

STUDIO  
NEWSLETTER

SCHEDULE  
OF EVENTS

February 17—20  
NO CLASSES—  
Studio Closed

March 12—18  
NO CLASSES—  
Spring Break

March 26—30  
'Parent Observa-  
tion Week'

April 9  
NO CLASSES

April 23—27  
'Bring a Friend'  
Week

May 25  
Last Day of Class!

# TANYA'S DANCE CO.

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2012

## For Competition Dancers

Important Dates to Remember—Please Mark Your Calendars!

**All dates are MANDATORY!!**

**\*Competition Showcase Meeting** - Monday, February 20th 6:00 p.m. (Hair & Make-Up workshop immediately following meeting)

**\*Competition Showcase:** Wednesday, Feb. 29th @ 7:00p.m. (Belgrade High School Auditorium)

**\*Spotlight Dance Cup Parent Meeting:** Monday, March 19th @ 6:00p.m. (Upstairs in Studio #2)

**\*Spotlight Dance Cup Competition:** March 23-25 Billings, MT Alberta Bair Theater

**\*JUMP! Dance Convention Parent Meeting:** Monday, April 23rd @ 6:00p.m. (Upstairs in Studio #2)

**\*JUMP! Dance Convention:** April 27-28 Salt Lake City, UT Salt Palace Convention Center

**\*Starpower:** May 18-20 Billings, MT Lincoln Center

**ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS for those with solos, duos/trios or Rep routines:**

*\*If interested, we need to know 40 days before that competition for registration\**

NUVO	March 9-10	Salt Lake City
Thunderstruck	March 9-10	Billings
DEA	March 10-11	Great Falls
MDAA	April 14-15	Helena
Move	May 4-6	Billings
KAR	May 11-13	Billings

## Recital Handbooks

Each year a 'Recital Handbook' goes out to each student/family during one of their scheduled classes. This will be your guide for the next few months! This is a very detailed outline of when recital rehearsals, pictures, etc. are scheduled. It also contains 'FAQ's (frequently asked questions)' to answer any questions parents/students may have during the recital process. Please be sure you read this handbook

**THOROUGHLY** and keep in safe place so you may reference it as needed! All important dates and a detailed rehearsal and picture schedule are included along with which classes are performing on each week-end. It is a good idea to mark and highlight all your dancers picture, rehearsal and show times. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office! If you did not receive a copy of this handbook, please contact the office so we can get you a copy!





*“The future belongs to  
those who believe.”*

*~Claude M. Bristol*



## Observation Days

We know many of you like to see the progress your child is making! For those students who have classes in Studio 1 in Belgrade, or who dance in Bozeman, we do have observation rooms for you to take advantage of. If your child has class in either studio 2 or 3 in Belgrade, we do not have an observation room. We would love for parents to be able to sit and observe each week; however, it is just too distracting for both the students and the instructors when parents are observing each week. We have scheduled two observation days this year in which parents may come in and observe their child's class. We do ask that for certain guidelines are followed on viewing days to ensure class still runs smoothly.

1. Only 2 observers **per student** are allowed due to space restrictions of the studio.
2. All parents and observers must remove their shoes before going on the dance floor.
3. Please do not bring younger siblings. We want the class to remain structured and run smoothly.
4. Please no cell phones and keep chatting to a minimum.

### **Next Observation Day:**

*April 11th—15th*

## Newsletters

Please remember to check the website for our bi-monthly newsletters. Newsletters **will not** be sent home with every child. It is your responsibility to check the website and/or the studio bulletin boards regularly for important dates, events, etc. (If you must have a hard copy, the office will be happy to print one out for you!) We also ask that you read and review the “TDCo. STUDIO POLICY.” This will help clarify many of the “FAQ’s” families have. It is accessible online under “Studio Info/Studio Policy.” If you have additional questions regarding our policies, please do not hesitate to call the office!

We also send out important reminders via e-mail. If you do not have an e-mail address on file with us, it is your responsibility to check the bulletin board regularly for notices that were e-mailed out; it is just not possible to make that many ‘reminder’ phone calls. We ask each family to check their e-mail regularly!

## Cold and Flu Season

With the early onset of cold and flu season this year, we want to remind all students and parents of a few things. Please **DO NOT** come to dance if you are sick—we want you to stay home, rest and get healthy. Do not share water bottles, food, make-up, etc.—this only helps the spread of germs! Be sure to wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer or antibacterial hand wipes. Resist temptation to rub your eyes, nose, face and keep your hands out of your mouth. Cough into a tissue or into your shirt or crease of elbow; same goes for sneezing. Make sure tissues and paper towels make it into the garbage so others aren't stuck picking up after you! Be sure to get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids to remain hydrated and make sure your body gets plenty of Vitamin C, Zinc and good, healthy foods! And remember to be happy—laughter is the best medicine!

## Undergarments

Something to think about before competition/recital...costumes do not provide much 'support' for dancers. We will be placing an UNDERGARMENT ORDER (nude leotards, camisole tops, bras) on January 29th. Both leotards and bras have clear straps and provide a very 'clean' look under costumes. We have seen dancers wear 'other' things, or nothing at all, for coverage or support and WOW—it is amazing what stage lights can reveal! Bras cost \$20 and the nude leotard is \$36. Order forms are available in the studio office in both Belgrade and Bozeman. We can charge these items to your account or you may pay for them upfront or when they arrive. We do need to get these on order just in case they are 'backordered.' Please consider one of these items for your dancer to wear under their costume!

## Drop Off/Pick Up

**Please remember that dancer drop-off and pick-up times are at ten minutes to the hour.** It is very disruptive to the class in session when students are arriving early. Students that arrive early are not supervised! They are YOUR responsibility until class begins.



**For students coming straight from school, some doors will not unlock until 3:50. Please be aware of this policy!**

Also, please remember to pick your child up on time. Again . . . there is no supervision to those children who are left waiting for their rides to come. Your child needs to wait inside the building until you come in and get them! Be considerate of instructors and their families. We realize things come up but please try to be on time!

## Office Hours

To serve our families better, we keep office staff on hand during our 'busy' studio hours to answer questions, fit apparel, etc. Here is our 2011—2012 office schedule:

### **Belgrade (388-1501)**

Monday—Thursday: 1:00-7:00p.m.

### **Bozeman (586-6611)**

Monday: 5:15-8:00p.m.,

Tuesday: 12:00-3:00 and 4:00-6:45p.m.

Wednesday: 5:15—6:00p.m.

Thursday: 12:00-3:00 and 5:00-5:45p.m.

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY: CLOSED YEAR – ROUND (BOTH LOCATIONS)**

## Gallatin Valley Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in TDCo's 2nd annual Food Drive. Because of all your donations, the studio 'raised' 130 pounds worth of food and necessities for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank—WOW! Thumbs up and high five to our wonderful students, parents and staff who helped support this cause!

*"Dancing faces you  
toward heaven,  
whichever direction  
you turn."*

*~Sweetpea Tyler*

## Costume Ordering

In December, parents and students were shown their costumes—ALL DANCERS PERFORMING IN RECITAL MUST ALSO WEAR SUNTAN TIGHTS (they must be purchased through the studio so they match—NO NYLONS!!) Costumes were ordered in December and we cannot return them so you MUST pay for costume in full—NO EXCEPTIONS! (Please refer to Studio Policy regarding costume ordering and payment.) Costumes can take up to 3+ months as many are on backorder. If your dancer joined after December, and would like to perform in the recital, costumes (usually) can still be ordered; however, there is a 'single shipping fee' of \$25 that will be added to the costume total. Please keep this in mind.

## Dress Codes

Each class at TDCo. does require its own dress-code. Please refer to the 'Studio Policy' (available online at [www.tanyasdanceco.com](http://www.tanyasdanceco.com)) to review dress code for your child's particular class(es). For instance, all Ballet students must wear a leotard and pink tights to class each week. We prefer black as the main color of apparel for jazz pants, dance shorts, leotards, etc. Hair must be pulled off from the face for ALL classes. Denim jeans are not allowed in class. It is recommended to have a dance bag for class—this way you can keep everything you need for your classes in one spot!

If your dancer needs any shoes or dance apparel, we do sell all their required items at both office locations (Belgrade and Bozeman.) It is highly advised to come in and get fit for apparel as soon as possible; if anything needs to be ordered, we need to get those in as soon as possible as most merchandise providers have a lot of back-ordered items. Please keep this in mind!

## Class Music

If you don't have a copy of your dancer's routine music yet, you may order this at any time. All you need to do is fill out an order form—available in each studio or the office—and attach \$1.00/song and turn it in to the office. If nothing is attached, we will add it to your account. Having a copy of the music at home will really help your child out when it comes time to practice. Remember, now that we are in our second half of the dance season, recital will sneak up on us and be here before you know it!



*"I do not try to dance better than anyone else. I only try to dance better than myself."*

*~Baryshnikov*

## Dance Team

The TDC Dance Team, now in its second year, has had yet another GREAT season! The dancers have had many performance opportunities at games in Belgrade, Three Forks, and Manhattan. The Dance Team is for ANYONE of high school age wanting to audition. The next auditions will be in July for the upcoming year. If you would like to get information on this please just let the office know and we can put you on a contact list.

## New Apparel and Dancewear

Tanya's Dance Co. has new apparel in for the NEW YEAR! Our featured items are the '10-year Anniversary TDCo. Jersey' as well as new sweatpants with \*NEW\* neon TDCo dancer logo! They are very warm and very comfortable and, of course, STYLISH! They also wash up nicely! We do have 'sample sizes' available for you to try in the office. Pants are \$25 and the TDCo. Jersey is \$40. If you are interested in this new merchandise, please come see us in the office and we can get them ordered for you!

Please keep in mind the studio also carries shoes (Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz, Tap, Lyrical), leotards, tights, dance shorts, T-shirts and Sweat-shirts in various styles as well as apparel for the youngsters—Creative Movement and Kinderdance. We carry fun items such as leg-warmers, water bottles, cinch bags, socks, caps and more! Dance apparel make for great gifts for your dancer! If we do not have your size in stock, we are more than happy to order it for you!



## Auto-Pay

This is just a reminder that accounts will be automatically deducted for the monthly tuition on the first of each month. Any amount that is due on your account (including any merchandise purchased through the office) will be deducted along with your monthly tuition. In addition, costume charges will be auto-debited on a monthly basis of \$20/month **per costume** starting in October. (Kinderdance classes have two costumes, jazz & tap, which makes their monthly amount \$40.) With this system, at the end of January, all accounts will have paid \$80 towards each of your child's costume amount. (The remainder of the costume balance is auto-debited or credited on the first of February.) You may log onto your PORTAL at anytime to view your account.

