

DANCE STEPS PRESENTS: DANCE AROUND THE WORLD 2018



April 2018

We are very excited to announce that our year end show called "Dance Around The World 2018" will be at the beautiful turn-of-the century Spriet Stage - Grand Theatre, 471 Richmond Street, London. We will present 2 shows with each class in one show. All dancers are in the year end show (except Preschool and most Adult classes – this year we have an Adult Ballet group in the show).

All dancers must attend the dress rehearsal with costume and make up on Friday June 1st to perform in the show. Dancers should arrive at the theatre **45 minutes** before show time. Dancers must have hair and make up complete when they are dropped off at the stage door as only parent volunteers will be allowed into the backstage area. Parents and friends will not be able to watch the dress rehearsal.

It has been difficult scheduling the shows - we tried to have as many families as possible attend one show; apologies to those in two shows. A 20% discount is offered for tickets to an additional show. To determine the show you will be performing in check the attached schedule. A mock program will go up on the bulletin board and on our webpage soon, please check it for the correct spelling of your child's name. Company competitive **group** dances will perform in both shows (except Junior 4 dancers, they will be in Show 1 only). COMPANY dances will be rehearsed June 1, at 1pm.

Show Times

Saturday June 2, 2018

At The Spriet Stage - Grand Theatre
471 Richmond Street, London

Show 1 - June 2, 2:00pm

[dress rehearsal Friday June 1, 3:30-6:00pm at The Spriet Stage - The Grand Theatre]

Show 2 - June 2, 7:00pm

[dress rehearsal Friday June 1, 6:45-9:00pm at The Spriet Stage - The Grand Theatre]

TICKETS go on sale TUESDAY APRIL 24

Tickets for our show "Dance Around The World" will be available starting Tuesday April 24 at 9 am at THE GRAND THEATRE BOX OFFICE. Please do not buy a ticket for a performer in the show, as they must remain backstage and will participate in a finale. Prices: adults \$26, students (17 and under) \$21 plus tax. Seats are reserved. No babes in arms. A 20% discount for tickets to a second show. Tickets make great gifts for Mother's Day or other occasions!

VOLUNTEERS

We will need volunteer moms to help supervise students backstage, please sign up on the studio bulletin board - you must be able to attend your child's class the following 4 times:
1) Studio run through Tuesday May 8 (at Dance Steps),
2) Pictures at Dance Steps May 9 or 10 (at Dance Steps),
3) Dress rehearsal Friday June 1 at The Grand Theatre and
4) Performance Saturday June 2.
Volunteer moms will be able to view their group's dance number from the wings.

NO VIDEO TAPING AND PHOTOGRAPHY - As usual, there will be **NO** cameras of any sort allowed at the performance. There will be a professional DVD of each show that you may purchase for \$45 each OR \$40 each for 2 shows (for a total of \$80) including HST. Order online or at the studio.

Important Dates:

Run Through - Tuesday May 8 - at the studio - NO costumes (no regular classes)

Pictures - Wednesday May 9 & Thursday May 10 - at the studio - in costume, arrive with hair & make up done

Last day of classes at the studio - Thursday May 31 (except for extra Ballet Exam classes & Company classes)

Dress Rehearsal - Friday June 1 - at The Spriet Stage - The Grand Theatre - costumes, hair and makeup

(Show #1 3:30-6:00pm / Show #2 6:45-9:00pm COMPANY Dancers 1:00pm)

Show #1 - Saturday June 2 at 2pm - dancers arrive at 1:15pm

Show #2 - Saturday June 2 at 7pm - dancers arrive at 6:15pm

Company Auditions - Saturday May 5 and Tuesday June 5

NO REGULAR CLASSES Tuesday MAY 8 to Thursday MAY 10
FOR PICTURES AND RUN THROUGH. Except Adult and Preschool.

Parking at the studio for Run Through & Pictures will be limited. Please use the free street parking on Bathurst Street or plan to drop off your dancer for these busy nights. Thank you.

TUESDAY MAY 8th - RUN THROUGH at Dance Steps **NO COSTUMES PLEASE*****

All dancers must attend. Times – see attached schedule. The change room facilities will not be able to accommodate everyone so please come with your bodysuit on and hair in a bun. Parent volunteers that have signed up to help backstage will also be needed at the studio run through for their designated class. Other parents will not be able to watch the run through as we do not have the space and parents will not be allowed in the studio.

WEDNESDAY MAY 9TH AND THURSDAY MAY 10TH
PICTURE DAYS at DANCE STEPS

Photo's by FRED'S PHOTOGRAPHY – **EVERYONE MUST ATTEND CLASS PHOTOS** – see attached schedule. A group photo and an individual picture will be taken of each dancer in their dance costume. The photographs will be available for purchase. There is no obligation to buy the photos. The studio will receive a copy of the group photos - so even if you do not want a copy please attend the photo session. Please arrive in costume. Hair: must be in a ballet bun with no bangs unless otherwise discussed with your teacher. Make-up: female dancers should wear beige eye shadow (no coloured eye shadow), black mascara, pink blush (not peach), and reddish lipstick. Make-up is not mandatory for young dancers. Please arrive 15 minutes early ready for your picture (hair and make up complete, wearing costume) and allow 30 minutes for pictures. Please be patient if we run a little behind schedule. Also remember no jewelry, no nail polish, hair in a bun with gel, and no chewing gum. Do not eat or drink in your costume. A schedule for picture times is attached.

COSTUMES

All costumes will be sent home. Costumes must be picked up before Picture Day May 9 & 10, costumes not picked up will not be held by Dance Steps and will no longer be available. Dance fees must be paid in full before costumes will be given out. Please remember that dance costumes, like swim suits, do not need under garments. Under garments will show 'lines' on costumes. Dancers wear their designated tights/socks/shoes with their costume for pictures, dress rehearsal, and the show. A required list of tights and shoes is on our webpage under Newsletters.

All of our Year End Show Information is also available on our webpage – www.dancestepslondon.ca. The last day of classes for the year is Thursday, May 31st. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email the studio at 519-645-8515 or dance_steps@hotmail.com.

Please support our studio

Put a good luck message in the Program or an ad!

If you would like to support the studio and your dancer by putting an ad or banner in the program please go to "Register Now" on the website to pay and send your content to dance_steps@hotmail.com. Feel free to pass this information on to anyone you know with their own business who may want to advertise with us. Thank you. Deadline: May 18, 2018.

Rates: Business Card or good luck banner \$40 / Half Page \$75 / Full Page \$100 (all prices include HST)

DANCE STEPS SUMMER CAMP

We run summer dance programs in July for ages 2 ½ to teen! We also offer a Dance Intensive for senior dancers August 13-24. Please see our brochure or check our website www.dancestepslondon.ca for more information. Invite your friends to attend - those not presently registered at Dance Steps are welcome to attend. Summer School is a lot of fun and a great time to try other dance forms.

AUDITIONS FOR new members to DANCE STEPS COMPANY

Auditions are Saturday May 5 or Tuesday June 5. Dance Steps Company and Pre Company is comprised of dancers aged 5 to 18 years old. All company and Pre Company dancers are required to take ballet and jazz lessons, however, some dancers also take lyrical, acro, tap, and/or hip hop. The dancers get the opportunity to perform in numerous venues in London as well as competitions around South Western Ontario. This past year Dance Steps Company performances included *The Nutcracker Ballet* at The Palace Theatre. We are looking for new members and would like to invite all dancers to the audition. Sign up on the bulletin board and register on our webpage.