



Amherst Dance Academy

“Dance Revolution”

February 2010

“DANCE REVOLUTION! WHAT A BLAST!” These were the words coming from our dancers during and after the convention this year held in Winston Salem, NC earlier in January. This event is not a competition as it is convention with a showcase opportunity. This year, our team dancers attended and showcased two numbers “Cinderella” and “That’s How You Know.” Each number received excellent, exciting, and encouraging comments from the judges—keep up the good work, ladies!



“Cinderella” brings tears to the eyes of grown men!

~ THE PERFORMANCE ~



However, this is not a team-only event, and we were very excited to have several dancers join us this year that are not on team. All dancers attend classes in multiple genres with incredible instructors, excellent evening performances/showcases, and a powerful faculty performance on the last day of the convention.

Some class favorites: Hip-Hop, Ballet, Modern, Tap, & Musical theatre



~ THE CLASSES ~



This is our fourth year attending this convention, and we have every intention to continue attending as it is such a professional and influential event in the life of a dancer. Dancers from Virginia and North Carolina gather at the convention to be challenged and encouraged. Our dancers also enjoy the quality time they get to spend with each other. Join us next year for this awesome weekend! Thanks again, to our business sponsors for contributing to the team experience and making this possible for many of the girls this year.

~ THE EXPERIENCE ~

Pre-Exam Ballet Classes	March 6,13,20,27
Ballet Exams Schedule TBA	April 3
Spring Break Studio closed	April 5-9
King’s Dominion Dance Festival.	April 10
Dress Rehearsal Time: TBA	May 5,6
Spring Recital 2:00p.m.	May 9
Dance Team Open House Information Meeting 6:00-	May 11
Dance Team Auditions 6:00-7:00p.m.	May 18
Summer Dance Camps	June 7-11 July 12-16 Aug 2-6
Amherst Parade	June 12
Team Camp Week 1	July 26-30
Team Camp Week 2	Aug. 9-13

Ballet Exams on April 3?



Is your ballet dancer going to be 5 by April 3? If so, then your dancer qualifies to participate in an incredibly rewarding and encouraging event.

The ballet exams will be taking place at the studio on Saturday, April 3. A schedule will be sent in the March newsletter and an informational packet/letter will be sent out in early February answering many of your questions.

The ballet exams are not completed by an instructor currently teaching at Amherst Dance Academy. As part of the SCB syllabus we are now instituting, we are now privileged to have Sonja Staines (co-creator) of the syllabus and dance instructor in Houston, TX join us for this exciting event. We will have much more information that will be sent out to the ballet students



within the next 10 days.

Please remember that the ballet exam fee is included in your February statement. This information is available on the s2009/2010 studio brochure on our website and also in the studio.

Also, extra exam preparation classes are available every Saturday in March (4 Saturdays) at one flat cost of \$30. These classes are not prorated or paid for individually. Ballet students are strongly recommended to attend as research (from other studios currently teaching under SCB syllabus) shows

that 70% improvement takes place during these preparation classes. Please sign up for these classes by February 27. A Saturday class schedule will be posted in the studio and will also be mailed to you along with the ballet exam information.

WEATHER POLICY



In the event we have questionable weather and you would like to check if we are still having classes, please check the following sources:

- WSET under business listings (after school listings)
- Our website: www.amherstdanceacademy.com for a scrolling marquee message on the home page.
- Call the studio phone number after 1:00p.m. (434) 946-7340

We do not match local school closings automatically as our classes may still continue as weather clears later in the day. A decision is usually made by 1:00p.m.

“Team? Can we really make it work?”

Have you given the dance team a thought or two lately? If you have, do you find yourself wondering how to make it happen? It is a commitment, and we believe the outcome for your dancer and for the relationships built is worth the effort. The time commitment is extensive, but not unmanageable. Dancers on team do take more classes and are in the studio that much more, but really...they love to dance, so that part is easy. The financial commitment is there as well. We are very honest, open, and here to help in any way that we can to help the year on team be successful and possible for you. Many of the team dancers choose to gather business sponsors throughout the summer to make it

possible. Some dancers raise enough to cover 1/3 of the entire year on team! We also have payment plans for team that spread the year out with no interest or hidden fees to make things much more manageable as well. Everything is inclusive in these plans except dancewear (leotards, tights, shoes, etc..). The plans include: class tuition, registration, pants, jacket, performance make-up, competition, convention, hotel, summer choreography, and more!

Ages for dancers on team range from 6-18. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us.

King's Dominion Dance Festival!

April 10, 2010

Join Amherst Dance Academy as we venture out to participate in the dance festival at King's Dominion for a family day and for a day of dance competition. That's right!...our dance team will be competing in this festival at King's Dominion amusement park. Your family is welcome to come enjoy the day, support the team, and enjoy a fun-filled day early in the season before the lines are long. You may purchase your tickets through the studio at a discounted rate by February 26. Tickets will then be ordered and delivered to the studio prior to the festival.

Adult (over 48" tall): \$30.00

Child (under 48" tall and age 3 or above): \$27.00

SIGN UP FOR KING'S DOMINION DANCE FESTIVAL DAY AT THE PARK!

	# people	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult ticket (over 48 in tall)		\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Child ticket (under 48 in tall)		\$27.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Children under 3		Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior tickets		\$27.00
Subtotal: _____		
Total: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Visa _____ <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard _____ Name (print only) _____ Address _____ _____ _____ Phone _____		

Notes or questions? (write them here)

Credit Card # _____ Exp. date _____
 Signature _____

RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO THE STUDIO BY FEB 26





HAPPY BIRTHDAY! AMHERST 100 YEARS

We are inviting you to join the entire studio as we join the Amherst 100 year celebration parade on June 12 and also the Nelson/Lovingston parade on July 4. Yes, all families currently enrolled with Amherst Dance Acad-

emy are invited to join us in two parades this year. We will have a float to commemorate a "happy birthday" theme, and we are inviting any and all dancers to dance in the parades. Dancers that wish to learn the choreography

for the parades will need to attend two rehearsals prior to June 12 (TBA), and this will cost \$15/dancer. There is no cost for families to participate with us in the parades (only for the dancers). The float has limited space, re-

SIGN UP FOR THE PARADES HERE! TURN IN TO THE STUDIO BY MAY 1.

Parade Sign up Form (also available online)

Sign up for: Parades and dancing	# people	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Dancer in Amherst/Nelson parade		\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family walking in Amherst parade		Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Family walking in Nelson parade		Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Family riding in Amherst parade		Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Family riding in Nelson parade		Free

Subtotal: _____

Total: _____

Method of Payment

- Check
- Visa
- MasterCard
- Charge my account

Name (print only)

Address

Phone

Notes or questions? (write them here)

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