

North Shore School of Dance

2009Fall Newsletter

Welcome Back Dancers!

We're glad you're here for another exciting year at North Shore School of Dance. We hope everyone had a great summer. Let's all work together to have a great year! "Recycle, Reuse, Respect".

21st Anniversary Nutcracker Auditions Sunday, August 30th, 2009

1:00-2:15

Sr. 7 & 8

Advanced and Professional Dancers
Minimum of 4 technique classes/wk

2:15-3:15

Sr. 4, 5 & 6

Minimum of 3 technique classes/wk

3:15-4:15

Jr. 3 & 4, Sr. 3

Minimum of 3 technique classes/wk

4:30-5:15

Jr. 1 (by invitation only)

Jr. 2

Minimum of 2 technique classes/wk

- Auditions held at 505 Laurel in HP
- All dancers must arrive to audition at least 15 minutes prior to fill out audition application.
- Late dancers will not be allowed to audition.
- Rehearsals are during the weekends.
- Technique classes are ballet and modern only
- There is a fee for participation.
- Minimum experience is only counted beyond the age of 7
- Performances Dates December 5th & 6th

NEW CLASSES

Teen Class

YOGA FLOW MONDAY 6:00-7:00 IN HIGHLAND PARK
TAUGHT BY GINA EVANGELISTA, OWNER OF HEALING POWER
YOGA IN HIGHLAND PARK

10 years to Teen

BOLLYWOOD FRIDAY 4:30-5:30 IN HIGHLAND PARK
TAUGHT BY TONYA WIBBENMEYER, FORMERLY OF DANCES OF
INDIA AND KALAPRIYA PERFORMERS

Boys Classes (Ages 5 & 6)

TAP MONDAY 1:30-2:00 IN HIGHLAND PARK
TAUGHT BY TONYA WIBBENMEYER

HIP HOP MONDAY 2:00-2:30 IN HIGHLAND PARK
TAUGHT BY CARLTON BRADLEY

Pre-Dance Division

KINDER-HOP (Ages 5 & 6) WEDNESDAY 2:15-3:00 IN HP
TAUGHT BY CARLTON BRADLEY

MOMMY AND ME (2 ½ YRS) THURSDAY 9:30-10:00 IN HP
TAUGHT BY VICTORIA DUTTON
*STUDENTS MUST BE AGES 2 ½ BY SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Adult Classes

JAZZ TUESDAY 11:00-12:00 IN HIGHLAND PARK
TAUGHT BY MEGHAN MCDERMOTT, FORMERLY OF
GIORDANO JAZZ DANCE CHICAGO

HIP HOP WEDNESDAY 1:00-2:00 IN HIGHLAND PARK TAUGHT
BY CARLTON BRADLEY, FORMERLY OF DANCE 2XS

BOLLYWOOD TUESDAY 11:00-12:00 IN HIGHLAND PARK
TAUGHT BY TONYA WIBBENMEYER, FORMERLY OF DANCES OF
INDIA AND KALAPRIYA PERFORMERS

Faculty News

Hello and Goodbye's

The North Shore School of Dance would like to welcome **Laura Tomlinson** to the faculty. She will be teaching ballet and jazz on Monday's, Thursday's and Friday's.

North Shore School of Dance is sad to say goodbye to **Nikki Stanek, Laura Upin, Pam Zeidman, Ashley Smith, Jennifer Bennett-Mansur, Ruth Sherman, and April Falcon**. We wish all of you good luck in the future.

Faculty Updates

Caroline Kuhl attended the Chicago Human Rhythm Project. **Meghan McDermott** had her final performance with Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago and choreographed for Thodos New Dances. **Dionna PridGeon** was chosen for the 2009 Monsters of Hip Hop Cast and a protégé for Pulse On Tour. **Meghan Reimers** is pregnant with her 3rd child; her daughter is due Thanksgiving Day. **Amy Rose** is an ABT® Certified Teacher who completed the ABT Teacher Training Intensive in Primary through level 7 in the ABT® National Training Curriculum. Amy also taught at the ABT Summer Intensive in Detroit. **Chris Rosales** has gone back to college to study Nursing.

For more information on our superb faculty, visit our faculty photo wall in our Highland Park studio or online at www.northshoredance.com

Pre-Dance Showcase May 9, 2010

The Pre-Dance Division Showcase will be held on May 9th at **Edgewood Middle School in Highland Park, IL**. Our annual showcase provides an informal performance opportunity for our younger dancers with their teacher close by. Participation in the showcase is **optional**, but is encouraged by all. Each student will receive a tutu or skirt and a headpiece to add to their class attire to make their day special. The showcase is generally 30-45 minutes which includes performances by our North Shore Dance Company. **Tickets are required**, however, there is no additional fee required for participation. If you choose not to participate, please inform your child's teacher. The dress rehearsal for the show will be Saturday, May 8, 2010. More information containing ticket forms, and specific dates and times will be made available online at a later date.

Spring Concert May 29-30, 2010

This year's Spring Concert performance will be the weekend of **May 29-30**. The number of classes and styles that your child is enrolled in will determine the day or days that he/she will be performing. This year's production and dress rehearsals will be held at **Lake Forest High School**, 1285 N. McKinley Rd. in Lake Forest, IL. Participation in the Spring Concert is **optional**, but performing is encouraged for all dancers. Participation gives the student performance experience, as well as, builds self-esteem and confidence within themselves. This year's concert will be divided into 6-8 shows. Our shorter productions provide the dancer and parent with a wonderful glimpse at their child's progress without an overwhelming atmosphere. More information about participation, costumes, tickets, and specific dates and times will be available online throughout the entire year.

Parent Consent forms for these performance opportunities are due no later than December 7th. Due to many factors and faculty needed to make our show a success, forms will not be accepted after that date. **No exceptions.**

Saturday, August 29th Auditions



10:00 – 11:00*

Ages 8 to 11 years
Minimum of 1 class per week

12:00 – 2:00*

Ages 12 to 18 years
Minimum of 2 classes per week

*\$10 audition fee required per student

NORTH SHORE **DANCE COMPANY**

3:00 – 4:00

Ages 8-10
Minimum of 1 technique class per week

4:00 – 5:00

Ages 11 and up
Minimum of 2 technique classes per week

Welcome Back Reminders

- o Dancers must wear their hair up for all classes.
- o Dancers must not wear dance shoes outside.
- o Students and parents are not permitted to wear street shoes in the studios.
- o Dancers should be dressed properly so the teacher can see your waist, hips, knees, and ankles.
- o Dancers should never chew gum in class.
- o Dancers should not wear jewelry. All other valuables should be kept in the dance studio while in class.
- o Parents and dancers need to keep as quiet as possible in the halls while other classes are going on.
- o Parents are not permitted in the dance studio without teacher's permission.
- o Parents, please pick up your child promptly after class

All students and parents must be familiar with the Dedicated Dancer Handbook and adhere to all studio policies. The handbook and other policies can be found at www.northshoredance.com.



Ensemble Auditions:
Sunday, August
30th
12:00-1:00p.m. in
Highland Park
Level 7 & 8
4 technique class
minimum

Student Updates

Pre-Professional Program

Congratulations to our students who have been accepted into NSSD's Pre-Professional Program. New this year, these students will prepare for performances, attend classes, and receive a well rounded education in dance training. These students, in levels Senior 5-8, have been invited into the program because of their attitude, ability, and overall dance training. Students will also be a part of The Nutcracker, North Shore Dance Company or North Shore Repertory Dance Ensemble depending on their level and training. Pre-Professionals in levels Sr. 6-8 will be presented in a ballet which is to be performed at NSSD's annual Spring Concert.

Summer Programs

Congratulations on our students who danced and attended summer programs this past summer. Students continuing to dance over the summer continue to improve their technique and ability. North Shore School of Dance's Summer Intensive, Interlochen School of the Arts, Joffrey Midwest, Boston Ballet are just a few of the great programs offered in the United States. If you are considering attending one of these programs, please speak to the Director or your child's teacher to find the best place for your child. Auditions are primarily in Chicago and begin in January. A list of recommended programs will be posted in the Highland Park studio.

NSSD Celebrates the 4th of July

The North Shore School of Dance celebrated the 4th of July at the annual Highland Park parade. Students, parents, and faculty attended this exciting event. We hope to make this an annual event for the studio. Look for more information about next years parade to be available in June. Hopefully next year we can have the biggest float and participation out of all the Highland Park businesses! Congratulations North Shore School of Dance.