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## **Gear is Here!**

If you ordered a 2011 recital DVD or T-shirt they are available for pick up at the front desk.

## **Select Dance is turning 5!**

SDA is celebrating its 5th birthday this year! Since opening in 2007 the studio has grown in ways we could only dream about. That 1st year we had 175 students and 1 recital. This past year, our enrollment was over 300 and we needed 3 recitals to make sure everyone got a chance to shine on stage. We took a couple solos to a competition in 2008-2009, created 3 competition groups the next year, and last year had 13 groups and around 25 solos, duets and trios at 2 competitions.

And all that is on top of the incredible growth in our recreational divisions. We have classes for dancers of all ages—our youngest are two and three years old, but we won't ask our adult tap ladies (who rocked the stage at the recital, thank you very much) to divulge that information.

We are also proud of our music students and their continued development. We now offer piano and guitar lessons to students of all ages. We still have a few openings the teachers would love to fill!

In short, we've got a class for everybody. We still have open slots in some of our classes, as well as availabilities for recreational and competition solos, duets and trios.

We're very excited for the upcoming year and thank you again for your support and encouragement throughout this year and in the years to come.

*— Jen and the SDA staff: Katie, Nicole, Deane, Shari, MaryKate, Scott and Natalia*

## **Competition Corner**

We've picked out competition shoes! Capezio or Paul Wright 1/2 ballet flesh colored shoes. We will be doing a group order the first week of classes for anyone interested. All dancers need to have them by Jan 1st. Tap shoes are any kind of lace up black oxfords.

It may only be September, but we've been busy getting things in order for the upcoming year. Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

- Sunday, September 18th – Competition BBQ at Jen's house. We'll get the grill fired up at noon! Hope to see you there!
- Thursday, September 22nd – Fundraising information session at the studio at 7 p.m. We're organizing a fundraiser to help offset tuition costs. Please come if you're interested!
- Saturday, October 8th – First fundraising day. This is entirely optional, but the hours are from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Saturday, October 15th – Second fundraising day. Still optional and the hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Friday-Sunday, April 27th-29th – In10sity Dance Competition.
- Thursday-Sunday, May 3rd-6th – Masquerade Dance Competition.

**\*\*Be sure to check this spot every month for updated competition team information\*\***

# W e l c o m e   B a c k !   A   f e w   r e m i n d e r s :

- Classes start September 12.
- Please make sure we have your updated contact information. We primarily communicate with you through e-mail and we'd hate to have you miss out on important information.
- SDA merchandise will be available for sale the first two weeks of classes. Please check it out in the lobby.
- Please make sure your dancers are on time to class and dressed appropriately. Street clothes and baggy clothes are not allowed. Students who are not dressed properly will not dance.
- Please send your dancers with a water bottle. There are no water fountains at the studio.
- Please follow the calendar on [www.selectdance.com](http://www.selectdance.com) and Select Dance Academy on facebook for important dates.
- **\*\*Refer a new family to the studio and receive a free SDA cinch sack as a thank you gift!\*\***

## S e l e c t   D a n c e a w a r d s

At the 2011 recital, we honored 4 dancers for their dedication, improvement, attitude, and overall achievement. Throughout the 2011-2012 dance year, our teachers will be on the lookout for the dancers that embody these qualities. They will choose the students who will be honored at the 2012 recital for Best Attitude, Most Improved, Most Dedicated, and the Select Dance Academy Award.

These awards are intended to encourage our students to continue their hard work. We have many students who are dedicated, who daily seek to improve their technique and performing abilities, who come to class every day with a smile, and who embody what the studio stands for. We want to recognize their efforts at the end of the year.

## F u n d r a i s i n g

Every family is invited to join us in fundraising. We will be selling Shakopee/Savage/Prior Lake discount cards. Informational Meeting: Thursday September 22nd 7:00 PM. Fundraising days: Saturdays October 8 & 15 9:00 am-3:00 pm. This is optional and all money earned will go towards your tuition.

## T a k e   a   B o w

In honor of our fifth anniversary, SDA would like to recognize those dancers who have studied with us since the very beginning by honoring them at the recitals.

We are incredibly proud of all our dancers and we believe that these students deserve an acknowledgement for their five years at Select Dance Academy. Congratulations!

## D a n c e r s   a r o u n d t h e   w o r l d



Stormi and the Parthenon in Greece. I'm jealous – are you?



Miss Lauren dancing on a mountain in Aspen, CO this summer.