

# Newsletter

MASTERWORKS  
DANCE STUDIO  
SPRING 2009

See I have engraved you on the palms of  
my hands. Isaiah 49:16

*\*This is the verse highlighted for Recital 2009*



## Dancers in Action

As you all know, this January I had a baby boy named Cohen. He has brought me much joy and has surprised me with how much of my time he takes. My attention in the first weeks was completely focused on my son, making me slightly nervous about Masterworks...but to my delight Kim and Jen have gone above and beyond in taking care of Masterworks. I was thrilled to attend our B-sides show: Palm to Palm. I watched teachers and dancers pour out their gifts on stage. It is beautiful to see dancers sharing their passion and faith. It was a very powerful evening. Thank you teachers and dancers for all your hard work and a special thank you to all who attended. You are helping support our teachers and staff in our mission to make dance and faith accessible to everyone regardless of skill or finances.

At Masterworks, dancers are striving hard to sharpen their skills. Serena from the Royal Winnipeg Ballet company came to challenge our Advanced classes. Serena enjoyed our students and the dancers received excellent instruction. This experience was helpful for those who will be

taking a ballet exam this March. Good luck girls.

Another highlight was Tiffany Thomas from Ruth Cansfield Dance Company. She taught our modern classes for a month. Tiffany pushed our students into new territories and they rose to the challenge.

In other classes teachers are happy with their committed and focused dancers, who are growing in their abilities and in their faith. Way to go everyone!!!!

As we move closer to recital my prayer is that we would all continue to focus on glorifying God with the talents He has given us. He delights in watching us worship, and in dancing with us along our life paths.

Please read below for more details on Recital, our need for volunteers, upcoming dance performances, dance Camps and more!!

Many blessings to you all,  
Kristie Sidwall, Director

## IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Break **Mar. 30-Apr. 5**

Recital Tickets go on sale **April 6**

Musical Theatre Show **May 6**

Dress rehearsal **May 12**

Recital all ages **May 13**

Recital ages 9 and up **May 14**

Mon. & Tues. make up class **May 19**

Class Registration,  
Photo and DVD Pick up Day **June 27**

A very BIG and  
warm farewell  
to our loved teachers  
**Alessandra  
& Jeremy**

Alessandra has been apart of MWS for 9 years now, as teacher, director and teacher again. She is a part of the fabric that is MWS and we will miss her terribly, as she moves to Calgary to follow a new path God has for her. We wish her all the best in her new adventures. Jeremy has been with MWS for 10 years, first as a student then as a teacher. He will be leaving a large role to Jon Resch, but we know he has equipped him well for the position. Jeremy will be missed in a big way but we wish him well in his studies at U of M in the medical field. Our plan is to keep close contact with both Alessandra and Jeremy. Our desire is to have them guest teach and choreograph performance pieces, but most of all to visit. We will miss you Alessandra & Jeremy!! Thank you for putting your heart into MWS, we will never forget.

## RECITAL...

### the things you need to know.

This year we will have our dress rehearsal at Jubilee Place on Tuesday, May 12 followed by our two shows on Wednesday, May 13 and Thursday, May 14. Recital is the time when all our dancers share the wonderful skills they have been working on for the past 8-9 months. It is a great opportunity for friends and family to come out and encourage their dancers as well as watch a very entertaining evening of dance through worship.

This year the name of our recital is, "In Your Hands". Our theme is based on Isaiah 49:16 "See I have engraved you on the palms of my hands..." We are thrilled to show how we are in God's hands and what we do with our hands as a reflection of Him in our lives .

Due to our sold out show last year we are having two nights!!! Everyone will be in the Wednesday night show, but only the students ages 9 and up will be in both the Wednesday and Thursday performances. This means our older students are encouraged to bring their friends and family on the Thursday night to leave room for those younger dancers' families.

## VOLUNTEERS

In order to make recital run safely, and smoothly we are in need of volunteers!!! Below is a list of the areas we will need help with, Please call us at 946-5617, email us [masterworks@yfcwinnipeg.ca](mailto:masterworks@yfcwinnipeg.ca) or sign up on the lobby board.

Areas we need help with are:

Helping with kids in the green room during dress rehearsal and recital (7 volunteers for ages 3-8, 5 volunteers for ages 9+ per night (including dress rehearsal))

Helping with photography (2@ dress rehearsal)

Ticket Takers (2 per night)

Setting up/manning -registration tables (1 per night)

Lost and found (1 per night)

Video sales (1 per night)

Ushers/Manning doors in auditorium (monitoring doors opening and closing) (2 per night)

Food (fruit platter/cheese cracker platter for dress rehearsal) (2 volunteers)

Hair/Make-up/Costume Repair (3 volunteers per night)

We can not express how important it is for parents to volunteer. Please join us in making this recital a very pleasant experience for everyone.

## Update from Kim on dance performances, opportunities, and outreach!

Our Performance teams have already had many opportunities to serve this year such as: Hope International, One Free World International Conference, Church services, Salvation Army's Women's Conference, and the Children's Museum Fundraiser. Our last outreach was on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> where our Jr. Performance team had the opportunity to dance at Calvin Christian's Fashion Show. They performed two pieces and had a great response on both nights. Something coming up for our teams is the chance to help out with SOAR Heartland, a mission trip based in the inner city of Winnipeg during Spring Break. They will be performing for one of the worship sets and also leading a dance workshop for the groups. This is a great chance to be involved in our city, as well as meet new people. It is so great to get out into our community and share with others the gift that God has given us to share.

Masterworks is big on sharing with others. In the upcoming months teachers will be venturing into new areas of outreach. These new endeavors include an 8 week hip hop dance program for St. Aidain's school, a workshop for Urban Youth Adventures, a lecture and dance class for Providence and a residential home care visit towards the end of the year. Please continue to pray for our teams as they go out and minister through dance.

## Recital check list

1. Tickets go on sale April 6  
Tickets are \$5  
Make sure you get your tickets early, they do go fast. Those who are in both shows please focus on tickets for the second show...leaving room for those that are in the first evening only

2. Dress Rehearsal & Recital Location  
Jubilee Place 181 Riverton Ave.

3. Dress Rehearsal May 12  
Students should arrive at 4:45pm in costume and hair done. The finale will be rehearsed first so it's very important that all dancers show up on time. After we run through the finale, we will run the show in order. Class photos will be taken after each dance. Please fill out a photo order form.

4. Costumes  
Students will be given their costume two weeks prior to the recital and are asked to bring their costume(s) to the rehearsal and recital. After the show, they will leave their costume in an allotted location at Jubilee Place.

5. Recital May 13 & 14  
Students are asked to arrive at Jubilee place in costume and hair done no later than 5:30pm. The show begins at 7:00pm.  
(\*Students in classes ages 8 and under perform on May 13th only)

## MWS Musical Use It or Lose It

*A musical about the importance of using our talents for God's purposes*

Use It or Lose It is a musical written by our very own teacher, Alessandra. It is a funny, heart-warming and profound story playing off the *Parable of the Talents* found in the Book of Matthew. Instead of being entrusted with money, the characters are given *talents* (singing, acting, dancing) to show that they are capable for the next big thing. The musical theatre students will be performing Use It or Lose It at the Ellice Café Theatre on Wednesday, May 6. They will be using their talents to raise money for Daughters Of Cambodia, changing lives of victims of trafficking in Cambodia.  
Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$20/family.

## Summer Dance Camps

Join us this summer!  
Our camps are always a blast!!  
Dancers come to test out different styles and to build on what they already know, to be stronger dancers!  
Camps are available for Grades K-6 and 7-12.  
There are four camps to choose from!!  
Brochures will be available April 6 at the front desk.