



Mark Your Calendars!

VACATION DATES:

THANKSGIVING
 11/26/08 - 11/30/08

WINTER
 12/22/08 - 01/02/09

SPRING
 03/21/09 - 03/27/09

WE ARE NOT CLOSED
 DURING MEA WEEK

CLASS OBSERVATION DATES:

THE FIRST CLASSES OF
 NOVEMBER, FEBRUARY, & APRIL

PARENTS OF DANCERS AGE 3 TO 8
 ARE INVITED TO WATCH CLASSES
 IN THE CLASSROOM DURING THESE
 SCHEDULED OBSERVATION WEEKS .

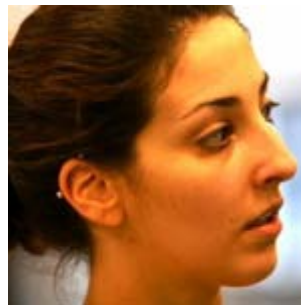
WE ASK THAT PARENTS REMAIN
 IN THE WAITING AREAS DURING
 NON-OBSERVATION WEEKS TO
 PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH LESS
 DISTRACTION . EVERYONE IS
 WELCOME TO VIEW CLASSES
 THROUGH THE OBSERVATION
 WINDOWS IN EACH STUDIO
 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR .

WELCOME BACK!

We welcome our new students and their families to Betty Jo's Dance Center and are, of course, very pleased to see our returning dancers. We know that the success of our business over the past 33 years has been due to the support of our wonderful families and students. We are truly grateful and will constantly strive to earn your continued trust.

STAFF NEWS

- * We are so happy to welcome two new teachers this year – Anat Shinar (Jazz, Lyrical, and Ballet) and Dominique Cousins (Hip Hop).



Anat



Dominique

- * Kristine Voth, our studio manager, had a beautiful baby girl named Mia in July. She is not at the studio full time this year, but you will see her occasionally as she works on special projects. We couldn't be happier for Mia's addition to the BJDC family.
- * Cherri Jackson is new to the studio as part of our front desk staff. She will be with us on Monday and Thursday evenings.
- * We are proud to announce that Elizabeth Ippolito has joined the administrative staff as Artistic Director, in addition to her role as a ballet instructor. Elizabeth is helping to create new programming - our Elite Program is now in its inaugural year. This is Elizabeth's 3rd year at the studio and she brings administrative experience from serving as a staff member of the School at Steps on Broadway (NYC).

SUMMER PROGRAMS / GUEST TEACHERS

Thank you to all of our summer students for an enormously successful summer season! Our guest teachers had a wonderful time working with you. We are looking forward to scheduling some workshops with them during the school year!



DANCE CLASS SESSIONS

ADULT TAP & MODERN

8 WEEK SESSIONS

SESSION I :

OCTOBER 6- NOVEMBER 24

TAP- MONDAY, 8:15-9:15 P.M.

MODERN- MONDAY, 7-8 P.M.

**NO PREVIOUS DANCE EXPERIENCE
NEEDED & WE ALWAYS HAVE ROOM
TO ADD MORE ADULTS!*

PILATES

Pilates classes are available in private or small group sessions. Classes are scheduled to suit your availability. Contact the studio for details or to schedule a session.

ADULT BALLROOM

Friday Evening

Classes are in the works...stay tuned for details!

TODDLER DANCE

Creative movement for 2 ½ to 3
½ year olds
8 Week Session
October 4 - November 22
Saturdays, 11-11:30 a.m.

ANNUAL WINTER SHOW

This event is for our youngest dancers, age 3 to 8, in ballet, tap and/or jazz classes. Our Ballet Company will also perform a dance from "The Nutcracker" at each show. This will be held on December 7, 2008 at the Rosemount Community Center Stage & Auditorium. We are planning to have three shows on Sunday afternoon and each class will be in one show. More specific details on this event will be distributed in classes.

TOYS FOR TOTS

We will be hosting a Toys for Tots Drive and will collect toys at the studio in December. Our toy drive will end at the studio on December 11th. Toys may also be donated during the Winter Show (at the Rosemount Community Center) on December 7th.

STUDIO DANCEWEAR WARM-UPS

We are ordering NEW warm-ups and they are available in youth and adult sizes. Dancers in our competition program have the option of adding "Company Dancer" and/or "Kick Team Dancer" embroidery to the front right chest of their jackets. Try-on sizes will be available in our dance store.

We will be placing an order for studio warm-ups. Order forms will be distributed in classes very soon and orders will be due by October 23rd.

BETTY JO'S DANCE CENTER SIGNATURE WEAR

We also have a collection of adult and youth sized sweatshirts, t-shirts, shorts, bags, etc. available in our online store. This store allows us to offer a wider variety of styles and sizes and you will be able to order these items year-round. You may access this store from clicking on "About Us" from the tool bar on our web site and click on "online store". Shoes, tights, leotards, and other dance clothing are always available in the studio store.

PRIVATE LESSONS/SMALL GROUPS

Private lessons are available for students looking for extra practice. These classes are geared specifically to the dancer's needs and are a wonderful opportunity to enhance training.

*Technical goals are more easily attained due to the intense focus.

*Lessons can focus on placement, technique, or specific steps such as turns or jumps.

*Lessons are required for students working on solo/duo/trio choreography.

*Sessions can be booked singly or on a continual basis.

*Lessons must be paid before time of service and require 24 hour cancellation notice.

Please contact the studio for booking and details.

HARLEM GLOBE TROTTERS

Attention all kick and company dancers! We are pleased to announce that we have been asked to return to the Target Center to perform at half time of the Harlem Globe Trotters basketball game. Event and rehearsal details will be available soon.



INFORMATION
&
FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Our primary form of communication with parents and guardians is via email.

Please be sure that your email address is up to date.

Newsletters and important information will be emailed to all families and put up on the bulletin board. If you do not have email or do not choose to provide us with an email address, please check the bulletin board or ask for a copy at the front desk.

CHECK OUT OUR
NEW WEBSITE!

BETTYJOSDANCECENTER.COM is new and improved! The site is now more user-friendly and better than ever. The student/parent log-in area will be open shortly.

SAVION GLOVER & STUDIO TRIPS

Savion Glover will be performing at Orchestra Hall!

Sunday, November 9th 2008 - 7 PM

Discounted Tickets \$43 – Prime Orchestra Seating

This event is open to all studio families. Please contact the office with your ticket order no later than Monday, September 22nd. Payment is due to reserve your tickets.

Savion Glover has been called “the man who saved tap dancing.” Gregory Hines said “he’s arguably the best tap dancer who’s ever lived.” You may know his work from the hit Broadway musical, *Bring in ‘da Noise, Bring in ‘da Funk*, for which he won a Tony award for Best Choreography. Glover began his love affair with tap when he was seven, became a Broadway star in his teens, and worked with—by many accounts eclipsing—some of the world’s most famous hoofers. He continues to turn every step into a revelation. See for yourself at Bare Soundz, an exuberant celebration of tap as song.

SAVE THE DATE

Russian National Ballet Theatre - Sleeping Beauty at Northrup Auditorium
Friday January 30, Saturday January 31—8:00 p.m.

NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS

Moscow Ballet

Saturday, September 13th at 9:00AM

Kinderberry Hill Child Development Center

50 South Sixth Street, Suite 260, Downtown Minneapolis

Performances are December 12th and 13th, 2008 at the Orpheum Theater in
Downtown Minneapolis

Moscow Ballet will be casting children ages seven to young teens for its Great Russian Nutcracker U.S. Tour. Applicants must have one year of ballet experience, no exceptions! For more information, please contact the local dance teacher coordinator in your area. Moscow Ballet’s audition schedule will be updated daily. All applicants must have a legal guardian present at the audition to sign a release form. Applicants must be dressed in ballet attire, please bring pointe shoes if you have pointe experience. A prepared piece will NOT be needed at the audition. Applicants will be notified at the audition if they have been selected. Please be prepared to stay at the audition for rehearsal. - Nutcracker.com
Contact Coordinator Chandra Saign 952.881.6217

STUDIO FUNDRAISERS

We need input from families regarding the desire for fundraisers and if there are volunteers who would like to be in charge of fundraising projects through the Dance Center.

WAITING AREAS

Families may bring in DVD’s or Videos for children to watch while waiting for siblings in the upstairs lounge. We also have wireless internet at the studio, so feel free to bring in a laptop computer.



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POLICIES /TUITION REMINDER:

- Full tuition is due on your first lesson of each month, September through May. Every class is scheduled to be held a minimum of 32 weeks, and the tuition is divided into nine equal monthly payments.
- No invoices are mailed unless your payment is overdue.
- There is a monthly late fee of 10.00 for accounts that are 30 days or more overdue – no exceptions.
- The family discount is \$2.00/mo. per student from the same family.
- There are no refunds for lessons missed by a student, scheduled vacation dates or lessons cancelled due to inclement weather. Students are encouraged to attend a similar-level class as a make-up lesson.
- Written notice of intent to discontinue lessons must be received, and you will be responsible for tuition payment of the last month of attendance.
- We offer automatic monthly tuition withdrawal from bank accounts - form available in the office if you would like to set this up.
- We accept checks, cash, and credit card payments.

RECITAL COSTUMES:

- Catalog-ordered costumes are \$75.00.
- Students that are age 3 to 6 will wear one costume for tap and ballet. Students age 7 and above who are enrolled in combination classes- Ballet, Tap, and Jazz will wear two costumes; one costume for ballet and a second costume for both Tap and Jazz.
- The total amount for costumes is due by November 15, 2008. You may make monthly deposits if that is helpful for your budget, or pay the total at one time by November 15, 2008.
- Costumes will be ordered for all students by November 30, 2008. You must inform the instructor before this date if your child will NOT be dancing in the recital and you do not wish to order the costume.
- Costumes are non-refundable or returnable after November 30, 2008.

Students will be measured for their dance costumes during the month of November. Costumes do not arrive tailor-made and there may be some alterations or assembly to ensure proper fit. These alterations will be done by the parents or at the parents' expense.