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Director's Corner

It's hard to believe that the annual year end production is right around the corner. It's an exciting time at Dance & BodyWorks. You can feel it when you enter the dance studio. Teachers and students are busy preparing for the show, concentrating on music selections and new choreography. And parents can't wait to see what their young dancers have learned all year. This time of year also brings lots of information on year end activities. To help make sure you and your dancer are prepared and have up to date information, I have included the Parent/Student Checklist in this and future newsletters.

To keep you informed, we also disseminate information through monthly newsletters, the Dance & BodyWorks web site and handouts. We post all written information on the bulletin board in the lobby, so please check it out periodically for news and updates.

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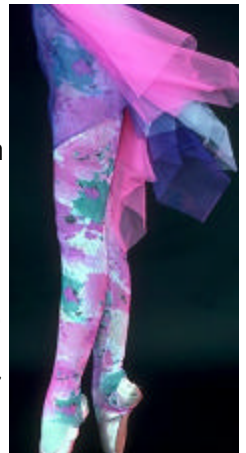
Dance & BodyWorks 11th Annual Year-End Performance "*Hairspray*" will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 3:00 pm. This year's performance will be held at Charles H. Flowers High School in Springdale, MD. Tickets are \$15.00 General Admission and will be available in early May. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Look out for the "Hairspray" costume board displayed in the lobby!!

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS...

Dance & BodyWorks' celebration includes our very own Ensemble Showcase. Dance & BodyWorks has two performing repertory ensembles which include students ages 7 to 18. Over the past 11 years they have performed in benefit events such as The National Black Family Reunion, For Sisters Only Conference, National Tap Dance Day, the International Association of Blacks in Dance Youth Concert, the MLK Celebration at the Lincoln Theater and the Annual Dancefest at Six Flags America.

Please join us in our Ensemble Showcase celebration on Sunday, April 26th 2009 at 4:00 pm at Harmony Hall Arts Center, 10701 Livingston, Rd, Ft. Washington MD. The tickets are \$7.00 for adult and \$5.00 for children. Tickets may be purchased at Dance & BodyWorks.



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The Arts

D&BW REPERTORY ENSEMBLES CELEBRATE NATIONAL DANCE

This year, National Dance Week will be celebrated on April 24th - May 3rd. Its mission is to heighten the awareness of Dance and its contributions to our culture. Let's celebrate the week by supporting and encouraging dance in our communities by sharing our knowledge of the gains to be reaped by an involvement in dance.

DALLAS BLACK DANCE...A MUST SEE FOR APRIL

The annual visit of Dallas Black Dance to the Publick Playhouse is a highlight for the Washington area dance season. The company is recognized around the world as performing the very best in high-energy jazz, spiritual and modern dance.

Weekend Performance: Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th at 8 pm

Tickets: \$20/center & side front orchestra; \$18/side rear orchestra



PARENT/STUDENT CHECKLIST:

Do you have the following information:

- Date of the Mandatory Parent Meeting
- Program Booklet Ad and Sponsor handout
- Date, location and time of the Year-End Performance

REMINDERS...

Studio Closed for Spring Break April 7th- April 13th.

The due date for Endearments, Advertisements, and D&BW Special Friends lists for the Year-End Program Booklet, has been extended to Saturday, April 18, 2009. Examples from last year's program book are at the front desk.

Recital Theme T-Shirt Orders will be made available for purchase again this year. The shirts will have a color recital theme on the front and the names of all performers on the back. Names of all participants will be posted on the front bulletin board. Please check names for correct spelling. Order forms and display will be available at the front desk.

Pizza Kit Fundraiser pick-up date is the evening of Wednesday, April 8th at Dance & BodyWorks.

April

- 7-13 **STUDIO CLOSED for Spring Break**
- 18 **Mandatory Parent meeting on Year End Production. Program Ad Deadline.**
- 26 **D&BW Ensemble Showcase**

May

- 2, 9 & 16 **Group Rehearsals at D&BW**
- 23-25 **STUDIO CLOSED for Memorial Day Holiday**

