

# ECPAC Newsletter

## April 2010

### Competition Teams

Does your child LOVE to dance? Does he or she want to take their training the next level? Then competition team may be right for you. If you are interested in learning more about our competition teams please notify the front desk and we will get you an informational packet.

### Registration

In person VIP Pre-registration for our Fall session is Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30-12:00 and 2:30-6:30. As existing customers you have first "dibs" on classes. Register early for your first choice of class times! On-line registration opens Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>, at that point classes are open for new students to enroll.

### Summer Special: 5 classes for \$50.00!!

Summer session runs June 22-July 22, enroll for summer session with no registration fee. Additional bonus: Take classes during summer session and pay no registration fee for fall classes! You can enroll for summer classes online, in person at the front desk or over the phone.

### Recital Information:

ECPAC Showcase 2010

Grand Theater

715 Central Ave

Tracy 95376

[www.atthegrand.org](http://www.atthegrand.org)

209-831-6858

### Show Times Saturday, June 12

Show 1: 10:00-11:00 (dancers arrive at 9:30)

Show 2: 12:00-1:00 (dancers arrive at 11:30)

Show 3: 2:00-5:00 (dancers arrive at 1:30)

### Dress Rehearsal Friday, June 11

#### Rehearsal times:

Show 1: 10-11:30 Dancers arrive at 9:30

Show 2: 11:30-1:00 Dancers arrive at 11:00

Show 3: 1:00-5:00 Dancers arrive at 12:30

\*\*\*\*\* Attention ALL Pre-Ballet classes will rehearse at 11:30\*\*\*\*\*

### Dress rehearsal as well as the recital are at the Grand Theater, Tracy

### Father Daughter Dance:

If your dancer has signed up for the Father Daughter Dance Rehearsals are as follows:

Friday, May 7 7:00 pm

Friday, May 21 7:00 pm

Friday, June 4 7:00 pm

Father Daughter Dance is open to all dancers 6-11 years old. Dads will wear black slacks and shoes with a white dress shirt and girls will need a white dress and ballet shoes. If you have not signed up yet you may do so at the front desk.

### **Picture Day Thursday, June 3 (no classes this day)**

There will be a schedule out mid May, each class has a specific time frame. Pictures are professionally taken at the dance studio. We run on a tight schedule on Picture Day and pride ourselves on being on time.

### **Recital Volunteers**

I need many volunteers during our show. I need backstage moms to help entertain and help little ones with costume changes, ticket takers, people passing out programs and guarding doors, child check in/out, and the list goes on. I need 1 parent volunteers for each class, there will be a sign up list in the studio to work backstage. There is no backstage parent meeting this year, but you will get an instructional packet.

### **Backstage Moms**

A sign up list for backstage help will be posted Monday morning. **PLEASE NOTE:** You may not be backstage with your dancer unless you are **SIGNED UP** to be a backstage mom! Sign ups are on a first come basis, and we have a limited number of volunteer spots.

### **Recital Hair and Tights**

Please order your recital tights NOW!!! Tight color is listed on the costume chart next to your costume.

Recital hair is as follows:

Boogie Babies: half up and half down

All ballet classes: Bun

All other classes: low ponytail

### **Tickets**

Tickets go on sale May 1. Please note, we will NOT be selling tickets at the dance studio. You must purchase your tickets through the Grand Theater directly. You can order via the web at [www.atthegrand.org](http://www.atthegrand.org) or over the phone 209-831-6858. All seating is reserved and a seating chart is included with this newsletter. Tickets for the lower sections are \$15.00, all other seats are \$12.00.

We also have some very special luxury box seats we will be auctioning off on Ebay. As soon as it is posted I will let you know... these are the BEST seats in the house!!!

### **Ticket Packages**

If you have a young dancer in show 1 or 2 and an older dancer in Show 3 we are offering a discounted ticket package for you, buy tickets for a second show for ½ price.

### **Dress Rehearsal Friday June 11**

All dancers must attend dress rehearsal. If you are a working parent please make arrangements now so your child can attend. If you need to set up a carpool with other parents in class please contact the studio main office. If you are volunteering to work backstage you **MUST** attend the coordinating rehearsal. At dress rehearsal we run the Grand Finale first then as your dancers finish you are free to leave. For safety reasons dancers are not allowed to watch the rehearsal. They must stay backstage.

### **Recital Saturday June 12**

The recital is the big event that our dancers have been working for all year long; they will be excited, nervous and maybe even a little overwhelmed. This year the recital will be held at The Grand Theater, Tracy. Tickets for the recital will go on sale May 1 and it is best to **BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY** because the **SHOWS WILL SELL OUT!!!!** Since tickets can only be purchased online or over the phone we **CANNOT** hold tickets for families.

The recital will be split up in at 3 shows to accommodate our large student base. Show 1 and 2 for the younger dancers (2-7) will be approximately 1 hour. The show for the older dancers (7 and over) will be approximately 3 hours, there will be an intermission and concessions are sold at the theater. We will make every effort to

keep siblings in the same show and we have discounted ticket packages available for families who have dancers in multiple shows.

### **Recital DVD**

Everyone gets a FREE DVD of the recital! There is no videotaping or flash photography allowed during the shows. Please make sure you tell your family and friends who come to the show, the theater will confiscate cameras if they see a flash or video cameras/video phones.

### **Recital Pictures**

This year we have a professional photographer Janell Gruner of Chat Noir Photography taking pictures of your children's dances. You will have the chance to see the pictures after the show and order live action shots! Some of her work is featured in the studio. More information regarding pricing and ordering will be available soon.

### **Costumes**

Costumes are arriving! As soon as they are checked and processed they will be distributed in class. Please remember if you ordered your costume after the fitting day your child will not be getting it at the same time as the other children. We don't want to cause any hurt feelings with the children, but costumes must be passed out as they are received. If your costume needs minor alterations please let the front desk know.

If you have any questions please call or visit the front desk!

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