
The Maine Dance Academy

July Newsletter 2020

Hello everyone! I certainly hope this newsletter finds you all enjoying this amazing weather The County has been experiencing thus far. I cannot believe it has been almost 4 months since we have been in the studio....where does time go? We are looking forward to seeing our Summer Dance Campers in a couple of weeks which will give us a “run-through” of how we will handle getting back to the studio in the fall. Let us all hope for good news come September!! I will be sending out a separate Newsletter to our summer day campers by this weekend. On to the July News!

Audition and Registration Day for Season #27 and Frozen 2 for **NEW STUDENYS ONLY** will still be on Monday, August 10, 2020 from 3-7:30pm with senior and youth auditions from 7:30-9:00pm. As of today, we are asking that you register online if you are a returning student and Venmo your registration fee to me @Colleen-DuPlissie. We would like the least number of students in the studio on registration day, keeping the flow open to new students only. We are going to adhere to a strict schedule on Registration and Audition Day: For new students only, please register online before August 10 so that we will know what kind of numbers we will expect on audition day. We realize that all new students need clothing and supplies so these are the times that you will be able to come to the studio to purchase your supplies. Unfortunately, you will not be able to try on clothing, so we ask that you do your best when choosing TMDA gear for your dancer and/or tumbler. We ask that you come exactly at the times below:

New 2 year olds: 3-3:30pm New 3 year olds: 3:30-4pm New 4 year olds: 4- 4:30pm New 5-7 year olds: 4:30-5:15pm New 8-10 year olds: 5:15-6:30pm New 11-12 year olds: 6:30-7pm New 13+: 7-7:30pm .

As you can see, we are taking all the up-front, necessary precautions we need for Audition and Registration Days. We will need all of YOU to please do the same. We will have the store also set up in the back dance studio to keep things and people spread out. Please be prepared to pay multiple people at auditions, depending on what supplies you need as you will not be able to pay just the secretaries due to social distancing. Please please...download the VENMO app, this will make payments so much easier for all of us!!

The fall semester for all new students will be begin on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. They will begin to receive finale choreography on October 27, 2020.

Senior auditions: 7:30-8pm: You will receive your audition music on August 1, 2020 via Dropbox with all the instructions you will need for your audition. You will receive music that you will need to choreograph to and lip sync to as well. When you receive your audition music you will also receive further instructions. TMDA instructors are not allowed to help you with your audition. Seniors need to inform thru messenger if they are returning to be part of Frozen 2. If I do not hear from my returning senior students by August 1st, then you will not receive your audition music.

Youth auditions 8:00-9:00pm: You will receive your audition music on August 1, 2020 via Dropbox with all the instructions you will need for your audition. 50% of the audition score is practice effort therefore, if your child has not shown us that he/she practices each and every week, they will receive a zero score for that part of the audition. We will audition students 5-9 for the part of little Anna and little Elsa. We will audition students 12 and up for the youth chorus and extras. You will receive music that you will need to choreograph to and lip sync to as well. When you receive your audition music you will also receive further instructions. TMDA instructors are not allowed to help you with your audition. You have until August 1st to register for a part and that is when you will receive your audition music.

All youth cast auditions will need to fill out a separate registration form that is attached to this newsletter below this year as well as a \$20 audition fee. You can email the form to me and Venmo the fee to me as well.

On Tuesday August 11, 2020 if you are a returning student and need supplies then you can come to the studio during these set times. We ask that you come exactly at the times below:

3-4 year olds: 3-4pm 5-7 year olds: 4-5pm 8-10 year olds: 5-6pm 11-12 year olds: 6-7pm
13+: 7-8pm

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Dance and tumbling for returning students will begin the week of September 22, 2020. Dance and tumbling for new students will begin the week of December 1, 2020. Because the first 5 weeks of dance (September 22-October 22, 2020) this coming fall will be a continuation of the Spring Semester 2020, our fall semester will only commence on October 27, 2020. Tuition for the fall semester will only be due the week of October 27, 2020. This will leave us 4 weeks until our scheduled recital Thanksgiving weekend. We will begin working on our Frozen 2 finales during this time.

There are still a lot of questions to be answered on how tuition will work for the fall semester so I will try to answer them now:

- 1- Fall Semester for Frozen 2 will run from October 27, 2020 thru February 4, 2021 with two weeks off at Christmas but receiving dance choreography during 1 of those weeks. (Christmas break will be December 18, 2020- January 3, 2021) A 13 week semester as always.
- 2- 2- Spring semester will run from February 9- May 6, 2021 and there will be choreography each of these weeks even during scheduled school breaks. TMDA WILL NOT be taking any weeks off during January or March as we have done in the past. A 13 week semester as always.
- 3- 3- If you decide to return to TMDA to be part of Moana and yet do not wish to continue to dance with TMDA after our recital November 28 & 29, 2020 then you will only owe 4 weeks of tuition from October 26 thru November 20, 2020. You will still need to attend these classes even though we will be starting Finale choreography as we will also still be rehearsing our Moana choreography right up until recital time at Thanksgiving. You will not need to register for the Frozen 2 recital, but you will need to alert us on or before August 11th that you will return for Moana but not for Frozen 2. This will allow us to form our new classes for the beginning of Season 27 on December 1, 2020. 4- **New classes for Frozen 2 will be posted on Monday, November 30, 2020. All students will come to their new classes starting Tuesday, December 1, 2020.**

NEW students will start classes the week of December 1st. They will either register or audition on August 10th, 2020 and begin their classes on December 1st. New students will also find out what classes they will be in on Monday, November 30th, 2020. New students will receive finale choreography each week starting October 27th until they start in the studio on December 1.

NEW Senior and NEW youth cast students will start Frozen 2 rehearsals in October as usual on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:30pm. 7- **Moana graduates and youth cast students** will have rehearsal on weekends to accommodate the graduates that are travelling from University of Maine to attend these practices.

I do realize that everything above seems like "just so much" but I have had a lot of time to think about this and trust me, this is the best that we can do. It will be A LOT to do but ...we can do this if we do it ...TOGETHER. 😊

Now let us move on to Moana. We will begin our fall semester by giving everyone back the 5 weeks we missed during our necessary, “stay at home order”. During these 5 weeks we will review all of our dances, learn the extra song “Good Job” that was sent to all of our classes in April and then learn our last finale song that was sent out in March to announce Frozen 2. We will continue to rehearse all of our Moana choreography right up until our Thanksgiving recital. We will have awards week on November 17, 18 & 19, 2020 right before we head out to Thanksgiving break and recital.

- 1- Recital Week for Moana will be Thanksgiving week.
- 2- 2- Ticket day will be Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9-1:30pm. (We are still unsure at what capacity we will be able to have our show.) Recital t-shirts will be passed out on this day.
- 3- 3- Finale and tumbling rehearsal will be Wednesday November 25, 2020 from 1-3pm followed by lighting rehearsal for seniors and youth cast.
- 4- 4- Full Dress rehearsal will be Friday, November 27, 2020 from 1-4:30pm.
- 5- 5- Recital shows will be Saturday, November 28, 2020 at 7pm and Sunday November 29, 2020 at 2pm. (and... we will pray for amazing weather for that weekend!)
- 6- 6- Season #27 classes will be posted to our website on Monday, November 30, 2020.
- 7- 7- New classes and Frozen 2 choreography will begin December 1, 2020. All students, new and returning, will attend their new dance and tumbling classes starting Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

These plans are all tentative. I am still unsure what return to fall classes will look like exactly, but we are returning. We are working on a different plan in case we have to return to class with smaller than normal classes.

-We will need to continue to social distance once we start back up this fall so that will mean that parents will use both entrances into the studio, front and back, for different classes.

-Parents will not be allowed to stay in the waiting area due to social distancing...you will drop off and wait for your children in the car. We will allow parents of Temple and Napoleon to stay in the waiting area only and EVERYONE will need to wear a mask. **THIS IS STATE MANDATED AND I WILL ADHERE TO THIS RULE AS I DO NOT WANT TO BE SHUT DOWN.**

-Students that need supplies will need to have a mask when entering the store as well as their parents. Only 4 parents will be allowed in the store at one time. If you can purchase items without your dance or tumbler with you, please do so that we can keep the store clear of extra people.

One way or another, **we will have dance and tumbling!**. We will all have to be super flexible and completely cooperative. It is the only way that our studio will survive. **I want to be able to re-open TMDA, but I will need your support ...so let us do this together. Thanks so much!**

VENMO: We will require all of our families to download this app. This is how you will pay for your tuitions and also costume deposits. You may also use this app to pay for supplies when in the dance store. We ask that you use this app to pay for your registration fees when registering online. Once you have downloaded this app and connect it to your bank account, please locate me at @Colleen-DuPlissie. Friend me on the app and I will accept you and then you are ready to make payments. It is that easy and this will cut down on the un-necessary traffic in the building. We will continue to social distance all through the fall semester so please, learn how to use the VENMO app as soon as possible.

Please read this:

- 1- If you are wanting to be part of TMDA in the fall for Frozen 2, please register online before August 10, 2020. This goes for NEW and RETURNING students.
- 2- If you are returning to complete our Moana year and will be participating in our Thanksgiving recital but have decided not to return for Frozen 2, then I will need an email stating just that. I NEED TO KNOW WHO IS

PARTICIPATING IN MOANA. I will assume that if you register for Frozen 2 then you will be participating in Moana as well.

I hope I have covered everything that you need to know to return to TMDA this fall. I will have an update on August 1 as I want to make sure you all know if any of the above changes before Audition and Registration day. Continue to be safe everyone and try to enjoy this amazing weather. I am so looking forward to seeing everyone again...safely. Frozen 2 has been completely written and I have to say, I am pretty proud of it!! I think the kids will really enjoy this show!

Be safe...Be kind, Miss Colleen xoxo

(the youth audition reg form is below)

The Maine Dance Academy – Youth Audition Registration Form

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Cell#: _____

e-mail: _____

Student's dance class in 2019-2020: _____ Grade: _____

I understand that if I audition for a youth part at TMDA, I will continue to practice my dances for my regular class and will always come prepared for youth practices. I also understand that I will be required to purchase all costumes and or props associated with the part I receive. I agree to be at all youth practices when scheduled which will be on Wednesday evening from 7:30-9pm starting in September 2020.

Student Signature: _____

Parental Signature: _____

Venmo the \$20 fee to @Colleen-DuPlissie

5-9 year olds for Anna or Elsa

12+ for youth cast chorus and extra's