



THE STAR

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Ad Space For Sale! The dance recital is coming up fast! We are in the process of making the 2010 recital programs, and we will have some extra space for your advertising purposes. A business card ad size is 3 1/2 x 2" for \$20.00 + GST. If anyone is interested in placing a business advertisement or personal message in the program, please talk to Miss Allison or Miss Korinne at 669-2369. Other ad sizes are available. All submissions need to be in by April 1, 2010. Space fills up quickly so get your submissions in!

Observation Week Observation Week (for ages 3-5 years) will take place Feb. 6-13, 2010. Check your email or the bulletin board in the hallway regarding your child's specific date and time. **Don't forget your camera or video camera! Reminder: no outside shoes, food or drink allowed in the dance rooms.**

Adults Having Fun, Getting Fit!

The 8-week adult classes have been a great hit this 2009/2010 season. Congratulations to all of the adults who signed up for the various classes, and keep up the great job in class! Hope to see many more in all the classes in January/10. Sign up before classes are full! →

We will be offering Hip Hop and Zumba again for April 2010.

RSDA Dance Camp

This year's Dance Camp takes place **August 23-27**. RSDA holds summer programs for students ages 3 and up. These programs include classes in a variety of dance forms, as well as other activities, and are for dancers in various age categories:

Ages 3-6 years old (mornings); Great fun with activities that include Creative Movement, Story Time, and Crafts (with a snack break)

Ages 7-11 years old (afternoons); Have a blast dancing in Ballet, Jazz, Tap, and Hip Hop, (with a snack break)

Dance Intensive for Ages 12 & up (experienced dancers) (full day); Do what you love! Dance forms include Stretch & Strength, Jazz, Ballet, Tap, & Hip Hop (with a lunch break)

Space is limited to register early to secure a spot! It's fun, keeps kids busy and gets them in shape for a new dance and school year! Sign up sheet is at the front desk!



NOTE: Reminder for 2010/2011 Dance Year

Remember, there is a \$10.00 (per family) registration fee. However, as a special consideration for our valued existing clients, the registration fee will be waived if you register during the Early Bird registration period. During the entire month of May, you may pre-register for next year during regular front desk hours, and avoid

the registration fee. Additionally, registering early helps to ensure that you and your child get into the classes you want, and allows the studio to anticipate numbers of students wanting certain classes and potentially make more of those classes available to accommodate everyone! Many classes filled early this past year. Don't get left out in the cold - mark your calendars and sign up ASAP!

Adult Zumba Class (8 weeks)

Wednesday 8:00-9:00 p.m.

January 27th - March 17th

Cost: \$103.24 (including GST)

It's the newest craze!

African dancing put to a Latin Beat.

It's a dance party!

Sign up at the Front Desk

We value your input! If you have any questions or concerns about your child's (or your own) classes, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's (or your own) teacher or the Directors, Miss Korinne & Miss Allison. (Any discussions will be strictly confidential)

Front Desk Hours:

Mon.	12:30 - 8:30
Tues.	12:30 - 8:00
Wed.	12:30 - 8:30
Thurs.	12:30 - 8:30
Fri.	4:30 - 8:00
Sat.	9:30 - 5:30
Sun.	NO desk service

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Check out
the great pictures & VIDEO LINKS

2010 Competition Teams Auditions

RSDA will be holding Auditions for their Festival/Competition Teams for the 2010/2011 year.

The auditions will be held Monday, June 7/10 for RSDA students. There will be an open Audition held on August 30, 2010. All students ages 6 and up will be welcome to audition. We are positive that by auditioning for these teams that this will give more students the opportunity to participate. Irish and Hip Hop dance teams will be at the teachers' discretion. The teams are as follows: Junior Stars (6-9), Emeralds (7 yrs & up), Topaz (9 yrs and up), Rubies (11 yrs & up), Sapphires (12 yrs & up) and Diamonds (14 yrs & up). RSDA will be allowing 13 students per team. Students will receive times & prices in their registration packages. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Korinne.

Lost & Found

If you or your child is missing articles please come and check our lost and found. To avoid having any more lost articles please label all your child's (and your) articles, and leave your valuables at home.

Recital 2010

RSDA's 12th Annual Recital will be held on **Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Pantages Playhouse Theatre** (180 Market Ave.). The performance will begin at **7 p.m.** and all participants are asked to be there 1/2 hour before show time. The **dress rehearsal** will be at the Playhouse on the same day from **10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Watch for an email/ note indicating your child's class specific time. **Classes will need 1 or 2 parent volunteers** to sit with and assist the children on Recital night. Classes without a volunteer will be charged a "babysitting" fee, as we will hire a supervisor for the class. Volunteers do not need to purchase a ticket, but will be able to watch part of the show with the children in the balcony and see their child's performance from backstage. A sign-up sheet is posted at the front desk. For your convenience, **pictures** will be **taken IN ADVANCE on April 17th at RSDA.** Watch for a note re: your day & time. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** **F.Y.I.:** The Playhouse offers beverages at Intermission as well as offering floral services for your convenience. No food or drinks allowed in the theatre auditorium. **No videotaping** allowed at the Playhouse during the Recital or Rehearsal. **All video cameras will be confiscated by the Playhouse staff at the door.** Thank you for leaving yours at home. RSDA will be giving each registered family a free DVD of the recital. Extra copies for family and friends will be available for purchase through RSDA for \$41.44 (taxes included). DVD's can be picked up June 22nd and 23rd.

Spring Revue

The Spring Revue will be held at the Deaf Center at 285 Pembina Hwy. on **Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.** Students are required to be there no later than 12:30 p.m. in their first costume, hair & makeup. **Don't forget to change your clocks so you'll be there on time!**

This performance gives students the opportunity to be in front of an audience and be more prepared for festival & competition performances. This is their dry run!

All Competition/Festival participants will be involved in the final rehearsal, including Student Choreography. The theatre holds 162 people plus 4 handicap seats. Participating students may only sit in the audience if there is room after paid ticket holders are seated.

All dancers must be backstage 6 routines before their piece, NO EXCEPTIONS! This is a great opportunity for friends or relatives who may not be able to attend festival or competitions. Feel free to bring your video camera as this is your only videotaping opportunity.

Tickets go on sale Feb.15/10 at RSDA for \$6.00 and are limited to 2 per family until February 28. After that date, any unsold tickets may be purchased by the public on a first come, first serve basis.

Canadian Nationals take place April 22-25, 2010.

MB Dance Festival is held May 9-23, 2010.

5-6-7-8 Showtime takes place March 20-21, 2010.

WSO In Concert with R.E.T.S.D.

On Wednesday, November 4, 2009, RSDA students Reanna Swan, Sam Hrabí & Sarah Greening performed with the River East Transcona Divisional Choirs, accompanying the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra in a night of vocal and instrumental melodies and dance. Well done, ladies!

MB Dance Festival History and 30th Anniversary T-Shirt Contest

The Annual Provincial Dance Festival, put on by Dance Manitoba, has been running since 1986. The Festival has grown from a one-day program to a fourteen-day event which features approximately 800 performances by dancers from all over Manitoba. It provides opportunities for students and teachers to assess achievements, learn new dance techniques, share ideas and aspirations, and to be rewarded for their efforts. The Festival adjudicators provide constructive input necessary for the promotion of all forms of dance.

In 2010 the Dance Manitoba Provincial Dance Festival is celebrating its 30th Anniversary! In celebration, Dance Manitoba is holding a t-shirt design contest for the 2010 official souvenir t-shirt. For further details, email Dance Manitoba at info@dancemanitoba.org, or call 989-5260. **Submission deadline is Friday, February 26, 2010.**

Triple Threat Convention '09

If you missed coming to Triple Threat this year you missed a great time! On November 14th and 15th a group of RSDA students and staff members participated in the Triple Threat Dance Convention 2009. It was held at the Convention Centre. We participated in many different disciplines such as Jazz, Lyrical, Stylized Jazz, Street/Hip Hop, Tap, Musical Theatre, Ballroom and Career Development by instructors who have worked with such notables as Janet & Michael Jackson, N'SYNC, and Ricky Martin, as well as participants of *So You Think You Can Dance*; some have even been in commercials for Gap and Sony and even in the Tap Dogs. Everybody at the convention went with positive attitudes and had a wonderful weekend. None of us will soon forget this great experience. We all have to thank Miss Korinne & Miss Allison for bringing us. It was a great opportunity to meet new people and learn new dance styles from different instructors. We had an amazing time and hope we can participate in it again.
-Miss Justine



When it seems that dance is taking up too much time or costing too much money, we ask you to realize that dance gives your child much more than another costume or another trophy. The kids who dance are off the street and focused on an art form that can only make them better people. Usually they are very smart kids who understand what hard work and determination are all about. Through dance they learn skills that will get them into a good college or land that job that will make you burst with pride! Importantly, they are not the kids that we hear about on the news doing the things that shock us to the core. We say congratulations on being able to give these opportunities to your child!

RSDA Dancers Perform on the European Stage

Erin Scott auditioned and was chosen to be a member of the Canadian Children's Tap Team this fall. Hours of extra rehearsals and costume fittings culminated in an afternoon of dance on Sunday, November 22 at the German Society. The Tap Team performed their piece "Team Canada" and Erin performed a small group number for Worlds called "Walking on Sunshine."

The Children's Tap Team continued on to Riesa, Germany in December, where they placed 3rd in the World Tap Dance Championships, while the Small Group placed 6th. Traveling to Europe was an adventure that Erin will not soon forget. "She saw lots of old buildings and met lots of nice kids. Watching different countries who have different styles of tap dance was really neat!," said Erin.

"Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance. Great dancers are not great because of their technique, they are great because of their passion"
- Martha Graham

Thanks for Remembering!

Thanks to everyone for remembering to remove your outdoor footwear and placing it on the shelving when stepping past the front desk area. Dancers wear slippers and other footwear, which may become damaged from stepping through winter's slushy mess. The chance of a slip & fall injury also increases. Thank you for your effort in keeping the floor dry and clean.

RSDA Merchandise *A Must-Have for Dancers!*

Children's Tights \$3.00+GST
RSDA patches \$2.50+GST
Toques \$10.00+GST
Hoodies (size 4) \$20.00+GST
(very few remaining)

Hair & Makeup Workshop



Need to learn how to make a hair bun that won't fall out, or put on stage makeup that doesn't look like you're ready for Halloween? RSDA is offering a workshop that will teach you tricks of the trade for secure hair buns & applying stage makeup. The workshop costs \$4.00 for an adult and child as a model, and will take place at the studio on March 7th 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Payment is by cash only. Register at the front desk and you will be given a supply list at that time.

2007 Recital Videos for sale. Please see front desk for details

Wondering What To Do With Your Old Costumes?

RSDA will be happy to take them off your hands!! If you have old records, tapes, CD's, and costumes that you don't want cluttering up your house, and would like to donate them, RSDA would gratefully accept them!



RSDA 2010 CALENDAR

PHONE US AT 669-2369

February 6- 13	Parent Observation Week #2 (ages 2 - 5 yrs. only)
February 15 (Monday)	Louis Riel Day - <u>CLASSES AS USUAL!</u>
February 15	Spring Revue tickets go on sale \$6.00 each
February 28	Remainder of costume money due
March 1	Remaining Spring Revue tickets go on sale
March 7	Hair & Makeup Workshop 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
March 14	Spring Revue Show @ Deaf Centre @ 1 p.m. (Daylight Savings starts)
March 20 - 21	5-6-7-8 Showtime (Pantages Playhouse Theatre)
March 29 - April 3	Spring Break (classes cancelled)
April 5	Classes resume after Spring Break
April 2	Good Friday (classes cancelled)
April 17	Recital pictures taken @ RSDA
April 24	Recital tickets go on sale @ Ticket Master @ 12 noon
April 22 - 25	Canadian Nationals Dance Competition (University of Winnipeg)
April 29	International Dance Day
May (all month)	RSDA students may pre-register during regular front desk hrs.
May 9 - 23	Manitoba Provincial Dance Festival (Pantages Playhouse Theatre)
May 24	Victoria Day (classes cancelled)
June 5	Rehearsal @ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pantages Playhouse Theatre
June 5	Recital @ 7:00 p.m. Pantages Playhouse Theatre
June 7 (Monday)	Competition Team Auditions (RSDA students age 6 & up)
June 22 & 23	Video Pickup & Open Registration 4 - 8 p.m.
Aug. 10, 17 & 24 (Tues.)	Open Registration 4:00 - 8:30 p.m.
August 23 - 27	Dance Camp
August 30	Competition Team Auditions (open audition)
Aug. 31- Sept 2 & 7- 9	Open House & Registration 4 - 8:30 p.m.
September 13 (Monday)	First day of classes for 2010-2011 year

2010-2011 Season Registration

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