I can't thank you enough! It takes a lot of work, volunteers, and cooperation to make our recital concert such a wonderful experience! I'm hearing such wonderful things – it can't possibly keep getting so much better each and every year! I was SO PROUD of all of you! It is such a pleasure to watch you all perform and improve each year, and to have such a supportive audience and families. **Thank you!** What a blessing you are to me!

Summer Classes

- taught by APA teachers!

July 19-22 – Kindergym 9:00-9:45

July 19-23 – Try-It Camp -

Tap 10:00, Ballet 11:00, Hip Hop Jazz noon. Approx age 8-10.

July 26-29 – Kindergym 9:00-9:45

Aug 2-5 – **New Combo class!**

Pre Ballet/Musical Theater – 10:00-10:45. Approx age 6-8. For new or returning students - a taste of pre-ballet and musical theater jazz!

Aug 2-6 – Intermediate Camp - Level 2/3/4. Miss Kristen just finished a very fun week! Come take it again, or join the summer fun! Tap 10:00, Hip Hop 11:00, Ballet noon.

Aug 9-12 – Kindergym 9:00-9:45

National Dance Day

July 31 – So You Think You Can Dance producer & judge Nigel Lythgoe, encourages everyone to dance on Nat'l Dance Day (our recital used International Dance Day, Apr 29 J). Miss Kristen has been teaching a Hip Hop combo choreographed by SYTYCD's Napoleon & Tabitha. She will continue to teach this in upcoming classes this summer. We will have a FREE HIP HOP CLASS (we may cheat & do it during the week) – bring your friends, dancers & non-dancers alike! Audio Foundry, Bill Gilbert's new business location (next to Sherwin Williams) will join us by doing sound, and kicking off his new space! More info, date & times, to come!

Recital DVD's

We are still taking orders, and editing is in process. If you picked up a blue order form, send that in with payment. Forms are available at the studio or online at www.apafrancis.com

Photo Info

All photos taken by **Ashlin Portraits** are complete. If you missed them at dress rehearsals, call Ashlin at 466-1200 and make arrangements with Cindy or Scott Johnson to pick them up.

Mark Schrauben - You can also still purchase prints of the recital action shots that Mark Schrauben took. You can see Mark's photos and contact him at

www.mlsphotography.smugmug.com

Hayley Hamlin Photography is offering prints of her photography of the 2009 recital and a few from 2010! She will also shoot our Fall School Performance. See Hayley's specialty shots by going to her website -www.hayleyhamlin.com and then entering the "client proofing section". For further information and pricing contact Hayley at hayleyjhamlin@hotmail.com.

Thank you to all of these fabulous photographers for giving their time and talents to taking your photos! These photographers are generously giving back to APA non-profit activities & scholarship programs. So portions of your purchases are coming right back to benefit APA dancers and our community!

Fall enrollments

Got those in so I can begin scheduling! Pink or white form available www.apafrancis.com

New class considerations

If it's not on your copy of enrollment form, write it in!
Multiple levels of Musical Theater – including a class for students age 6-8! A touch of "jazz" in the musical theater style, age appropriate for those younger students that are

wanting to try something different than Pre Ballet & Tap!

Also new, Modern for teens & adults, & Irish Dance by new Clogging teacher Meghan McCartney (this may be an occasional workshop class).

GCCF Grant

If you missed the announcement in March, APA received a Gratiot County Community Foundation grant again this year for our "Ballet or the Schools" program! This year's program will be on Tues, Sept 21 at Alma College. Rehearsals within Sept 7-20 dates for selected dances (tbd - not just ballet).

Proposed calendar 2010-11

Labor Day is Sept 6, and schools start Sept 7. I am working on schedule and our calendar. Because of the program for the schools on Sept 21, APA classes will begin Monday, Sept 27.

Francis Performing Arts Company Workshop

We may have enough interest for three performing groups again this year! If you have not already enrolled and indicated interest in these groups, please do so ASAP. We will be having a Workshop and Audition – also within the Sept 7-20 timeframe! Interested students who qualify for participation will receive further information later in July.

Thanks for making the Academy of Performing Arts your home! I appreciate that your family has chosen the Academy of Performing Arts for your dance education. Our goals include discipline through dance, increased arts involvement, performance opportunities, and arts education and service in our community.

And of course, fun!

Enjoy your summer!