

## Important Dates

November 28	Dance 2 from 4-5:30pm
November 29	Dance 2 from 7:30-8pm
November 30	Christmas Parade rehearsal
December 1	Christmas Parade
December 2	Company Christmas Party Dance 6 from 1-7:00pm
December 5-10	Tuition and costume balance auto debited
December 6	Dance 2 from 7:30-8:00pm
December 8	Dance 1 from 6:30-7:00pm Dance 2 from 4:30-6:30pm Dance 3 from 7:00-9:00pm Dance 4 from 7:00-7:30pm Dance 5 from 6:30-7:00pm Dance 6 from 7:00-7:30pm
December 9	Dance 7 from 10:30-3:00pm Dance 3 from 3:30-5:00pm
December 10	Dance 7 from 2:30-5:00pm
December 11-14	Parent Observation Week
December 15	No classes/rehearsals
December 15-17	NYCDA Nashville
December 15-Jan 1	Christmas Break
January 2	Student Choreography
January 3	Classes resume
January 5	Dance 1 from 8:00-8:30pm Dance 3 from 7:30-8:00pm Dance 4 from 7:30-8:00pm Dance 5 from 7:00-7:30pm Dance 6 from 7:00-7:30pm
January 5-10th	Tuition auto debited
January 6	Closing number from 10:30-4pm
January 7	Closing number from 2:30-5pm
January 13	KSU Dance from 1-9:00pm "Cleaning" Rehearsals time TBA



## Dance 2

The following dancers have rehearsal on **Tuesday, November 28 from 4:00-5:30pm and every Wednesday from 7:30-8:00 pm**. Allie Grace Ashlock, Nadia Brown, Bella Moon, Naomi Noussimiei, Sunny Lin.

## Christmas Parade Rehearsal

**All company dancers have a mandatory rehearsal on Thursday, November 30 from 4:30-6:00pm.** Please bring the sneakers that you danced in for Fall Festivals.

## Christmas Parade

The Christmas Parade is **Friday, December 1**. We will meet at DAW at **5:00pm dressed and ready to perform**. The parade will take place downtown Douglasville along Church Street. The best spot for viewing it is O'Neal Plaza. We will perform following the parade on the O'Neal Plaza stage. You are encouraged to carpool as parking will be limited. Dancers are free to go and should be picked up immediately after their performance. Costumes and instructions regarding hair are as follows:

### Elite Company

**Hair:** Very low, secure bun with a part on the right. Hat goes on the top and center and secure with bobby pins

**Costume:** Red leotard with elf collar, black leggings (not provided) go over leotard, white tutu. **Please pin or tack collar to leotard to secure in place.**

**Shoes:** Black, grey, white, or red sneakers (not provided)

**Other:** White mittens

**Make-up:** Red circles on your cheeks, red lipstick, neutral eyeshadow and lots of mascara.

### Apprentice Company

**Hair:** Very low, secure bun with a part on the right. Hat goes on the left, strap goes in the back and secure with bobby pins

**Costume:** White leotard with red scarf tied to the right, black leggings (not provided) go over leotard, white tutu.

**Shoes:** Black, grey, white, or red sneakers (not provided)

**Other:** Black mittens

**Make-up:** Rosy cheeks, red lipstick, neutral eyeshadow and lots of mascara.

\*All costumes and accessories are property of DAW. Dancers will return all items neatly on a hanger and in the garment bag provided on **Saturday, December 2**. Dancers will be responsible for any missing or broken items and will be charged for the cost to replace the items.

\*\* All company dancers will wear their company jackets and flashing lightbulb necklace over their costumes during the parade only. Before the performance, team moms will collect the necklaces and the jackets.

## Christmas Party

Our Company Christmas Party will be **Saturday, December 2 from 10:30am-12:30pm at DAW**. It will be a Christmas pajama party and we will serve brunch. We will also have our Big/Lil C reveal so please make sure you bring a gift to exchange for your Big/Lil C. We are asking that Company dancers eat first. Parents are welcomed to any remaining food.

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## **Dance 6**

The following dancers have rehearsal on **Saturday, December 2 from 1:00-7:00pm please bring supper, and every Friday beginning December 8 from 7:00-7:30pm** unless noted on the important dates: Tani Brown, Emma Dean, Sophia Flowers, Emily Hadden, Maddy Lucas, Malina Proctor, Victoria Touns

## **Tuition and Non-Company Costumes**

Your December tuition and non- company costume balance will be auto-debited between the 5th-10th. Costumes will not be ordered for anyone with an outstanding balance. This may jeopardize receiving costumes on time for group pictures.

## **Dance 3**

The following dancers have rehearsal on **Monday, December 4 from 7:30-9:00pm, Friday, December 8 from 7:00-9:00pm, Saturday, December 9 from 3:30-5:00pm and every Friday beginning January 5 from 7:00-7:30pm** unless told otherwise. Gretchen Ellerbee, Ava Emberson, Taylor Gammill, Avery Tritt, Remy Walker, Annabelle Zea. Those dancers in Level 5 ballet please bring a light supper.

## **Dance 7**

The following dancers have rehearsal on **Saturday, December 9 from 10:30-3:00pm please bring lunch, Sunday, December 10 from 2:30-5:00pm and every Friday beginning January 5 from 6:30-7:00pm** unless noted on the important dates: Tani Brown, Emma Dean, Ashley Fletcher, Sophia Flowers, Taylor Gammill, Catherine Landers, Maddy Lucas, Malina Proctor, Alyssa Royal, Kristen Tebedo, Victoria Touns, Sydney Walker.

## **Parent Observation Week**

We will have parent observation week December 11 through December 14. There will be no Level 5 ballet class on Friday, December 15. Please see the DAW December newsletter for more details regarding parent observation week.

## **NYCDA Nashville**

We will be heading to Nashville, TN **Friday, December 15 through Sunday, December 17** for NYCDA convention. Please make sure to pack 2 appropriate convention outfits. We will email more specifics and a schedule by Monday, December 11.

## **Student Choreography**

For those dancers that have elected to participate in student choreographed dances, you have rehearsal on **Tuesday, January 2**. You were notified via email regarding mandatory rehearsals. Please speak with Ms Kelly asap if you did not receive a schedule.

## **Classes Resume January 3**

We will be closed beginning Friday, December 15 through Monday, January 1, 2018 for Christmas break. We will resume classes on January 3, 2018.

## **Rehearsal Schedule Changes**

Beginning in **January** we will alter our Friday night rehearsal schedule. Please note the NEW times for each dance:

Dance 1 from 8:00-8:30pm

Dance 3 from 7:30-8:00pm

Dance 4 from 7:30-8:00pm

Dance 5 from 7:00-7:30pm

Dance 6 from 7:00-7:30pm

Dance 7 from 6:30-7:00pm

## **Closing Number**

The following dancers have rehearsal on **Saturday, January 6 from 10:30am-4:00pm and Sunday, January 7 from 2:30pm-5:00pm**. Allie Grace Ashlock, Nadia Brown, Tani Brown, Sofia Calcagno, Emma Dean, Gretchen Ellerbee, Ava Emberson, Ashley Fletcher, Sophia Flowers, Taylor Gammill, Emily Hadden, Nicole Jenkins, Catherine Landers, Sunny Lin, Maddy Lucas, Bella Moon, Emma Nix, Malina Proctor, Alyssa Royal, Leah Royal, Atia Smith, Kristen Tebedo, Avery Tritt, Victoria Touns, Remy Walker, Sydney Walker

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## **Cleaning Rehearsal**

Dancers in Opening, Closing, KSU, Dance 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 please keep **Saturday, January 13 open from 10:30am- 9:00pm**. We will use this time to "clean" any dance that needs to be cleaned.

## **KSU Dance**

The following dancers have rehearsal on **Saturday, January 13 from 1:00pm-9:00pm and January 20 from 10:30am-12:30pm** for the KSU adjudicated dance: Tani Brown, Emma Dean, Ashley Fletcher, Sophia Flowers, Emily Hadden, Nicole Jenkins, Ke 'airah Jude, Maddy Lucas, Victoria Toups. Please bring lunch. Also, please note there is a change in the rehearsal schedule.

## **Birthdays**

If you had a birthday during December, please pick up your goody bag. They are in the staff lounge on the bar. Look for a goody bag with your name on it.

## **Yearbooks for 2016/2017**

If you were a team dancer last year and would like to purchase a yearbook, please send \$40 to [tammy.dean@comcast.net](mailto:tammy.dean@comcast.net) via PayPal or you can also leave a check or cash with the front desk. Just make sure it is clearly marked for the yearbook, checks payable to Tammy Dean, and follow up with a text or email to Tammy Dean that you have left money so she can keep track.

## **Looking Ahead**

We want to let you know of important dates coming up in 2018. Please put these on your calendar. Also, you can find Important Dates under the Company tab on our website.

April 22	Tentative date for the end of the year banquet and party
May 2-6	Spring Recital and Performances
May 18	Company 2018/2019 Auditions
May 24	Company 2018/2019 mandatory Team and Parent Meeting
*July 20-22	Company 2018/2019 mandatory WGDI Summer Intensive at Carrollton Cultural Arts Center
**July 27-August 5	Choreography for competitive routines, KSU dance, opening / closing dances for Company 2018/2019
July 28	Open House and Dance Max Dancewear
August 6	Fall Classes start

\*The cost for WGDI will range between \$275-300.

\*\*We are looking forward to learning competitive routines, KSU dance, and possibly opening and closing dances BEFORE the fall season begins. We believe this will free up weekends during the school year and fall; a time that is very busy for families! It is a stressful time for students with a heavy school load. It will also provide a bit more flexibility for company dancers to participate in other dance related opportunities at Dance Academy West. There will still be rehearsals for these routines, however, this structure will change as well. Company fees will change too due to the earlier learning of choreography. Thank you for your trust and understanding as we move forward and aim to provide the best dance education for your child.

## **Merry Christmas**

We want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas! Thank you so very much for all you do! We hope that you and your family have a safe, happy, and joyous Christmas and a fantastic new year!