

Hello everyone!

It is hard to believe that our regular season has come to an end and regular classes are now finished! After a year of constant change, we would like to thank all of our families for your continued support of our studio and the programs that we offer. We are truly dedicated to providing your children with an environment that is positive and caring, and that allows them to explore their love of dance and develop long lasting friendships. We are incredibly proud of all of our dancers - from the 3 year olds right up to our adults - for their hard work, their enthusiasm and their resilience. We are looking forward to having everyone dancing with us for many, many years!

UPCOMING ZOOM SHOWS!

As you know, our dancers in PRIMARY 2ND YEAR BALLET will be participating in live 'Zoom Shows' later this week! Families have all be sent details for the show that their dancers are in, including the order of performance and costumes needed. Zoom links will be sent out for all shows on Wednesday.

Shows take place on Thursday, June 3rd 7pm, Friday, June 4th 7pm and Saturday, June 5th 10:30am and 12:30pm. Space is limited, however, we are able to accommodate some additional guests for all performances. If you would like to watch one of the shows that your dancer is not participating in, please let us know.

GRADUATE CELEBRATION JUNE 12TH 7PM

On Saturday, June 12th, we will be having a special Zoom Celebration for our 2021 graduating class. This will include live performances, the presentation of our Leah Battista Memorial Scholarship, and time to celebrate these wonderful girls and all that they have accomplished! If you would like to join us, please email graceacademy@sympatico.ca . Spaces are limited, but we would love to have many of our Grace families with us to celebrate!

OUTDOOR FILMING

All dancers in PRIMARY 2ND YEAR BALLET AND ABOVE are invited to return to the studio for a live, outdoor filming of their dance. These recordings will then be edited to complete our "Heroes Save the Day" year end performance, to be showcased later in the summer. **At this time, we anticipate that filming will take place from Monday, June 14th - Sunday, June 20th.** We are currently planning a schedule for the week, taking into account that we will only be allowed to have cohorts of 10 or less with us at a time. **IF YOUR DANCER WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE LIVE FILMING, PLEASE LET US KNOW RIGHT AWAY,** as this could affect the cohorting. It will be a busy week, but we are so excited to see our dancers shine!

We continue to watch the re-opening announcements carefully and will communicate if any changes need to be made. A tentative schedule for the week of June 14th will be sent out later this week.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

This summer we will be offering a variety of programs in the month of August. The current re-opening plan should allow us to run programs in person and we are excited to return! Summer

program details are attached to this email. **Space will be limited.** To secure your spot in any of the programs , email graceacademy@sympatico.ca along with an e-transfer for the appropriate deposit (see attached). Because space is limited, deposits are ONLY REFUNDABLE IF WE ARE UNABLE TO RUN THE PROGRAM DUE TO INSUFFICIENT REGISTRATION OR DUE TO PROVINCIAL RESTRICTIONS. (in that case, a full refund will be provided).

FALL PROGRAMS

We are currently organizing our fall timetable and registration information (as we continue to watch how any provincial restrictions might affect class sizes/timing etc). Please watch your emails for this information to come out to you shortly. Current families will have the opportunity to pre-register prior to registration opening to new families. We have some exciting plans!

I continue to be so grateful for our strong, caring and supportive community. My heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you, and my love goes out to all of your children.

While there are still exciting 'show days' ahead, I want to take this time to wish you all a wonderful, safe, healthy and FUN summer!

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