

WILMINGTON DANCE ACADEMY WRAP UP

The Official Newsletter of Wilmington Dance Academy

HIBERNATION MODE ON!

A NOTE FROM MISS LAURA

Recital planning for our 14th annual recital, "The Wonderful World of Disney" is well underway! This year we will take our audience on a trip through the Disney theme parks. The music has been chosen, costumes have been selected, and choreography is underway. I'm looking forward to seeing our recital pieces come together in the next few months!

Please mark your calendars with the annual recital date; June 12th!

Please be sure to read through the newsletters and emails in the coming months. They will be full of very important recital and end of year details.

Keep Dancing! - Miss Laura

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE GREAT PERFORMANCE TEAM EVENTS:

Cheer on the WDA Performance Team via competition live stream! We will share information with our studio family as it becomes available!

**MARCH 6
2PM - 5PM**

**TEAM SHOWCASE
WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

**MARCH 11 -
MARCH 13**

**STARQUEST
TEWKSBURY, MA**

**APRIL 7 -
APRIL 9**

**HEADLINERS
DERRY, NH**

**APRIL 22 -
APRIL 24**

**NUVO
BOSTON, MA**

**APRIL 29 -
MAY 1**

**BRAVO
LOWELL, MA**

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Meet the Mini Team!

The WDA Performance Team Minis: (1st step, L to R) Madison Roy & Lexie Medeiros, (2nd step, L to R) Mia Butler & Cora Kilburn, (3rd step, L to R) Ashlyn Childs & Gabriella Tieri, (5th step, L to R) Caroline Sullivan, Jacinda Small & Tilly Teta. We can't wait to see them take the stage at Starquest dance competition this March!

STUDIO UPDATES

TUITION, ABSENCES, & DRESS CODE

TUITION

Tuition statements, performance team event fees and costume fees are sent via email to the email address listed as the billing contact on your dancer's account. We ask that you please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the WDA Parent Portal and review your account information periodically. The portal is a great tool for updating your contact information, selecting your payment method, updating credit card information, viewing your account, and making self-payments online. Costume balances are due on 2/19. Families paying by check, please be sure your child's first and last name is written legibly in the notes area of your check. NOTE: Past due accounts that have not been paid by the due date will have balances charged to the credit card on file.

ABSENCES

Please remember to keep your dancer home if they are feeling sick, with or without a fever. Should your dancer need to miss class due to illness (or schedule conflict), please be sure to log the absence online via the WDA Parent Portal:

Log into your portal → Click the hamburger menu (three lines, top right) → Absences & Makeups →

Green Submit Absence button → Choose dates and classes being missed → Add reason in the comments.

We encourage your dancer to make up the missed class with a class that is equal or one level lower within one month. Make up classes need to be scheduled through the studio in advanced as we have many classes that are full. Please email the studio for assistance with make up classes. There are NO CREDITS FOR MISSED CLASSES.

DRESS CODE

WDA's dress code is listed on our website. The footwear listed on our website will be required for our annual recital. Please have your dancer come to class with the proper attire with hair pulled back off of their face and neck (**buns are required for ballet**). We suggest each dancer have a small cosmetic bag in their dance bag complete with hair pins, hair nets, elastics and hair brush. Rushing from school? Teaching and office staff will help your dancer pull their hair back appropriately if they bring the items necessary to do it. During cold weather, a fitted top may be worn for warm-up only. Finally, bra tops are not permitted for dance or acro class.

RECITAL NEWS

CONFIRMED DATE & SHOW INFORMATION

Although participation in WDA's annual recital is optional, we encourage students to share their love of dance at this fun event.

We are EXCITED to announce that we have secured the Galvin Middle School in Wakefield MA for June 12th for WDA's 14th Annual Recital, "The Wonderful World of Disney."

We believe that most families enjoyed having the shorter, more intimate shows, like last year, that allowed us to accommodate all families. We do plan on replicating that model again. Every effort is made to minimize the number of shows a single family performs in, but it is not always possible to put all family members in one show. Therefore, please expect that if you have multiple children or if your children are in multiple classes they may be in different shows. Dress rehearsals will be during the week of June 6th after 3:30pm at the Galvin Middle School; specific dates will be sent towards the end of March with schedules soon after. Dancers may not be required to be at all dress rehearsals. Details surrounding ticket sales and recital photos will be coming soon.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT:
OLIVIA COVIELLO, TAP

Olivia started taking dance classes at age three and has been dancing ever since. She developed a fascination for creating at a young age and has been assisting and teaching her own dance classes since age fourteen. Aside from the training she received at her dance studio, Olivia joined the Boston Tap Company at age sixteen where she performed at different venues across New England. She has also received training and a teaching certification through the Dance Teacher's Club of Boston's Dance Education Training Courses. Olivia graduated from Dean College in 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance, concentrating in Studio Management. She is always excited to share her passion for dance and the arts with students and is honored to be a part of the staff at Wilmington Dance Academy!

Olivia's choreography is on fire! Her first Senior Tap Trio, "Vessel," highlights some of WDA's incredible senior tappers. At the first regional competition, Vessel was the top overall highest scoring routine of the entire weekend as well as first place in category, age, group, and division. She has also choreographed some amazing solos for our junior performance team dancers that have placed in their age and division!

NEW CLASS ALERT
TINY DANCER CLASS

Come dance with us in 2022! Experience your child's first dance class. Calling all little ones 18 months to 2.5 years to dance with their favorite adult. Classes session started on Saturday February 5th, 9:30-10:00 and runs for 8 weeks! It's not too late to sign up! Send us an email today to join!



LET'S GET SOCIAL

TAG US IN YOUR POSTS FOR A POSSIBLE HIGHLIGHT IN OUR QUARTERLY NEWS!



Save the Date

SUMMER DANCE

**THINGS ARE HEATING UP AT WDA
REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1!**

**CONTEMPORARY WORKSHOP
JUNE 28 - JUNE 30**

- Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop, Jazz/Lyrical
- For dancers age 13+
- 3 days

**MINI INTENSIVE
JULY 25 - JULY 28**

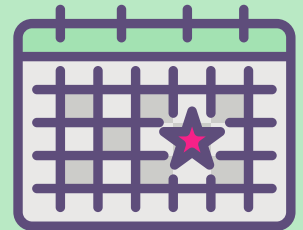
- Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop, Jazz/Lyrical
- For dancers age 6-9
- 4 days

**BALLET INTENSIVE
JULY 25 - AUGUST 5**

- Ballet, Pointe, Partnering, Contemporary
- New dance electives
 - Giordano Jazz & Flamenco
- For dancers age 10+
- 1 & 2 week options

OTHER SUMMER DANCE EVENTS

- Full Schedule will be available early March
- 5 week technique classes in Ballet, Pointe, Conditioning, Contemporary, Acro, Hip Hop, Tap & Jazz - June 27-July 29
- Young Dancer Camps (ages 18 months - 7 years)
- Tap Workshop (ages 10+)



CORE FITNESS AT WDA

ADULT DANCE AND FITNESS CLASSES

We have many adult dance and fitness classes to choose from this year! Adult dance classes include: tap, ballet, and hip hop. Beginners welcome - come see what we are all about! If you have never experienced a fitness class with Lisa, you must try her small classes offering individualized attention and modifications for all levels. Her dedication to her clients is unMATched! Classes are offered in person as well as virtually on Zoom & BAND. Fitness classes can be found under the fitness icon on the WDA website. Contact Lisa Cataldo at 978-866-3267 for more information.



Check out members of the WDA Performance Team before taking the stage at Project Santa at Tewksbury Memorial High School. Project Santa is an annual community event that raises money via tickets and raffles for Merrimack Valley families in need around the winter holiday season. Bravo, dancers!

