



# NEWSLETTER

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## Just a Note...

Wow! It is already April! It is hard to believe that this dance year will be ending in just a couple of months! Competition was fantastic and now we are looking forward to recital. Of course we find ourselves in an unprecedented situation with the closures and social distancing that we are currently experiencing. We are doing everything in our power to make things as normal as possible during this time and hope that you are taking advantage of the resources that we are offering. The studio is physically closed until May 17th. We are hoping to open May 18th but until then we want to keep you dancing with ZOOM! Check your emails and facebook for all of the information. We are being optimistic and hoping that our year will end with the most amazing recital ever, but of course some things are out of our control. We have to work together and support each other. Hang in there and we hope to see you all in person in May. Thank you for your support and patience through this difficult time! **#tdastrong**



## Registration

Registration time will be here before you know it! We want you to go ahead and be thinking of what you would like to take next year. When we return, we will determine a date for current students to register for summer and fall classes for 2020-2021. You will receive a discounted registration fee of \$40 if you register during this time. Registration will be open to the public the following week. Hopefully we will be able to hold our Spring bring-a-friend week when we return to class, but if we can't you will still receive a discount for any friends that you refer to TDA. You will receive \$15 off of your September tuition for each friend that registers for classes! For example, if you get two friends to register, you will get \$30 off of your September tuition! Go ahead and start thinking about who you would like to bring to TDA!

We are very excited about our summer intensive schedule! We are working on it and will get it out to you as soon as it is available.

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### Important Dates subject to change

4/1	Tuition due
4/6-	Spring Break
4/10	Studio Closed (no online classes)
6/12-	Recital
6/14	
6/16-	Company
6/18	Auditions
6/19	Company Meeting

## Dancer of the Month

Each month we will be choosing four dancers from all age groups to be the Dancers of the Month. These dancers are chosen based on their attitude and effort. These students have shown their instructors that they are hard workers with a good positive attitude.

Each Dancer of the Month will get a sign to display in their front yard stating that they are the Dance Attic's dancer of the month. You will be able to keep the sign for one month so that all of your neighbors can see it! This is great recognition for our dancers as well as getting the word out about our studio! They will also be featured on our Facebook page! Be sure to tag your dancers so all of your friends and family can see!

You will receive your sign the first week of the month and return it the last week of the month. When you return your sign you will receive \$10 off your next month's tuition!

Congratulations to our March recipients! We are so proud of you!

**Raegan Panosetti**

**Nia Whitted**

**Abby Yike**

**Gracie Denton**



## Recital DVDs

Each year you have the opportunity to purchase DVDs of our annual recital. This is a priceless keepsake that your dancers will cherish. This year our DVDs will be produced by Jeff Philips of In Focus Studios. Jeff founded In Focus Studios in 1999 and established the company as a versatile production facility. Jeff insures that In Focus Studios meets the specific needs of his clients, whether they are a business, non-profit or individual.

Jeff has been videotaping dance recitals since 1997. His company services North Carolina, Maryland and DC. He has shot dozens of dance recitals over the years. For 3 years he worked on the live production of the presidential lighting of the national Christmas tree with President Clinton and Bush. He was responsible for capturing 2 weeks of live performances for Long Leaf Opera at Memorial Hall in Chapel Hill.

Please [click here](#) to get a copy of the DVD order form and go ahead and make plans to purchase yours! Please make checks payable to In Focus Studios and if you turn in your order form before the recital, please post mark your checks for June 12, 2020 as they will not be cashed until then.

# Recital

At this time we are continuing with our recital plans as scheduled. We will give you new information as we receive it. This year's recital will be held at Wakefield High School June 12-14. Friday, June 12th will be a dress rehearsal for all shows. We will let you know the actual times as we get closer to the date. There will be two shows on Saturday, June 13th and two shows on Sunday, June 14th. The tentative schedule is as follows. Please read carefully.

## Friday, June 12th

Dress rehearsal for all shows.

## Saturday, June 13th

2:00 pm Groups a-e, Combo 1-3 (including hip hop), Company production

4:00 pm Combo 5-10 (including lyrical & hip hop), Tap 1/2, Hip Hop A, Company productions

## Sunday, June 14th

2:00 pm Groups A-H, Hip Hop A-C, Tap 1-4, Seniors, Company production

5:00 pm Company Gala

Please go ahead and get these dates and times on your calendars. We will be providing more detailed information in future newsletters.



# Recital Rehearsals

The week before the recital we will do a full run through of each show in our regular dance clothes at the studio. You will not come to your regular classes that week, only the specified day for your show. On Friday, June 12th we will have a full dress rehearsal (costume, hair, make-up) at Wakefield High School. You should arrive for this rehearsal ready for the stage in your first costume. All other costumes should be packed in a basket or bin in the order that they are needed. Younger dancers will be assigned an older dancer to help them dress at the rehearsal and recital. For both of these rehearsals, you may leave as soon as you are finished with all of your dances. We will discuss these rehearsals at a parent meeting in May as well. [Click here](#) for a recital guide that will help answer your questions. Please read the following very carefully for your dates and times! The schedule for the week is as follows:

## **Monday, June 8th- Rehearsal for the Saturday 2:00 and 4:00 shows**

4:30pm– 6:00pm– Groups a-e, Combo 1-3 (including hip hop)

6:00pm– 7:30pm- Combo 5-10 (including lyrical & hip hop), Tap 1/2, Hip Hop A

## **Tuesday, June 9th- Rehearsal for the Sunday 2:00 show**

4:30pm-6:00pm– Groups A-H, Hip Hop A-C, Tap 1-4

## **Wednesday, June 10th– Rehearsal for Company Gala**

4:30pm-6:00pm– Run through show

6:00pm– until- Awards and cupcake party for TDAC dancers and parents only

## **Thursday, June 11th– Break, no rehearsals, no classes**

## **Friday, June 12th– Full dress rehearsal at Wakefield High School auditorium**

4:30pm- Arrival time for 2:00pm Saturday show- Rehearsal begins at 5:00pm

5:30pm– Arrival time for 4:00pm Saturday show– Rehearsal begins at 6:00pm

7:30pm– Arrival time for 2:00pm Sunday show– Rehearsal begins at 8:00pm

There is no dress rehearsal for Company Gala. Production routines and company pieces will only rehearse on Wednesday, June 10th. We will not run the production numbers or company routines during any of the other rehearsals.



# Star Talent Dance Competition

The Dance Attic participated in the Star Talent dance competition in Louisburg March 6th-8th. All of the dancers looked amazing and the Dance Attic received outstanding awards.

This competition offered three levels of competition. Excel for dancers who dance less than 3 hours per week, Extreme for dancers who dance a little more each week, and Elite for dancers who are in the studio many hours each week. The routines are judged accordingly. Most studios take only their company or competition team to dance competitions, but we at the Dance Attic feel that it is a fun and rewarding experience for all of our dancers. This was a first time experience for many of our dancers! Please keep this in mind when you think of all of the other routines that you saw at the competition.

Many Dance Attic routines placed in the top ten overall highest scores for their division! Star Talent gives an award in each competition level (Excel, Extreme, Elite) to the highest scoring routine in the 12 and under division and the 13 and over division. Three routines received the Highest Score of the competition for their age division and level!

At the conclusion of the competition Judges Choice Awards are given to highlight routines that were particularly special to them. Several routines from the Dance Attic received one of these special awards. In addition, "I Have Arrived" choreographed by Hallie Hoy received a Best Choreography award. Joshua Hernandez, Faith Hidenfelter, Hailey Costar, Jaida Bailey, and Eavan O'Keefe were awarded scholarships to further their dance training. All dancers who participated should have received their awards in class. If you did not receive your award, please see your dance instructor.

We are very proud of all of our dancers. You looked amazing and you also had great attitudes! Thanks for representing our studio well! Don't forget to look for an article in the Wake Weekly about our accomplishments! You can also see pictures on our Facebook page!



Faith



Josh



Hailey



Eavan



Jaida

# Company Information

If you really love to dance and would like to be even more involved, we would like to invite you to audition for our company. Company is for those dancers who would like to make dance their primary extracurricular activity and are willing to devote more time. It is similar to being on a select sports team. You can expect more practice time, more performances, more competitions, and more FUN!

Company members have the opportunity to participate in dance at a different level. You must be in company to be able to do an invitational piece. Dancers in invitational pieces are eligible to do a solo, duet, or trio. The company also has the opportunity to perform around the community and in additional dance competitions. Company members are also required to take summer classes and maintain good attendance to classes throughout the year. It is a big commitment, but also very rewarding!

Currently, auditions will be held the week of June 16-18(Tuesday-Thursday). Those who would like to audition will come to the intensive and learn a short dance combination that week. On Thursday the 18th you will perform the combination in small groups for a panel of judges. If you would like to audition, but are unable to be there that week, you will need to schedule a make-up audition.

There will be a poster in the lobby with sheets to put your name, age at the time of auditions, and school grade. There is a \$25 audition fee and you must pay for summer classes and registration. We are looking forward to next year and have many great plans already. We hope you will join us!



**2020 Company**  
**The Perfect Bouquet**

# PAJAMA PARTY

Here are a few pictures from our pajama party week! Be sure to look on our Facebook page for many more pictures!



# Important Info and Reminders

•Senior Group rehearsals will start when we return to the studio. We will send an email when we know more.

•Recital T-shirts will be available for purchase in May. Cost is \$15.

•Write your dancer's name on all dance gear (shoes, bag, jacket, etc.). If something is lost the "lost and found" is located in the dressing room.

•Go ahead and post these important dates on your calendars.

June 12-14      Recital weekend

June 16-19      Auditions for 2020-21 company (Look for more info next month.)

June 20          Mandatory meeting for all Company Members

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