



# SEPTEMBER 2011 PERFORMING COMPANY NOTICE

Welcome back to all of our PC students and faculty! We completed a wonderful summer session full of fun and learning and are excited to embark on the activities of the upcoming year!

**A million “thank you’s” to all of you who attended the Sherwood Festival, Clackamas County Fair! It was such a great time to cheer you on while you shared your love for dance! Thank you for braving the heat in order to perform. We are so proud of you!**

## 2011-2012 Performing Company Groups

We have gotten some wonderful feedback on our PC intensive with Jason and Autumn! Both teachers loved working with our talented groups and asked that we consider them for future camps! What a great way to start and exciting year!

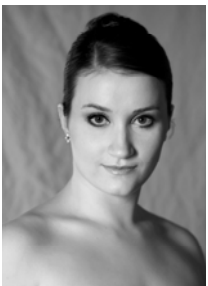
As you begin to dance with your group, we know that you anticipate new relationships in the next 12 months! This is a great time to make friends that often last for years. Several of your teachers have friendships that have lasted over many years! So enjoy this time, get to know one another, spend time together outside of class (dinners out, shopping trips, slumber parties) and make some great memories!

As you dance in your groups, please remember that a great deal of time, energy and discussion went into placing each student. Your teachers have agreed that your assigned group will provide you the most positive and beneficial experience possible.

The faculty will be spending the month of September confirming the placements and making sure that everyone is where they will receive THE BEST training and experience (no placement is set in stone until the end of October). Come to class the first few weeks with a positive attitude, work hard and enjoy the opportunity to make new friends. As always, you are welcome to contact Brad Hampton or Ashley Nikolaisen to request a conference, but please allow 2-3 weeks of full-time class schedule before you set up a conference.

## NEW BALLET INSTRUCTORS!

Please help us welcome a couple new staff member to our Westside Family; **Stephanie Orza and Megan Smith!** They will both be teaching Ballet classes. We are so happy to have them share their talents with us and are looking forward to an amazing year!!



**Stephanie Orza** started training at the age of 7 with the San Francisco Ballet School as a scholarship student, studying intensively there for 10 years. Her teachers included Irena Jacobson, Lola De Avila, Helgi Tomasson, Pascal Leroy, Kathleen Mitchell, Shannon Bresnahan, Mikko Nissinen and George Esquivel. In her time there she had the chance to perform with the San Francisco Ballet Company in productions such as La Bayadere, staged by Natalia Makarova, Giselle and The Nutcracker, among many others. With the SFB School, Stephanie was able to perform many ballets including Balanchine’s Donizetti Variations and Four Temperaments, The Sleeping Beauty and Paquita. In 2003, she moved to Basel, Switzerland, to dance with the Ballet Basel

Company, performing Romeo and Juliet as well as Balanchine's Concerto Barocco and Who Cares?. Stephanie moved back to the United States in July 2004 and took the opportunity to guest with the Inland Pacific Ballet in Arturo Fernandez's production of Dracula, dancing the lead role of Mina Murray. She joined the Company as a Principal dancer in 2005 and has been dancing with the Inland Pacific Ballet, under the direction of Victoria Koenig, for six seasons. Stephanie's dancing career has inspired her to choreograph as well. Since 2008, she has created Love can Damage your Health for I.P.B. (2011), Tolerance for I.P.B. (2010), The other side (2010), and Finding peace at the Chaffey College in 2008. Stephanie has also been honored to have choreographed selected pieces of The Nutcracker for the Inland Pacific Ballet in 2010. Stephanie had been teaching in the Inland Pacific Ballet Academy for the past 6 years, but has recently moved to Portland, Oregon where she is teaching and dancing.

## Faculty Contact Information

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## 2012 Recital Dates Set

**Rehearsal/Recital week will be June 18-23, 2012, at the Newmark Theater.**

More details will be available in the coming months. Like this past recital, we will have 4 shows. Keep in mind that solos/duos/trio's are chosen for recital based on seniority. We schedule the summer shows so that our dancers get plenty of opportunity to perform throughout the year. It provides a casual environment that will allow the dancers a chance to work out their solo/duo/trios. We are interested in any leads on venues that we can perform at during the Holidays. If you know of a retirement home, company, etc. that would enjoy having entertainment, please contact Brad Hampton.

## Progress/Goal Setting Conferences

If you would like to schedule a progress/goal setting conference at any time during the year, please contact Ashley Nikolaisen or Brad Hampton for PC/Pre Company/Ballet Co./Hip-Notic and NW Fusion, and Toni Ewalt for Elite Acro/Acro Express. We welcome the chance to discuss progress and goals with each family!

## Website Information

PC parents are able to log into our website ([www.westsideacademy.com/perfco](http://www.westsideacademy.com/perfco)). If you need a PC class roster then you can access the information by logging onto [www.westsideacademy.com](http://www.westsideacademy.com) and typing in the login and password, which can be obtained by contacting the main office. Rosters will be available in October. The new PC notice is posted on the website every month!

## 2011-2012 Performance Groups Calendars

We will be posting the **Performance Groups Calendar on the website** that includes events for PC, NW Fusion, Hip-Notic, Hip-Notic Jr. Crew, Elite Acro, Ballet Co. and Pre-Companies. Please mark these dates on your family calendars at home so that everyone is as informed as possible. We wouldn't want anyone to miss out on the fun this year! Note that this schedule is subject to change and if this is the

case, we will make every endeavor to communicate via e-mail, notices and our website. **Should you have a conflict, please notify Ashley Nikolaisen by October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Policies/Contracts**

We will post the PC student contract and PC packet that explains our expectations for each dancer as well as the policies for being a part of this special group. We ask that the dancers (and parents) read this carefully, sign the release form and return or email it to Ashley Nikolaisen by **October 15**.

## **2012 Production**

This year, we will be inviting all Seniors Grads, Dance Force and NW Fusion dancer to participate in Opening Production. Participation is optional and more details will be coming. To sign up please email Brad Hampton.

All NW Fusion and PC students are eligible for Closing Production.

## **Class Demonstrators**

If you are interested in becoming a class demonstrator for the upcoming year, we have some classes that need some FABULOUS Performing Company students to be mentors! Include your name, contact information and the classes you would like to assist and are available for. This is a great training program if you are interested in learning to teach dance in the future. If your child is 10 or older and would like to learn how to work with children, developing their dance education, then please consider this fabulous opportunity! Please contact Melia Martin at [mmartin@westsideacademy.com](mailto:mmartin@westsideacademy.com) if interested.

## **Competition Information**

All competitions have a sign-up deadline. No late entries will be accepted. This includes mandatory and optional competitions. Please refer to the calendar for these and other specific competition and convention dates and locations. **We will automatically sign-up all PC, EA, AE, and Pre-Co members for their scheduled mandatory competitions/conventions unless we receive notice in writing by October 15. If you have a S/D/T that is finished or will be finished, please refer to the deadlines on the PC calendar. All S/D/T will need to email Ashley in order to register for all competitions.**



# PERFORMING COMPANY EVENTS



Performing Company Picnic (Sept. 18)                      2:00-4:00 pm                      Summer Lake Park, Tigard

This event is one of our favorite activities and we encourage you to join us for an afternoon of food, fun, games and BONDING!

Each family will need to bring the following: drinks, utensils, napkins, plates, lawn chairs and/or a blanket. Also, we would like for you to bring a food item to share. Please find your last initial and

bring that corresponding dish. Please do not bring any food items with nuts in them as we have dancers with allergies. Thank you in advance.

**A-D:** Chips/Snacks (Pretzels, Chips, Dips, etc.)

**E-J:** Side Dishes (Salads, Veggie Plates, Fruit Salad, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, etc.)

**K-O:** Fresh Fruit/Dessert (Melon, Sliced Apples and Caramel Dip, Cookies, Brownies, etc.)

**P-Z:** Main Dishes (Pizza, Fried Chicken, 7-Layer Dip, Casseroles, Hot Dogs/Hamburgers, etc.)

**If you are unable to attend the picnic, then please notify Ashley  
NO LATER than September 15. A \$5 fee will be deducted from EFT October 1<sup>st</sup> for all  
participants.**

Directions from Westside: Take Pacific Hwy. to SR-217 North. At Exit 4, take ramp right for Or-210 / Scholls Fy. Rd. and turn left onto SW Scholls Ferry Rd. Turn left onto SW 130th Ave. The road name changes to SW Winter Lake Dr. Turn left onto SW Lakeview Terrace and you will arrive at Summer Lake Park.

### Big and Little Brothers and Sisters

One special tradition that we honor each year is the Big/Little Sister/Brother program. Every member gets to have a brother or sister that they get to "spoil with support and encouragement". This has been a very successful way for the kids to gain a new friend and some of these friendships last for years. For the new PC members, this provides them with an informational resource for classes and competitions. They seem so much more at ease when they know that they have a buddy.

The partnerships will be randomly selected by the faculty and will be revealed at the picnic. Dancers are asked to bring a small token gift for their new big/little sis/brothers and their last year's big/little sis/bro. Gifts will be exchanged at this time.

Please come with your gift when you attend the picnic. Please do not spend any more than \$10.00 on your gift, as it is just an introduction. **If you are not able to be a big sister or brother, please let Ashley know by Wednesday September 15.**

### Big and Little Acknowledgement Occasions

Fall Holidays (Halloween, Thanksgiving, etc.)	
Nutcracker/Holiday Showcase	December 2011
First Competition	February 2012
Spring Holidays (Valentine's Day, etc.)	
Birthdays	
High School Graduation for Sr. Graduates	June 2012
Recital	June 2012

## PC MAKEUP REQUIREMENTS 2011-2012

### MAC eyecolors

WOODWINKED

HANDWRITTEN

WHITE FROST

### MAC cheek color

MOCHA

### \*Required MAC Lip color

RUSSIAN RED

### Recommended MAC Lip Liner

CHERRY

### Matching eye colors at a lower cost

Maybelline's CREME DE COCOA #190

Maybelline's VANILLA #10  
Cover Girl's GOLDEN SUNSHINE #445

Matching cheek color at lower cost  
Revlon's SMOKEY ROSE #090

## PC HAIR 2011-2012

This year will be deciding hair based on routines! More info will be sent out later.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>September 18</b>	(PC) Picnic at Summerlake Park	2-4pm
<b>September 24</b>	(Ballet Co.) Nutcracker Principle Role Rehearsal at Westside	5:30-7:30pm
<b>October 1</b>	(PC, Fusion, AE, EA, HipNotic, Jr. Crew, Ballet Co.) Company Recital Costume Fees Due (Shoes not included) If you are on EFT Costume Fees will be automatically deducted.	
<b>October 1</b>	(PC, Fusion, AE, EA, HipNotic, Jr. Crew) Deadline to sign up your solo/duo/trios for competitions through January 2012. Competitions/Conventions include NYCDA Jan 28th-29th. Portland Jantzen Beach (Limited space available) Monsters of Hip Hop January 7-8th Vancouver Hilton (Mandatory for HipNotic & Jr.Crew) Sign up through Ashley. <a href="mailto:anikolaisen@westsideacademy.com">anikolaisen@westsideacademy.com</a> PLEASE NOTE Fees will be deducted from November 1st EFT	
<b>October 2</b>	"First Sunday" Extreme Acro Workshop – "Aerials" in Gym (7+) Students must have front and back walkovers to attend this clinic.	3-5pm
<b>October 8</b>	(Ballet Co.) Nutcracker Principle Role Rehearsal at Westside	5:30-7:30pm
<b>October 10</b>	Columbus Day-Regular Class Schedule	
<b>October 14</b>	Fusion rehearsal with Ewyon @ Westside	6:30-9:00
<b>October 15</b>	Fusion Rehearsal with Ewyon @TC	4:30-9:30
<b>October 16</b>	Fusion Rehearsal with Ewyon @TC	11am-4:00
<b>October 15</b>	(PC, Fusion, AE, EA, Pre-Co, HipNotic, JR. Crew) Deadline for conflict notification. Please contact your Program Director in writing with any conflicts you may have with any MANDATORY AND REQUIRED events.	
<b>October 15</b>	(PC and Fusion) Release Forms/Contracts due. Please drop off or email a signed contract to <a href="mailto:anikolaisen@westsideacademy.com">anikolaisen@westsideacademy.com</a>	
<b>October 15</b>	(Ballet Co.) Nutcracker Fees will post to your account. Will be deducted from accounts November 1st for EFT customers.	
<b>October 15</b>	(PC, EA, AE, Hipnotic/Hipnotic Jr Crew) Competitions through January fees will post to your account. This includes NYDCA and Monsters of Hip Hop. Fees will be deducted Nov. 1st for EFT customers. Payment is due at this time for non EFT customers. Please see fee schedule for pricing.	
<b>October 15</b>	(Ballet Co.) Nutcracker Principle Role Rehearsal at Westside	5:30-7:30pm
<b>October 22</b>	(Ballet Co.) Nutcracker Principle Role Rehearsal at Westside	5:30-7:30pm
<b>Oct. 25-31</b>	Halloween Costume Week (Wear your favorite costume to class)	
<b>October 29</b>	(Ballet Co.) Nutcracker Principle Role Rehearsal at Westside	5:30-7:30pm