

## FUN 'N' DANCE LTD. MAY NEWSLETTER 2017

May has arrived and 'spring has hopefully sprung', please read this newsletter *carefully* as it contains important information on registration for next year and dates and times for upcoming recital rehearsals and performances. Thank you.



### MAY FEES

May fees are now due payable to 'Fun 'n' Dance Ltd.'

### Storybook Ballet

A reminder that the last **Storybook Ballet** class will be held on **Saturday, May 27**, this class will also be parent viewing. The last monthly cheque for Storybook ballet should be dated **May 1, 2017**.

### "In-school" Registration for 2017 - 2018

In May we will be holding our *in-school* registration. This registration is open to all students currently enrolled in the school and siblings are also welcome to register at this time. A *tentative* schedule for the 2017 - 2018 school year will be available and by registering early, parents will **not** be required to pay the registration fee. When registering your child, we require fees to be paid by either 10 postdated cheques dated the first of each month from **September 1, 2017** to **June 1, 2018** OR by 3 termly postdated cheques dated **September 1, 2017, January 1, 2018** and **April 1, 2018**. A reminder that classes can fill up quickly when we open our registration to the general public at the beginning of June.

To make it easier to register your child for next year, we will be sending home a *registration package* with each family in May. This package contains a class schedule, list of fees and a registration form and we will have '*highlighted*' the classes that we recommend your child take next year for your convenience. Should you wish to register your child for next year, simply complete the form and return it with the necessary cheques attached during your child's next class. If you are certain that your child will not be returning to dance next year, it would be *greatly* appreciated if you could let us know either by writing a short note, calling the office at **403-289-9240** or by e-mailing Miss Julie at [prattrj@telus.net](mailto:prattrj@telus.net). Please do not hesitate to contact Miss Julie should you have any questions regarding registration.

### VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY

ALL regular dance classes will be *cancelled* on **Saturday, May 20** and **Monday, May 22** i.e. the 'Victoria Day' weekend. Please be aware that ALL Thursday dance classes will run as normal on **Thursday, May 18**.  
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## YEAR-END PERFORMANCE - "MARY POPPINS & THE BANKS FAMILY"

Our year-end performance will be held at the university theatre, U. of C., with 2 performances, the first one on **Tuesday, May 30** and the second performance on **Wednesday, May 31**. The actual performance starts both days at **6.00pm** and will finish at approximately **8.30pm**.

We will be rehearsing all day at the theatre on **Monday, May 29** with a full dress rehearsal starting at **6.00pm** (please refer to the rehearsal schedule below). The most convenient parking for the theatre is located in the 'art parkade' which parents can access off of 24 Avenue NW, there is an entry fee and then you can park for as long as you need, however once you leave the parkade you have to pay again to reenter. Once you are in the theatre, parents and students should follow the signs for the dressing rooms and backstage. If you require a detailed map of the university campus, then please access the university website.

The rehearsal schedule for **Monday, May 29** at the university theatre will be as follows:

**9.00am – 12.30pm** Blocking rehearsals for ALL senior ballet students in **Intermediate Fdn.** (Ailsa's class), **Grade 5 Ballet** (Thriisa's class); **Advanced Fdn.** (Matteia's class), **Advanced 1** (Erika's class) plus all **Intermediate Jazz, Intermediate Tap and Senior Hip-Hop** students.

\*Those senior students who are performing with the younger groups are expected to stay for the afternoon blocking rehearsals. They will not be dancing the whole time.

<b>12.30 - 12.45pm</b>	Trees (Grade 4 Ballet)
<b>12.45 - 1.00pm</b>	Zookeepers (Grade 4 Ballet)
<b>1.00 - 1.15pm</b>	Birds (Grade 3 Ballet)
<b>1.15 - 1.30pm</b>	Children in Candy Store (Grade 3 Ballet)
<b>1.30 - 1.45pm</b>	Gingerbread children (Grade 2 Ballet)
<b>1.45 - 2.00pm</b>	Carousel Horses (Grade 2 Ballet)
<b>2.00 - 2.15pm</b>	Carousel Horses (Grade 1 Ballet)
<b>2.15 - 2.30pm</b>	Bats (Jazz 5)
<b>2.30 - 2.45pm</b>	Commuters in City (Beg. Tap 9 - 12)
<b>2.45 - 3.00pm</b>	Statues (Jazz 4)
<b>3.00 - 3.15pm</b>	Monkeys (Jazz 1)
<b>3.15 - 3.30pm</b>	Toy Soldiers (Tap 1)
<b>3.30 - 3.45pm</b>	Dolls (Inter./Adv. Ukrainian)
<b>3.45 - 4.00pm</b>	Toys (Primary Ballet)
<b>4.00 - 4.15pm</b>	Snakes (Acro. 1)
<b>4.15 - 4.30pm</b>	Chimney Sweeps (Jr. Hip-Hop)
<b>4.30 - 4.45pm</b>	Daffodils (Pre-Primary Ballet)
<b>4.45 - 5.00pm</b>	Lizards (Beg. Tap/Jazz)
<b>5.00 - 5.15pm</b>	Tree (Acro. 2)
<b>5.15 – 6.00pm</b>	<b>SUPPER BREAK</b> - get costumes, hair, make-up ready for dress rehearsal
<b>6.00 – 9.00pm</b>	Full Dress Rehearsal ( <b>ALL</b> students) <i>*(We try hard to stay on time with rehearsals, however please be aware that delays may occur).</i>

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ALL students will be expected to arrive at the university theatre no later than 15 minutes before they are scheduled to rehearse on stage. They will **NOT** be expected to wear their costumes for their group blocking rehearsal (see schedule on previous page), just regular dance attire. **ALL** costumes, headdresses and make-up must be worn for the dress rehearsal (a list detailing the costume, hair and make-up requirements for each class will be handed out/mailed to parents the week before photo day and teachers will go over these requirements with parents during class time).

Students will be allowed to sit in the theatre and watch the afternoon blocking rehearsals *QUIETLY* when they are not dancing. Miss Julie would ask that students do NOT put their feet up on the theatre seats while they are waiting for their turn to rehearse or bring any food into the theatre and she expects students to treat all theatre staff and property with respect. Miss Julie would *strongly recommend* that the parents of younger students (i.e. Pre-Primary Ballet, Primary Ballet, Grade 1 Ballet, Beginner Tap/Jazz, Jazz 1 and Tap 1) remain in the theatre during the afternoon rehearsals so that the children feel comfortable, if this is not possible, then please let Miss Julie know. During the dress rehearsal, **ALL** students will be expected to remain in their designated dressing rooms under the supervision of parent volunteers until it is their turn to perform. Volunteer sign-up sheets for dressing room supervision will be posted on the Fun ‘n’ Dance notice board.

We would recommend that students bring books, *quiet* games, water and snacks (ideally something that will not be messy to eat and no popcorn please!) to the theatre with them on all 3 days to help pass the time in the dressing room when they are not performing. We understand that Monday will be a long day of rehearsals and would greatly appreciate everyone’s *patience* and *co-operation*. (Miss Julie will try to allow the Pre-Primary, Primary, Grade 1 Ballet, Beginner Tap/Jazz, Jazz 1 and Tap 1 students to leave *as soon as* they are finished rehearsing so that they are not up too late).

On BOTH performance days i.e. **Tuesday May 30 AND Wednesday, May 31**, **ALL** students in Pre-Primary Ballet to Grade 4 Ballet, Beginner Tap/Jazz to Jazz 5, Junior Hip-Hop, Acrobatics levels 1 & 2 and Ukrainian classes are expected to arrive at the theatre **NO LATER THAN 4.30PM**. *\*If Miss Julie requires some of the younger groups to have an extra rehearsal on the day of the recital, then they will be asked to come earlier than 4.30pm.* **ALL** ballet students in Inter. Fdn. to Advanced 1 level plus Intermediate Jazz, Intermediate Tap and Senior Hip-Hop students can expect to be at the theatre for rehearsals in the early afternoon on Tuesday, depending on how Monday’s dress rehearsal went and they will be expected to be at the theatre on both performance days **NO LATER THAN 3.00PM** so that we have time to warm-up onstage and rehearse if necessary.

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Miss Julie would like the *group mum* for each class to transport the costumes to the theatre and be responsible for ensuring all rental costumes are collected at the end of the last performance. ALL costumes must be dropped off backstage in a clearly labelled bag by **9.30am** on our rehearsal day **Monday, May 29**. Once at the theatre, each student will be responsible for his/her own costume(s) and there are **NO** extra costumes to replace any that may be lost.

Please help the *group mum* by placing rental costumes in the labeled bags located in the dressing rooms at the end of the performance on Wednesday. Thank you.

### Parent Volunteer Schedule

We are looking for parent volunteers to supervise in the dressing rooms during the dress rehearsal and the 2 performances. The **parent volunteer schedule** for dressing room supervision will be posted on the Fun ‘n’ Dance notice board located to the left as you enter the main hall doors of the community centre. Volunteers would be required to help with putting on costumes, doing hair and make-up and keeping the noise levels down.

Miss Julie has already filled in some volunteer names on the schedule according to what was originally indicated on recital forms, however please take a look and check to see if your name is on the list and if not, find a time slot that works. Should you wish to change your volunteer position, please call Miss Julie at 403-289-9240 or email her at [prattrj@telus.net](mailto:prattrj@telus.net), the schedule is fairly flexible.

Miss Julie is also looking for parents who would be willing to help transport parts of the set and small props to the theatre on **Monday, May 29**. They would have to be at the theatre no later than 9.00am. Should you be willing to help, then please contact Miss Julie *as soon as possible*. Thank you!!

\*Miss Julie *truly* appreciates the time and efforts of all of our parent volunteers; our performance wouldn’t be able to happen without you – THANK YOU!!

### Rehearsal Week for the Year-End Performance

The week *before* the performance we will be holding extra rehearsals at the **Rosedale community centre** for all participating students. These rehearsals are **COMPULSORY** for ALL students and will take place upstairs in the dance studio on **Tuesday, May 23** and **Wednesday, May 24** from **4.30 to 7.00PM** both days. These Tuesday and Wednesday rehearsals will replace ALL regular classes on these days, *please note* that Miss Dehla’s students will still have regular classes on **Thursday, May 25** and Miss Julie and Miss Natasha’s classes will run as normal on **Saturday, May 27**. The rehearsal schedule will run as follows:

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Rehearsal Week for the Year-End Performance (continued):

**Tuesday, May 23 (in upstairs dance studio) – 4.30PM to 7.00PM**

First Half of "Mary Poppins":

Advanced Fdn. Ballet (main characters)  
Inter/Adv. Contemporary  
Grade 5 Ballet (Clouds)  
Primary Ballet (Toys)  
Inter./Adv. Ukrainian (Dolls)  
Tap 1 (Toy Soldiers)  
Adv. 1 Ballet (Neighbours)  
Pre-Primary Ballet (Daffodils)  
Grade 4 Ballet (Trees)  
Jazz 4 (Statues)  
Acrobatics 2 (Tree)  
Grade 1 Ballet (Carousel Horses)  
Grade 2 Ballet (Carousel Horses)  
Beg./Prep. for Pointe (Pawns)  
Inter. Pointe (White chess pieces)  
Adv. Fdn. Pointe (Black chess pieces)  
Adv. 1 Pointe (Queen chess pieces)

**Wednesday, May 24 (in upstairs dance studio) – 4.30PM to 7.00PM**

Second Half of "Mary Poppins":

Adv. Fdn. Ballet (main characters/Stars)  
Grade 4 Ballet (Zookeepers)  
Jazz 1 (Monkeys)  
Beginner Tap/Jazz (Lizards)  
Jazz 5 (Bats)  
Acrobatics 1 (Snakes)  
Beginner Tap 9 - 12 yrs. (Commuters)  
Grade 3 Ballet (Birds)  
Inter. Fdn. Ballet (Bells of St. Paul's)  
Sr. Hip-Hop (Bank workers)  
Jr. Hip-Hop (Chimney sweeps)  
Inter. Tap (Chimney sweeps)  
Grade 5 Ballet (Shop owners)  
Grade 2 Ballet (Gingerbread children)  
Grade 3 Ballet (Children in candy store)  
Inter. Fdn. Ballet (Parents of children)  
Inter. Jazz (Supercalifragilistic)  
Adv. 1 Ballet (Kites)

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### Rehearsal Week for the Year-End Performance (continued):

#### **N.B.**

Students should only attend on the days that they are needed (refer to the list above). Younger students in *Pre-Primary, Primary and Grade 1 Ballet* as well as *Beginner Tap/Jazz, Jazz 1 and Tap 1* students will not be expected to stay for the full two and a half hours of rehearsal and parents should arrange to pick them up at **6.00pm**. ALL other students will be expected to be in attendance from **4.30pm** to **7.00pm** and we would recommend that they bring something to eat and drink and a book to read to keep them busy while they are not dancing. Should there be any conflicts with the above schedule, please let Miss Julie know *as soon as possible* by calling **403-289-9240** or by e-mailing her.

#### Costuming

Costuming for the year-end performance is well underway and Miss Julie would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the mums who have volunteered to act as the 'group mum' for their child's class, this makes the organization of costumes for each class a lot easier.

We are always in need of parents who are able to do simple sewing or gluing of costumes and headdresses, so if you would be willing to lend a hand with the final stages of costume making, then please contact **Miss Julie** at **403-289-9240** or by e-mail and she will put you in touch with the 'group mum' for your child's class.

#### Parent Information Sessions for Recital - May 16 & 17

We will be holding 2 parent information sessions for the recital on **Tuesday May 16** and **Wednesday May 17** from **5.00 - 6.00pm** in the board room downstairs in the community centre. Leanne McDougall will be going through the schedule for the theatre and parent volunteer duties, so if you have any questions OR this is the first time your child has participated in the year-end performance, this would be a good opportunity to come and ask any questions you may have. Please email Miss Julie and let her know if you plan to attend one of the information sessions. Thank you.

#### Photo Day for Recital - Friday, May 26

We are *excited* to have Glenn from 'LaVica Photography' coming in to take group and individual photos of the students on **Friday, May 26**. The photo session will be held at the Rosedale Community Centre from **2.00pm to 8.00pm** approximately and a detailed schedule will be made available soon. Photo order forms will be handed out in class shortly. **ALL** students would have to come with hair and make-up done as for the performance and the group mums for each class would be responsible for bringing the costumes and making sure everybody is dressed correctly before having their photograph taken.

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### Flash Photography and Video Taping

We would request that all flash photography be done during the afternoon **blocking rehearsals only** (NOT during the dress rehearsal or performances) since the flash device on cameras can be very distracting to the dancers on stage. Also, we request that audience members do not film the performances as the screens on devices can be very distracting to other audience members. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

The actual performance is being professionally videotaped and edited by *Ron Seidel* of 'Open Call Films' and will be available to purchase in a DVD package for the cost of **\$40.00**. You will be receiving via e-mail a 'recital DVD order form', there will also be some located on the Fun 'n' Dance notice board. If you would like to pre-order a copy of the recital DVD, then please fill out the form and return it with payment (cheques are payable to *Fun 'n' Dance Ltd.*). The deadline for receiving DVD order forms is **Saturday, May 27**. Thank you.

### Tickets for "Mary Poppins"

This year, we have had to move our recital ticket sales online. Tickets for both performances are now available for purchase at the university of Calgary website. You have to type in the URL: <https://red.vendini.com/ticket-software.html?t=tix&e=6e5dd92a5a68efd67daaa750380e306a> and click on the 'order' button beside the performance date you would like to attend. Due to extra charges incurred with moving to the online service, the price of tickets has increased this year to **\$20.00 for general admission** i.e. adults, children, students and seniors are all the same price (GST is included in this price). When buying your tickets online, please be aware that there will be a **\$2.00** box office fee charged by the university per ticket purchased. Miss Julie has approx. 40 tickets per performance available for purchase from her if parents are not able to buy tickets online. If you would like to buy tickets from her, then please email Miss Julie or talk to her at the beginning or end of your child's class. Tickets can also be purchased from the University Theatre box office when it opens approximately 30 minutes before each performance. There is no limit on the number of tickets purchased per family and the students would appreciate a large and enthusiastic audience to perform for.

### Advertising in the Recital Program

Miss Julie would like to offer the opportunity for any owners of local businesses to advertise in the recital program. The cost of advertising would be **\$50.00** for a *business card size* advertisement and the money would be put towards the cost of printing the program and other performance costs. All adverts need to be handed in to Miss Julie no later than Thursday, May 25. Thank you for your support.

## LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE SUMMER

There will be **no** regular classes held directly after the year-end performance i.e. on **Thurs. June 1** and **Sat. June 3**. Our regular classes will start again on **Monday, June 5** and the last day of classes will be on **Saturday, June 17**.

## SUMMER DANCE CAMPS

We are *very excited* to be offering two Fun 'n' Dance camps this summer. We would like to run an Intermediate dance camp for students aged *7 to 12 years old* from **July 10 - 14** and Miss Dehla would also like to offer an Acrobatics intensive from **July 31 - August 4** if there is enough interest. Registration forms for both dance camps have been emailed to all families and are available on the notice board at the studio and from your child's teacher.

