

## **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS**

### **Spring Updates and Recital 2022 Information Packet**

This year's Recital (and Rehearsal) will take place at South Christian High School located at 7979 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Byron Center MI, 49315. It is off Kalamazoo Avenue between 76<sup>th</sup> and 84<sup>th</sup>. We will be having 1 show divided into 2 sections on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. The rehearsal for the show will be on Thursday evening, June 2<sup>nd</sup> also at South Christian High School.

**\*\*\*Costume:** Unfortunately due to the state of the world, many of the costumes are coming in a lot later than usual. Please be patient. Most dancers will also receive a pair of tights with their costume.

**\*\*\*Hair:** Recreational dancers: for both picture week and for the Rehearsal/Recital, hair may be to your choosing. If the costume comes with a hairpiece, we ask that you incorporate it, but not everyone needs to be the same. Competition team dancers: picture week is to your choosing, rehearsal and recital is competition team low bun middle part (mini team should do their space buns).

**\*\*\*Makeup:** Recreational dancers: for both picture week and rehearsal/recital, makeup can be to your choosing. Although children do not normally wear makeup it does help so that the dancers do not look washed out onstage. We recommend that dancers should wear silver/charcoal colored eye shadow, foundation, lipstick and LOTS of blush that match your child's skin tone. Mascara and eyeliner are optional but are a good idea. Glitter and sparkles are encouraged! Again, this is not required.

- Competition team members should wear their usual competition team makeup.

**\*\*\*\*Other:** For the dancer's safety, no other jewelry should be worn other than the dance team members approved jewelry. For the best appearance, it is recommended that dancers should not be wearing any nail polish (on fingers or toes) and skin should be free from pen markings, temporary tattoos, etc. If your child has a piercing that cannot be taken out for any reason, please make sure they have a stud in.

#### **Recital Songs**

2-4 Year Combo Tap Song "Family Madrigal" (Miss Laura Wednesdays 5-5:50pm)

2-4 Year Combo Ballet Song "So This Is Love" (Miss Laura Wednesdays 5-5:50pm)

4-6 Year Combo Tap Song "Family Madrigal" (Miss Erin Thursdays 5-5:50pm)

4-6 Year Combo Ballet Song "So This Is Love" (Miss Erin Thursdays 5-5:50pm)

5-7 Year Combo Tap Song "We Are Ninjas" (Miss Erin Monday 5-5:50pm)

5-7 Year Combo Ballet Song "Down In New Orleans" (Miss Erin Monday 5-5:50pm)

Young Acro "Jumanji" (Miss Kelly Wednesdays 6-6:50pm)

Advanced Acro "Hawking Street" (Miss Anna Fridays 6:30-7:20pm)

Young Jazz Song "Magic" (Miss Jen Mondays 7-7:50pm)

Intermediate Jazz Song "Shooting Stars" (Miss Laura Wednesdays 7-7:50pm)

Young Hip Hop Song "Not Your Barbie Girl" (Miss Erin Thursdays 6-6:50pm)

Intermediate Hip Hop Song "Levitating" (Miss Erin Thursdays 7-7:50pm)

Advanced Hip Hop Song "Get Ghost" (Miss Erin Thursdays 8-8:50pm)

Young Lyrical Song "Hometown" (Miss Anna Tuesdays 6-6:50p)

Intermediate Lyrical Song "The Garden" (Miss Jen Mondays from 8pm – 8:50pm)

Pointe "Betrayal" (Miss Zoe Saturdays 12:30-1pm)

Adult Ballet "Bittersweet Symphony" (Miss Kelly Wednesdays 7-7:50pm)

Adult Tap "Dirty Deeds" (Miss Kelly Wednesdays 7-7:50pm)

Adult Jazz "Grown Woman" (Miss Erin Tuesdays 8:30-9pm)

Adult Hip Hop "90's Mix" (Miss Erin Tuesdays 8:30-9pm)

**Parents/Dancers: Please look over the recital order and if your dancer is in multiple dances, please make sure there are at least 3 dances in between. I tried to make sure they would, but please double check!**

## **Recital 2022 Show**

**Part 1 begins at 1:00pm (dancers should arrive no later than 12:45pm)**

1. Dig A Little Deeper (Regionals Tap)
2. Magic (Young Jazz)
3. Family Madrigal (2-4 Year Old Combo Tap & 4-6 Year Old Combo Tap)
4. Biggest Fans (Shylia & Andrea Duo)
5. Dancin Dogs (Mini Comp Team Jazz)
6. The Secret Garden (Regionals Contemporary)
7. The Garden (Intermediate Lyrical)
8. So This Is Love (2-4 Year Combo Ballet & 4-6 Year Old Combo Ballet)
9. Hometown (Young Lyrical)
10. Dirty Deeds (Adult Tap)
11. Not Your Barbie Girl (Young Hip Hop)
12. Betrayal (Pointe)
13. Stay (Analisa Solo)
14. Bittersweet Symphony (Adult Ballet)
15. Sugar Pie Honey Bunch (Mini Comp Team Tap)
16. Slumber Party (Regionals Hip Hop)

20 Minute Intermission

**Part 2 begins at 2:30pm (dancers should arrive no later than 2:15pm if they aren't already there)**

17. Cotton Eyed Joe (Regionals Acro)
18. Shooting Stars (Intermediate Jazz)
19. 90's Mix (Adult Hip Hop)
20. We Are Ninjas (5-7 Year Old Combo Tap)
21. Every Breath (Regionals Jazz)
22. Hold On I'm Coming (Universal)
23. Grown Woman (Adult Jazz)
24. Hawking Street (Advanced Acro)
25. Jumanji (Young Acro)
26. Get Ghost (Advanced Hip Hop)
27. Levitating (Intermediate Hip Hop)
28. Down In New Orleans (5-7 Year Old Combo Ballet)
29. Tanner's Spark On The World
  - a. Finale

## **Important Notice!**

**Please be aware that all monies owed to Expressions Dance Academy must be paid in full by the picture week (the week of May 9-13th) those who are not paid in full will not be allowed to participate in the 2022 Recital. Thank you for your attention to this matter**

## Dance Rehearsal:

Dance rehearsal will be held Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and begin at 5:30pm. Rehearsal will also be held at South Christian High School. Dancers must arrive wearing their costume, dance shoes, with hair and makeup done. We want you to be able to see the children up on stage exactly how they are going to be for the Recital so we can get the lighting correctly. Please keep in mind that these times are estimated and may take longer. There is no food or drink allowed in the auditorium, (but allowed in the lobby) please plan accordingly.

Parents/Guardians are allowed in the auditorium during the rehearsal. We ask that you please be respectful during the rehearsal. When dancers/parents get there, please take a seat in the auditorium and wait for your dancer's dance to be called. When they are called, they will come backstage and we will get them ready to take the stage for rehearsal. When they are done with that dance, they can get changed for their next dance, or they are free to leave with parents.

Our dance rehearsal has been divided up into different sections so that your dancer will have time to run through their dance on the stage a couple times if needed and this will allow parents time to take pictures and video. There will be NO photography and NO videography allowed during the actual recital, so take your pics and video at the rehearsal please. We will also practice the group finale dance more than once throughout the rehearsal. Please be patient as we may have to run some dances more than once. Make sure your dancer is there early and ready so that when it is their turn to go on, they can get on quickly, go over formations with the teacher if necessary, find out what curtain they need to enter and exit from, and everything else that will make their dance run smoothly. It can be overwhelming for new dancers so getting them there early will help them and the teachers.

- **Dancers who are in dances #1-8 should arrive to the school ready by 5:15pm**
- **Dancers who are in dances #9-15 should arrive to the school ready by 6:00pm**
- **Dancers who are in dances #18-23 should arrive to the school ready by 6:45pm**
- **Dancers who are in dances #24-28 should arrive to the school ready by 7:30pm**

*\*\*\*Please note that certain competition team dances will NOT be required to attend rehearsal. However plan on being at rehearsal for any other dances you are in. The following competition team dances are NOT required to attend rehearsal: Regionals Contemporary (The Secret Garden), Regionals Hip Hop (Slumber Party), Regionals Tap (Dig A Little Deeper), Regionals Acro (Cotton Eye Joe), Regionals Jazz (Every Breath), Tribute (Tanner's Spark On The World).*

Once your dancer is done with all of their dances at rehearsal, they are free to leave; they do not need to stay until the end unless they wish to.

***Your Dancer's Music is on Dropbox!*** You can download your dancer's song or listen to it via dropbox, courtesy of the studio. Please take advantage of this and have your dancer practice at home! Even putting on the music and having them do just what they remember will help improve their dancing greatly. If it hasn't been uploaded yet, it will be soon. Go to [www.expressionsdancegr.com/media](http://www.expressionsdancegr.com/media) - click on the link and it will take you to our dropbox account with the music on it.

**\*\*\*Another great tool to help your dancer's do their best at Recital** – As the dancer's having started learning their dance, the teacher's will invite you in towards the end of classes to watch their dance (or in the middle if they are a combo class). During this time, you are encouraged to videotape your child doing their dance so they can practice at home! Please take advantage of this opportunity.

**Finale** - Finale is the last dance of each section of the Recital where all the dancers in the Recital get a chance to come back out onstage and do one final very easy number together. Your dancer will be learning this finale dance during their class. It is just a very easy dance as it must be able to be performed by 2 year olds through adults. Dancers are not required to participate in the finale but it is a fun way to end all their hard work, and for them to be up on stage again. If the dancers are not already backstage, they should come back during towards the end of the section to get ready for finale. The teachers and teacher's assistants will help get them all onstage. At the end of the section, after finale, the dancers will stay on stage and wait for their parents to come up and get them. You can then take your dancer backstage if they have to gather their things. During Rehearsal we will be practicing Finale multiple times throughout the evening.



### T-shirts for the 2022 Recital

If you would like to order a t-shirt for your dancer, you can pre-order those for \$25 each. These are a great souvenir for your dancer, but parents, friends, and family will get one too! The t-shirts will display Recital 2022 on the front and the names of all the dancers who participated in the Recital on the back. This year the t-shirt color will be Violet with Black writing. In order to get a t-shirt you must pre-order them during the month of April online at <https://expressions-dance-academy.square.site>. You can also find the link online at [www.expressionsdancegr.com](http://www.expressionsdancegr.com). T-shirts may be picked up at the front table the night of your dancer's rehearsal at South Christian High School. **If you do not order your t-shirt in advance, you will not be able to receive one as there are no extras ordered.**

### Picture Week

Picture week will be held in May. This will be May 9 – 13<sup>th</sup>. Dancers should come in their costume, tights, and dance shoes (hair and makeup done to the parent's choosing). The dancers will be taking group pictures as well as individual pictures. Remember you can take pictures with other dancers (many siblings who dance in different classes like to get their picture taken together) and that is just fine as well! The teachers will help with poses but if your dancer has any they really want to do, please let us know! The pictures are not professional; they are taken by EDA staff. This is because we want a picture of all our dances as well as it gives the dancers a chance to practice being in their costume before the big day, without the feeling that you need to pay a lot of money for pictures. Parents are allowed to bring cameras and take their own pictures as well as long as it is not interfering with the regular pictures being taken.

***All Recreational Classes come at their regularly scheduled dance class time to get their pictures taken. Have your child come in their costume, tights, shoes, ect, but bring along a pair of dance clothes just in case there is time after pictures to practice the dance or finale. After pictures, the teacher may want the dancers to practice their dance in their costume so they can get used to it. Make sure you are on time for pictures as groups cannot wait because there will be other groups waiting.***

**The last week of scheduled dance classes is Monday, May 23rd through Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. We will NOT be having class the week of recital, as that is the week we will be doing rehearsal.**

Please ask all questions that you have during the last week of class since the studio will be closed the week of recital in order to prepare for the upcoming show. You can always reach us via email at [expressions\\_dnc@yahoo.com](mailto:expressions_dnc@yahoo.com).

### Videos for the 2022 Recital

The Recital will be live streamed via the Band App, and parents can feel free to videotape their own dancer's routines (from their seat) as long as they are courteous to those around them. Here is a link to our Band App (you will need to create an account first, then click here): <https://band.us/n/afab63V2b6jeS>

## **Tickets for the 2022 Recital**

We will be using an online ticketing system this year and see how it goes. Tickets will be \$12.50 each and you can purchase them here starting April 1, 2022. (You can also go to our homepage and click from there).

[2022 Dance Recital Tickets | , | South Christian High School \(Expressions Dance Academy\) \(etix.com\)](#)

Tickets are general admission.

## **2022 Open House**

Our 2022-2023 season open house is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 8pm. You can come to the open house to register, or starting Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> you will be able to register online at [www.expressionsdancegr.com](http://www.expressionsdancegr.com).

## **Dance Team Tryouts for the 2022-2023 Dance Year**

We will be having performance team tryouts on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Anyone who wishes to be a part of our competition team can tryout (this includes dancers already on the team from the year prior). Tryouts are free and for dancers who will be age 7 or older next fall. (Dancers Ages 3-6 do NOT need to try out).

**5:00 – 5:45pm Hip Hop Tryouts**

**5:45 – 6:30pm Jazz Tryouts**

**6:30 – 7:15pm Lyrical/Contemporary Tryouts**

**7:15 – 8:00pm Tap Tryouts**

**8:00 – 8:45pm Ballet Tryouts**

**8:45 – 9:30pm Acro Tryouts**

Letter of acceptance will be emailed out beginning of July and will give more information on the meeting held in August. You can find out more about our Competition Team online at [www.expressionsdancegr.com](http://www.expressionsdancegr.com).

**NEW for next year's Competition Teams: As we are growing, we will be implementing a Mini Competition Team for dancers ages 3-6 years old, AND a Junior competition team for dancers ages 7-10. More details will be available later.**

**Expressions Dance Academy Offering Summer Classes!** - This summer, Expressions Dance Academy will be offering summer classes for your dancer to keep up with her/his dance technique! Or, if you have a child that is interested in dance but unsure if you want to sign them up for a whole year of dance, this would be the best time to try out the classes! Classes are \$10 each, or you can purchase an Unlimited Summer Class Pass for \$75. Classes are drop in style – come as often or little as you want! The classes run for 6 weeks total. Classes start the week of June 13<sup>th</sup> and the last week will be July 25<sup>th</sup>. No pre-registration necessary, but you can register online for easy payment options. **There will be no class the week of July 4-8 for the Holiday.**

The schedule is posted below:

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>ROOM 1</u>	<u>ROOM 2 (MISS JEN)</u>
6:00PM - 6:50PM		3-6 YEAR OLD TAP/BALLET COMBO
7:00PM - 7:50PM		6-10 YEAR OLD TAP/BALLET COMBO
8:00PM - 8:50PM		9-13 YEAR OLD JAZZ
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>ROOM 1</u>	<u>ROOM 2 (MISS ZOE)</u>
5:30PM - 6:20PM		11 YEARS AND UP BALLET/LYRICAL
8:00PM - 9:00PM		COMPETITION TEAM BALLET ***
9:00PM - 9:30PM		POINTE ***
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>ROOM 1 (MISS ANNA)</u>	<u>ROOM 2 (MISS ERIN)</u>
5:00PM - 5:50PM	3-6 YEAR OLD ACRO	5-9 YEAR OLD JAZZ
6:00PM - 6:50PM	ADVANCED TRICKS FOR HH & CONTEMPORARY ***	6-10 YEAR OLD BALLET/LYRICAL
7:00PM - 7:50PM	7-10 YEAR OLD ACRO	13 YEARS AND UP JAZZ
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>ROOM 2 (MISS ANNA)</u>	<u>ROOM 1 (MISS BRENNNA)</u>
5:00PM - 5:50PM	11 YEARS AND UP ACRO	9-12 YEAR OLD HIP HOP
6:00PM - 6:50PM	13 AND UP ADVANCED TAP ADULT DANCE CLASS (SEE DESC. BELOW)	5-9 YEAR OLD HIP HOP
7:00PM - 7:50PM		13 YEARS AND UP HIP HOP

\*\*\*COMPETITION TEAM BALLET, POINTE, AND ADVANCED TRICKS FOR HIP HOP AND CONTEMPORARY ARE FREE OF CHARGE FOR COMPETITION TEAM DANCE MEMBERS

ADULT CLASS: THE ADULT CLASS WILL BE A MIXTURE OF JAZZ, BALLET, HIP HOP, AND LYRICAL STYLES ALL ALL ROLLED INTO ONE. NO SHOES ARE NECESSARY BUT TURNERS OR BALLET SLIPPERS ARE RECOMMENDED.

COMBO CLASSES: TAP/BALLET COMBO CLASSES WILL HAVE HALF THE TIME DEDICATED TO TAP, AND HALF THE TIME DEDICATED TO BALLET. DANCERS SHOULD HAVE TAP & BALLET SHOES. DEDICATED TO BALLET. DANCERS SHOULD HAVE TAP SHOES AND BALLET SLIPPERS

BALLET/LYRICAL COMBO CLASSES WILL BE A MIXTURE OF BOTH BALLET AND LYRICAL THE ENTIRE CLASS PERIOD. DANCERS SHOULD HAVE EITHER BALLET SLIPPERS, TURNERS, OR JAZZ SHOES.

ADVANCED TRICKS: THE ADVANCED TRICKS FOR HIP HOP AND CONTEMPORARY WILL FEATURE SKILLS THAT ARE BECOMING MORE COMMON IN THOSE DANCE STYLES SUCH AS KIP UPS, HEADSPRINGS, OTHER INVERSIONS AND THEIR VARIATIONS

What is acro? Acro is short for Acrobatics, but don't fear, it is for all levels! Acro starts with basics like somersaults, cartwheels, handstands, and bridges, and moves up to handstand front rolls, front limbers, front and back walkovers, and even up to the harder skills like aeriels and backhandsprings if the dancer is ready.

# **Competition Team News**

## **Remaining Competitions for the season:**

Registration for On Point is closed. Schedules will be sent when I get them.

For Energy NDC, May 6-8, ALL routines have been entered (all groups, solos, duos, trios, etc). If for some reason you didn't want to do your solo/duo/trio at this one, please let Miss Kelly know by April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

For Groove, May 13-15, I have the following dances scheduled: Aaliyah (both solos), Ariella (both solos & trio), Brooklyn solo, Caitlyn (both solos), Grace solo, Izzy (both solos & duo), Jaycie (both solos & trio), Jordyn (both solos and trio), Kennedy (duo with Maggie), Kylan solo, Maggie (both solos & duo), Morgan L (both solos), Sera (solo and duo), Stella (both solos), and Violet solo. **IF YOU WANT TO DO THIS COMPETITION AND ARE NOT ON THE LIST, OR YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT AND YOU ARE ON THE LIST, LET ME KNOW BY APRIL 4, 2022.**

For Nexstar (memorial day weekend out in Frankenmuth) the only firm entries I have right now are: Eli/Melody duo, Melody solo, Julie solo, Lydia cont solo, Maggie (both solos) and Stella (both solos). Please let me know by APRIL 4, 2022 if you want to do Nexstar.

## **Picture week for competition team:**

During picture week of May 9-12, It is imperative that we keep solos, duos, and trios running as scheduled because many of them have a competition that weekend. So please forgive the schedule if it looks a little messy.

Remember just as usual, hair and makeup are to the dancers choosing for pictures. We would love everyone to wear earrings and bring their necklace and rhinestone clip in case we decide to wear it for the group dance picture.

If I forgot someone, please let me know. It wasn't intentional.

Pictures taken on:

Monday 5pm – 5:30 pm: Julie Solo, Melody/Eli Duo, Lydia Solos, Violet Solo, Grace Solo

Monday 5:30pm – 6:00pm: Regionals Contemporary

Monday 6pm - 7pm: Jordyn Solos, Jaycie Solos, Ariella Solos, Maggie Solos, Jordyn/Jaycie/Ariella trio, Mini Comp team (jazz and tap)

Monday 7pm - 8pm: Universal dance, Kennedy & Maggie Duo, Stella Solos, Aaliyah solos, Izzy Solos

Tuesday 5:30pm - 7pm: Regionals Hip Hop, Sera/Izzy Duo, Theresa Solo, Taylor Solo, Sera Solo, Nationals Jazz (OLDER)

Tuesday 7pm - 8pm: Nationals Hip Hop, Tribute, Natasha Solo, Caitlyn Solos,

Wednesday 6pm - 7pm: Regionals Jazz, Brooklyn Solo

Thursday 5pm – 6pm: Jordan Solos, Angelica Solo, Jordan/Angelica Duo, Small Group Pointe Class

Thursday 6pm – 7pm: Regionals Acro, Nationals Jazz (YOUNGER)

Thursday 7pm – 8pm: Regionals Tap, Christina Solo, Anna Solos, Kylan Solo, Kylan/Lydia duo

A reminder that although Regionals Dances are dancing in the Recital, they do not have to attend rehearsal.

## Tentative Summer Schedule for Nationals Dances

\*\*\*Notice!!! The below Ballet classes, Technique, Toning, and Flex are required for some Nationals dancers, but optional, free and encouraged for ALL competition team members. If you are looking to improve your skills for next year, consider keeping up with your technique here in the summer.

### SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR NATIONALS BOUND DANCES

**MONDAY JUNE 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & WEDNESDAY JUNE 8TH**

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>ROOM 1</u>	<u>ROOM 2</u>
4:00PM - 4:30PM	JULIE S SOLO	
4:30PM - 5:00PM	MELODY S SOLO	TAYLOR SOLO
5:00PM - 5:30PM	STELLA SOLO (KELLY/ANNA)	KYLEN/LYDIA DUO
5:30PM - 6:00PM	JORDAN G SOLO	KYLEN SOLO
6:00PM - 7:00PM	TONING/FLEX/TECHNIQUE (MAND FOR BOTH NATIONAL JAZZ CLASSES)	
7:00PM - 8:00PM	NATIONALS JAZZ YOUNGER	
8:00PM - 9:00PM	NATIONALS JAZZ OLDER	
9:00PM - 9:30PM	LYDIA SOLO (KELLY/ERIN)	CAITLYN SOLO

**TUESDAY JUNE 7TH, 14TH, 21ST, AND THURSDAY JUNE 9TH**

<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>ROOM 1</u>	<u>ROOM 2</u>
4:30PM - 5:00PM	JORDYN SOLO	JAYCIE SOLO
	TONING AND FLEX (MANDATORY FOR NAT HH AND TRIBUTE)	
5:00PM - 6:00PM	TRIBUTE	
6:00PM - 7:00PM	TRIBUTE	6:30-7:00 KENNEDY & MAGGIE DUO
7:00PM - 8:00PM	NATIONALS HIP HOP	GRACE SOLO / MAGGIE SOLO
8:00PM - 9:00PM	8-8:30 SERA SOLO / 8:30-9 SERA & IZZY DUO	ZOE: COMPETITION TEAM BALLET
9:00PM - 9:30PM	IZZY SOLO	ZOE: POINTE