**Keep Your Eye On 2009!**

*Happy New Year Everyone!*

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. We would like to thank you for being a part of our school, and are glad to have you back dancing and making music with us in 2009.

These next few months bring us Music Recitals, Summer Camp information and ongoing preparations for the June Dance and Music Recitals. Keep an eye out for NEW dance and music class times starting this January! Please don’t hesitate to call us with any question you might have.

Either the Hermosa or Redondo location may assist you no matter which location you attend.

Please take advantage of our website as it is a great resource for information throughout the year.

**New Year, New Classes starting in January!**

With the New Year comes new exciting classes! Ask the front desk about our new dance and music times and current class availability!

Some newly formed classes are below:

- **9 - 12 yrs.**
  - Beg. Ballet - WED 7:00pm
  - ADULT ONLY
  - Jazz - THURS 8:15pm
  - Belly Dance - TUE 8:00pm

- **Teen - Adult**
  - Beg. Ballet - WED 7:00pm
  - Hip Hop I - THURS 8:15pm
  - Belly Dance - TUE 8:00pm

**NEW YEAR, NEW CLASSES STARTING IN JANUARY!**

- **Infant to 4 yrs.**
  - Ballet / Tap - MON 11:15am
  - Ballet / Tap - TUE 9:00am, 9:30am
  - Ballet / Tap - FRI 11:00am, 11:30am

- **2 ½ - 3 yrs.**
  - Ballet / Tap - MON 12:00pm
  - Ballet / Tap - WED 10:00am

- **3 & 4 yrs.**
  - Ballet / Tap - SAT 12:15pm
  - PianoToons - WED 1:00pm

- **5 & 6 yrs.**
  - Hip Hop Jr. - THUR 2:00pm, 6:15pm

**Are You Performing in the Jan. Music Recital?**

Come join us for our bi-annual music recital where students share their musical achievements with family & friends. It is also a chance to see special performances from our incredible music staff! The music recital is held at the Redondo School of Dance & Music, complete with a stage, performance lighting, decorations, and seating for a very memorable event. We have several shows throughout the day. If you haven’t already turned in your music recital participation form, please make sure to see the front desk or talk to your teacher no later than Jan. 10th if you would like to perform. For those of you that have already turned in your request forms for tickets/recital time—tickets will be available for pick up at the front desk starting Jan. 19th. See you there!

**Music Goal Medals**

For those students who started working towards a music goal level this past spring and have continued through summer lessons, you may be ready to receive your next medal. Remember that this program is designed to be a ten month curriculum so most students are on track for the June recital. If you’re unsure of your goal date or requirements check with your teacher.

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*School Newsletter*  
**Jan / Feb / Mar 2009**

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**Is It Too Late To Sign Up For The June ‘09 Dance Recital?**

Even though the guaranteed recital deadline has past, you may still request to be in our optional end-of-the-year Dance Recital taking place June 6-7th. For all of you that have decided to perform in our recital, your student recital packet will be mailed to you in March. Again if you are interested in participating in this year’s recital, even though it is past the cut-off date, you may still fill out a “costume request form” at the front desk and our dance director will get back to you if and when a spot or costume becomes available. You may also pick up a copy of our General Dance Recital Information at the front desk. Thank you.

**Competition Dance Team**

Dance Competitions are underway and we wish the very best to every student entered in the upcoming events. We will have students participating in solos and group competitions. Some of our upcoming competitions are the Kids Artistic Review, Showbiz, and Starpower! Have a great season & break a leg!

Remember you may enjoy last year’s routines on the highlight section of your recital DVD. Competition Dance Team is invite only. Invitations are given in April with your pre-registration packet and progress reports.

**Preschool Field Trips!**

Come experience the arts with your classmates! We offer demo dance and music classes at no charge for many local preschools. Our field trips are meant to introduce children to the wonders of both dance and music. We provide them with a half hour music class followed by a half hour dance class. These classes are fun, engaging and full of information to spark little imaginations. Many preschools use this to support a music or dance unit they are covering in class. Our field trips are completely free of charge and are fun for all. Please spread the word to your preschool director so we can help them schedule a time for a dance and music field trip!

**JR. Dance Team**

Our Jr. Dance Team has already begun practicing for a Clippers Performance on March 7th where the Los Angeles Clippers take on the Indiana Pacers. They will also be performing in two other competitions throughout the year, Hall of Fame and Showstoppers.

We are excited to be working with such an enthusiastic group!

Any student that is 6 yrs. of age or older may sign up for Jr. Dance Team. Orientation is usually held in late September for the current school year.

**Sleeping Beauty Ballet**

Come join us on Friday, February 27th to experience our Ballet Company’s first performance of Sleeping Beauty at the Hermosa Playhouse in Hermosa Beach! Please visit us at the front desk for more information.

Any student that is 6 yrs of age or older may sign up for our Ballet Company. Orientation is usually held in late Sept., for the current school year.

**Talent Show Season**

So, you want to perform in your school’s talent show, but you feel like you need a little help? All you need to do is set up some private lessons—with your Brownie Troop, your grade school class, your best friend or just solo.

You don’t need dance experience to be a talent show dancing diva or musical dynamo!

Depending on how big the group or how detailed you want it to be, we can choreograph your routine in 1-3 lessons. Visit the front desk for more information.

P.S. We will also cut your music if needed…!!

**Music Practice Tip**

Practice starting at random points throughout your pieces. This will keep the music fresh and highlight areas that need work!

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**WHY ARE OUR PRESCHOOL CLASSES SO POPULAR?**

Our school provides classes to students of all ages starting with age 2, right up through adults. There are many outlets for taking dance, so why do families choose us for their preschool classes? Many preschools and city facilities offer dance programs that teach the art of Ballet or other creative movement classes. Our preschool classes take the teaching of dance to the next level by infusing the perfect balance of child development theory in its curriculum. Each minute of class is designed to assure that children are forming certain spatial patterns while they learn their dance lessons with the help of imagery, which keeps it memorable and fun. Even the last few minutes of class time reserved for something similar to “freeze dance” does not only encourage creativity and improvisation, but is also accompanied by a technique called “side coaching” where the instructor reviews and reinforces the terms learned that day. Discipline is also handled through positive reinforcement. Students are expected to pay attention during class, but if a dancer starts to stray from the group, the instructor will give praise to the dancers who are paying attention to get those who wander wanting the same praise, rather than focusing on incorrect class behavior. The curriculum not only progresses for the student throughout the year but is structured in such a way to introduct preparatory ballet, proper French terminology and exercises in specific stages from year to year to prepare a dancer for formal training that begins at age 6. So if you are enrolled in one of our dance classes don’t be alarmed if your son or daughter shouts out “chasse” and “arabesque”!

**THANK YOU TEACHERS!**

Did you know that we have one of the most talented teaching teams in the South Bay? We have 40 dance & music teachers on staff that teach everything from Hip Hop to advanced Ballet and from Voice to Violin. Our teachers have won awards for choreography, creativity, and sheer talent. Most importantly, our diverse teaching team has a real love for the students and a great passion for dance & music. Thank you to all of them for sharing their love of dancing and making music with us.

**SUMMER 2009 SNEAK PEAK! CAMPS - CLASSES - LESSONS**

**Summer Camps** ~ This summer you will be able to choose from 15 exciting 1 or 2 week dance or music camps. Offered to different age groups starting from 2.5 yrs to adult, here are some of the camps that will be offered this summer . . .

**Flexible Dance Classes & Music Lessons**

Try a new instrument or dance class, get a jump start for your band, work on a new style, or get a head start for the fall... Whatever your interests are, we have dance classes and music lessons available in July and August.

**DANCE**
- Ballet
- Hip Hop
- Jazz
- Tap
- Belly Dance
- Break Dance
- Ballroom

**MUSIC**
- Piano
- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Bass
- Violin
- Drums
- Voice
- Songwriting
- Preschool Piano

**Ages 2.5 yrs**
- All-In-One Camp
- Ballet/Tap Camp

**Ages 3-4 yrs**
- Princess Ballet Camp
- Ballet/Tap Camp
- All-In-One Camp

**Ages 4-5 yrs**
- All-In-One Camp
- Princess Ballet Camp
- Super Hero Camp
- Ballet/Tap Camp
- Hip Hop Camp
- PianoToons Camp

**Ages 5-6 yrs**
- Violin Camp
- All-In-One Camp
- Princess Ballet Camp
- Super Hero Camp
- Ballet/Tap Camp
- Hip Hop Camp

**Ages 6-8 yrs**
- Violin Camp
- All-In-One Camp
- Dance Intensive
- Dance Sampler
- Ballroom Camp
- Dance Class Summer Pass
- Disney Parade Camp *(8yr min)*

**Ages 9-12 yrs**
- Garage Band Camp
- Vocal/Songwriting Camp
- Violin Camp
- All Star All-In-One Camp
- Disney Parade Camp
- Dance Intensive I & II
- Dance Sampler Camp
- Ballroom Camp
- Break Dance Camp
- Dance Class Summer Pass

**Ages 13-17 yrs**
- Garage Band Camp
- Vocal/Songwriting Camp
- Violin Camp
- All-In-One Camp
- Disney Parade Camp
- Dance Intensive I & II
- Dance Sampler Camp
- Ballroom Camp
- Break Dance Camp
- Belly Dance Camp
- Dance Class Summer Pass

Details on all of our popular camps will be out on Feb. 9th! Remember, you can create your own camp with 7 friends—fill out a Camp Request Form ASAP for the first choice of dates/times!
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**Important Dates...**

- **January Registration** begins Jan. 5th
- **New January Classes** begin Jan. 12th
- **Music Recital** Jan. 25th
  (Deadline to participate—Jan. 10th)
- **Detailed Summer Camp & Summer Schedules** Out on Feb. 9th
  (Summer Registration Begins Mar. 2nd)
- **Sleeping Beauty Ballet Performance** Feb. 27th
  (At the Hermosa Beach Playhouse)
- **Summer Camp Registration Begins** Mar. 2nd
  (Details out Feb. 9th)
- **Summer Dance Classes & Music Lesson Registration Begins** Mar. 2nd
  (Details out Feb. 2nd)
- **Spring Break!** Apr. 6th - Apr. 11th
  (No Dance Classes or Music Lessons)
- **Summer Session** July 6th—Aug. 22nd
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