



KATHI'S DANCE & GYM CENTER, LLC

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Calendar of Upcoming Events & Workshops...

Mark Goodman Workshop

- Sept. 30/Oct. 1—KDGC

ODM Closed Convention

- October 5-6—KDGC

Guest Teacher— Amanda Peterson

- October 7-9

Cecchetti Ohio Ballet Day, Berea

- October 13

USA 5 Gym Meet

- October 19-20—Elite Gymnastics

Cecchetti Exams, Berea

- November 14-17

NEOGL Gymnastics Meet

- November 17—Great Lakes

ODM Convention

- November 22-24—Dayton, OH

Thanksgiving Break

- November 27-December 1

Poinsettia Delivery Date

- December 3, 2013

KDGC Christmas Show (TENTATIVE)

- December 15—Mohawk H.S.

Miracle on Easy Street

- December 19-22—Powers Aud.

STUDIO POLICIES AND NEWS

ABSENCES: Attendance is very important and instrumental to the development of your child's skills. If a student is not able to attend, we ask you to please call the office to report his/her absence. There are no refunds for missed classes.

TUITION DUE DATE: Tuition is always due the first class of the month. A 10% late fee will be applied to all tuition on the 16th. If you would like to set up credit card automatic payment, please stop at the office and someone can help you. There are no deductions or credits for missed classes. Withdrawals must be made before the first class of each month or you will be billed for the entire month.

OBSERVATION: is the last class in OCTOBER. Parents are welcome to sit and observe the classes. Please remember you are in a learning environment and we must keep noise to a minimum. Please look later in the newsletter for more information regarding October Halloween observation. Parent observation will be the same as last year and will be the months of October, December, February and April.

PRACTICE CD'S AND MATERIALS: Cecchetti ballet & tap cd's for practice are available from the teachers for \$5.00. Cecchetti syllabus books are also available. Ballet coloring book/workbooks used in class can be purchased for \$5.00. Your instructor will inform you if you need to purchase any of the above items.

WEBSITE: Please check out the website regularly. We will try to keep all new forms and papers updated on the website for you. "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Incredibles" group pictures should be on the website soon.

CREDIT CARDS: We are again accepting MasterCard, Visa and Discover cards for payments. If you are interested, we can set up automatic charge of your tuition each month on your card. Stop at the counter if you would like a form to fill out for automatic payment.

COMMENT BOX . . .

Remember there is a comment box on the wall for any suggestions, comments or ideas you might have to help us meet the needs of our students. We welcome all comments and will try and respond if possible. We appreciate your comments.

"Miracle on 34th Street" Benefit Christmas Program

This year we are hoping the Christmas Show will be held at Mohawk High School again. We have a tentative date of Sunday, December 15th, but we have to wait for the school board to approve the date in mid-October. We will once again be having two shows. Shows will be held at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. We have decided to only have Kindercise and Kinderdance in the 3:00 p.m. show. Attached to this newsletter is the sign up for the Christmas show. Please turn in your form by October 26th so we can get an accurate count. You will notice that you are able to mark if you want to do both shows, the 3:00 p.m. show, or the 7:00 p.m. show. We need to get a good count on who wants to participate in one or both shows and then we will make final decisions.

We are looking for a charity, organization, or family in need to be the beneficiary of the proceeds of this year's show. If you have any ideas for us, please mark them on the bottom of the Christmas show sign up. We will collect the ideas and make a final decision.

ZUMBA:

We are very excited to have Jamie Byler teaching Zumba at the studio again this year. For those of you that don't know, Zumba is a dance fitness class incorporating styles of hip-hop, salsa, meringue, samba, and others. Classes are \$6.00 each and are offered:

Monday 9:30—10:30 a.m.
Monday 7:30—8:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30—8:30 p.m.
Friday 9:30—10:30 a.m.

FITNESS WITH JOANNE:

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 10:00-11:00AM

Monday—Dance interval fitness/
mat pilates
Wednesday—Functional Boot Camp/
Stability ball
Friday—High intensity training/yoga

Cost: \$30.00 a month (unlimited) or
\$6.00 a class
Call (330) 542-0084 for more information

UPCOMING EVENTS and WORKSHOPS

Mark Goodman—Mark Goodman will be here giving workshops September 30 and October 1. You have all received information regarding the workshops in your mailboxes.

ODM Closed Convention will be held here at KDGC on October 5-6. This workshop is for students 16 and over only. Please talk to Kathi if you are interested in attending

Amanda Peterson—Amanda will be here October 7-9 teaching for us. It will be great to have Amanda home and working with the line students again.

Cecchetti CCA's Ballet Day will be held in Berea, Ohio at Above the Barr on October 13th. This workshop is for all Cecchetti students. There are scholarship classes held during this workshop for ages 8 through 11. Please contact the office for more information.

Cecchetti Exams will be held the weekend of November 14-17 at Above the Barr Dance Studio in Berea, Ohio. Schedules should be out shortly. Those who are being presented for exams should have all of their exam and small group fees paid by October 1st to avoid any late charges. Be sure you have received your flyer for more detailed information.

Line Tryouts for jazz and tap lines will be held on Sunday, November 10th. Students have already started learning the choreography for these tryouts. A schedule of times for this day will be distributed at a later date.

ODM Convention in Dayton will be held November 22-24. Junior Members will be participating in classes at this convention. Let Kathi know if you are interested in attending.



Cecchetti Ballet Day

will be held in Berea, Ohio on October 13th. We would really like to extend this workshop opportunity to all ballet students starting with the Primary III class. There will be scholarship auditions at this workshop as well that would be a great opportunity for any of our ballet students ages 8-11. Students just take a ballet class and are judged during the class. There is a chance that the girls could win prizes such as ballet scholarships to other events, t-shirts, and plaques. Anyone that participates in the scholarship audition at this workshop will enjoy a complimentary ice cream party following the audition.



Like the convenience of e-mail?

**Feel free to correspond with Kathi at any time through e-mail at
kathihalbert@gmail.com**

HALLOWEEN

Our first observation week of the year will be October 24 through October 30. During this week students are welcome to dress up in costume. Please be sure the student can move and dance in the costume. If the student is in the gym please be sure they will be able to safely do tricks or be able to remove the costume if necessary. Bring your cameras and enjoy the fun!!!! We will be closed on Thursday, October 31 for Halloween.



Peggy Klinke Scholarship Winners

Lizzie Lepiane and McKala Lehman

Lizzie attended S.H.I.P., Student Honors Intensive Program in Buffalo, NY this summer and McKala attended Cecchetti Ballet Camp at Hope College in Michigan. Congratulations to both girls!

COMPETITIVE GYM TEAM

The competitive season for our KDGC gymnasts is getting ready to begin. The girls worked very hard all summer by attending eight weeks of classes and participating in two clinics. We would like to introduce you to our team and wish them good luck at all of the upcoming meets.

LEVEL 3's - Marisa Davanzo, McKenna DePascale, Alexa Fecko, Lia Fecko, Haven Hancox, Alivia Horvath, Jenna Kirkpatrick, Carmyn Manna, Kendall Maughan, Haleigh McCalla, Kiley McConnell, Kari-gan Mullen, Josie Norris, Riley Norris, Sydney Norris, Natalie Quear, Gracie Raymer, Amanda Reevely, Jewelina Reevely, Maya Reevely, Ella Schrickel, Mia Schrickel, Zoe Simon, Angelina Smiley, Ariana Smiley, Carly Stitzel, Kenzie Szolek, Ayla Thompson, Nadia Zarbaugh

LEVEL 4's - Adrianna Candella, Olivia Cmil, Kate Coppola, Graciella Ebert, Jillian Gady, Jordan Gady, Reagan Irons, Asia Kerr, Jillian McIntosh, Paige Patterson, Julianna Sandine, Adeline Whaley, Lexi Wonner

OPTIONALS - Laurel Brothers, Abigail Catlos, Madison Ewing, Makenzie Ferenchak, Lauren Gates, Gianna Gentile, Abby George, Grace George, Kess Gordon, Amanda Heffron, Jayce Klink, Vanessa Lehman, Marissa Mangino, Sophia Neddy, Samantha Smith, Gizalia Smith-Kelso,

PILATES REFORMER CLASSES

Pilates classes are offered as one hour private classes or semi/private sessions. Kathi is Stott certified and offers classes weekdays before 2:00p.m. Feel free to call the office if you are interested in scheduling a private.

FUNDRAISING

We are going to be offering many different fundraisers throughout the year. Please understand that it is not mandatory to participate in any of these, but it is a way for you to defer some of the expense of tuition, costumes, workshops, gym meets, etc. Some of the fundraising opportunities that will be provided include the sale of Christmas poinsettias, candies, and Gorants candy at Easter. If you have any other suggestions, please contact Lisa in the office.

You should be receiving a candle fundraiser packet soon and attached to this newsletter is the poinsettia order form. Again, it is not mandatory to participate in any fundraiser. We just hope that some of them may benefit you.

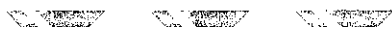
Other Important Team News

Open Gym—On Fridays, from 4:00—6:00 p.m. Chris and Danielle will be holding open gyms for competitive team members to come work on routines and tricks for meets. The cost of open gym is \$10.00 and is paid directly to the coaches when you come. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the gym doors.

Optional/Int. Opt. Floor Music—If it is the year for you to get a new floor routine, you need to be listening to floor music and choosing your song soon. There are a lot of cd's in the gym you can listen to.

USA 5's Meet—Our USA 5 gymnasts will be competing on October 19-20 they will be in Cleveland at the Elite All-Star Classic.

NEOGL Meet—Our Level 3 and 4 competitive teams will have their first meet on Sunday, November 17th at Great Lakes Gymnastics. It is very important that the gymnasts attend classes regularly so that they are prepared for the upcoming season.



OHIO DANCE MASTERS AND CECCHETTI COUNCIL

Ohio Dance Masters and Cecchetti Council College Tuition Scholarships: The deadline for the Dance Masters of Ohio College Tuition Scholarship is December 1st. In order to be eligible, you must be a current high school senior, or current college student. First place is awarded \$1,000, second place is \$500 and the three remaining finalists will receive \$100. If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, pick up an application at the office. Participation in DMO workshops is advisable. Previous recipients from KDGC include Rachelle Whiteside, Amanda Peterson, Melissa Straub, Kaila Frisone, and Lauren Owens. This scholarship is heavily awarded on academics and community service. Dance is a very small percentage of the score. Don't miss an opportunity for scholarship monies.

ATTENTION DANCERS & GYMNASTS

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER – Included in this newsletter, you will find the order form for the poinsettia fundraiser. We are once again using Dougherty's Flowers as our supplier. The deadline for orders is **November 9th**. When you turn in your orders, please submit one check made payable to Kathi's Dance and Gym Center. This really helps the office staff when they are tabulating orders. The delivery date for the poinsettias is Tuesday, December 3rd. We will put a reminder in next month's newsletter.

STAFF NEWS

All of us at Kathi's Dance & Gym Center would like to welcome back two old faces to the staff at KDGC.

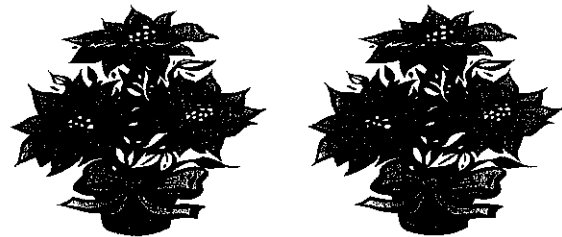
Lauren Owens—Many of you will remember Lauren as Woody in the dance show "Toy Story 2" a couple of years ago. She is now going to be working at KDGC while she attends YSU. She will be in the office, assisting some classes, and teaching others. We are very happy to have her on staff.

Celina Gaudio—Celina has joined the staff of KDGC as a gymnastics coach. She graduated from South Range High School last year and is currently attending Kent State Salem Campus. She competed through Level 7 with our competitive team and we are thrilled to have her back as a coach.

Other Staff News:

Danielle Espinoza—Danielle will be getting married on November 2nd to Christopher Bako. They will be getting married in Danielle's hometown, Toledo. Congratulations Danielle!!!

Gia Ramsey—Gia is a former employee of Kathi's Dance & Gym Center and is competing in the Miss Ohio pageant as Miss Poland USA next month in Portsmouth, Ohio. She will be competing in evening gown, swimsuit, and interview categories during this competition. We wish her the best of luck!!!



Easy Street Productions "Miracle on Easy Street"

The annual performance of "Miracle on Easy Street" will be held at Powers Auditorium December 19-22. We once again have many of our dancers participating in the great show. If you would like tickets to this show, please call 330-743-8555.

The KDGC students dancing in the show this year are: Jenn Horn, Juliana Kreatsoulas, Kassie Kudler, Emily Masluk, Jennifer Mullally, Abbey Sheronovich, Caitlin Slattery, and Sarah Swank. Former students and/or staff members dancing are: Megan Cleland, Rachael Cleland, Courtney Frenger, Danielle Goodin, Abbey Kunce, Lizzie Lepiane, Jacquelyn Oddo, Eri Raib, and Gia Ramsey.

2012 Poinsettia Fundraiser

Our annual poinsettia fundraiser is now underway. We are again using Dougherty Flowers, from Louisville, Ohio as our supplier. The deadline for orders is Saturday, November 9th. We will not be able to take any late orders. These flowers are easy to sell and they are very competitive to the retail price. We have set up a delivery date of December 3rd. We will put a reminder of the delivery date in the November newsletter. This is always an easy fundraiser, and everyone wants poinsettias for holiday decorating and for gift giving. Money must be turned in with your orders. Please submit one check made payable to KDGC for all of your orders. All profits will go onto your account. All plants come with a foil like pot cover. There are different flower colors available for the different sized plants, so please fill out the form on the other side of this sheet carefully.

Size	Colors available	Selling price	Profit to your acct.
4 1/2" (1 plant)	red, white, pink, marble	\$6.75	\$1.50
6 1/2" (1 plant, 4-7 blooms)	red, white, pink, burgundy, marble, glitter	\$12.75	\$2.85
7 1/2" (2 plant, 8-12 blooms)	red, white, pink, burgundy, marble, glitter	\$18.75	\$3.25
8 1/2" (3 plant, 12+ blooms)	red, white, pink, burgundy, marble, glitter	\$24.50	\$4.75
10" (4 plant, 15+ blooms)	red, white, pink, marble	\$32.50	\$5.00

Traditional red, pink, white, and marble (pink & cream) are available in all sizes. Burgundy (deep wine) and glitter (red with splashes of white) are **NOT** available in the 4 1/2" or 10" plants.

2013 CHRISTMAS BENEFIT SHOW AND PARTY

Mohawk High School

Sunday, December 15th (TENTATIVE) at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Children can visit with Santa at 2:00 p.m. on stage

Pizza and cookies for everyone between shows

Our annual Christmas Benefit Show is tentatively scheduled to be held at Mohawk High School on Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. We are still waiting on approval from the Mohawk school board and they do not meet until October 15. We understand that if the date changes, your answer may change. As soon as date is approved we will let everyone know. If this date is approved all rehearsals would be held on Saturday, December 14th. We will only be having Kindercise and Kinderdance participate in the 3:00 p.m. show. All other classes will be in both shows. Tickets will be sold in advance at the studio for \$7.00. More information about tickets will go out later. We will also be collecting canned goods at the studio before the show and at the door on show day for a local food bank.

We are in need of a charity, organization or family in need that will receive the proceeds from the Christmas show and Chinese Auction. Please give any suggestions at the bottom of your Christmas show sign up. If it is an individual or family, please give reason you would like us to consider them.

It is imperative that we know as soon as possible if your child is participating. This is for a great cause and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to find time to participate in this special event. Please return forms no later than October 26th.

Costume list for dancers: (*all rental costumes are between \$5.00-\$10.00)

- Ballet 3, Primary & Cecchetti classes and Pointe: Rental costumes*
- Ballet 1 & 2: wear "Sunday Best" dresses
- Senior, Teen, Pre-Teen and Junior Jazz Lines: "Miracle on 34th Street" long sleeve t-shirts and black jazz pants.
- Jazz Dancers: Red Christmas shirt and black jazz pants.
- Senior, Teen, Pre-Teen and Junior Tap Lines: Rental costumes*
- Tap Dancers: White T-shirts and black jazz pants.
- Kindercise and Kinderdance: Red Christmas shirt and black jazz pants.
- Hip Hop: Black Jazz Pants, Black long-sleeve t-shirt, Red shirt tied around waist, tennis shoes

- Those students required to wear a red Christmas shirt may purchase your own or order the Miracle on 34th Long sleeve T-shirts available through the office. Samples are in the office for your convenience. To be guaranteed a Miracle on 34th T-shirt orders and payment must be in by October 26th. All shirts are \$20.00.

RETURN BY OCTOBER 26th

Student's Name _____ Phone # _____

_____ I will not be participating in the Christmas Show

_____ I will participate in both of the Christmas Shows in all the classes.

If there is a class you wish not to participate in please list below:

_____ I will only participate in the _____ 3:00 p.m. show _____ 7:00 p.m. show

_____ Miracle on 34th T-Shirt Size: CXS, CS, CM, CL, AS, AM, AL, AXL

I think we should do the Christmas show to benefit: _____
