

SUMMER DANCE WORKSHOPS and CAMPS: We are planning these for June. You will soon receive information in a separate mailing with more detailed information.

DARC NEWS: Thus far, our Dance Alliance Repertory Company dancers have had a very busy and productive season. DARC recently presented a benefit performance for Amity, a charity organization founded to aid children and their families from U of M Mott Children's Hospital. It was a tremendous performance and a true success. Congratulations to all involved. Additionally, DARC dancers have attended various dance conventions and competitions in Houston, Lansing, Chicago, Indianapolis and Detroit. For a complete listing of their many impressive awards and achievements, visit the home page of our website at www.dancealliancesaline.com. While browsing, check out the photo gallery, too! Also, many DARC dancers (and DA faculty) will be performing in Jazz Dance Theatre's 14th Annual Benefit Concert on April 30th at 7:00pm at the Power Center. (Tickets are available from participating dancers, at the studio, from the Dancer's Boutique and at the box office one hour prior to show time. Call 429-9599 for more information.) The DARC Auditions for the 2009-2010 season will be held on May 27th. We will also have an informational meeting for new dancers interested in joining DARC. Watch for information at the studio and in the May newsletter.

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

04/01/09	Concert ticket mail order sales begin.
04/06/09	Studio is closed for Spring Break.
04/13/09	Dance classes resume.
04/18/09	Costume distribution begins. All accounts must be paid for any costumes to be distributed.
04/25/09	Parent Volunteer Forms due.
04/27/09	Mail ordered tickets available at class.
04/27/09 - 5/15/09	Tickets available for purchase at class.
05/01/09	Senior Program Information due.
05/02/09	Spring Dance Concert Program Advertising due.
05/08/09	Parent Volunteer Meeting, Studio II, 7:00pm.
05/16/09	Spring Dance Concert Dress Rehearsals and Performances.
05/17/09	Spring Dance Concert Performances.
05/17/09	Winter/Spring Semester ends.
05/27/09	DARC auditions.
TBA	Summer Workshops and Ballet Camps.

It seems that spring is finally here. This is a very difficult part of our dance year. The students are anxious for warmer weather and are (understandably) getting a little stir crazy. Teachers have been busy choreographing and dances are nearing completion. Now the "clean up" process begins. **Please help us by encouraging consistent attendance.** We understand that this is a very busy time of year; we appreciate the dedication of our students and their parents. The training that happens weekly in classes and some of the more tedious work is what allows students to perform with confidence, quality, and enthusiasm. We are looking forward to a fabulous performance!

Adam and Lisa