

Hall Entrance

We have decided to make the kitchen entrance the main student entrance at Willoughby Hall. We hope to create:

- A student 'lounge' where students can talk, hangout, change shoes, warm-up etc.
- A cleaner dance-floor.
- More room on the dance-floor in general.

We now have a key to the kitchen - it will be open!

Paying for Classes

Some of our classes are getting fairly full. To reserve your spot in classes, lighten lineups and give us a better idea about class balance and size we ask that you try to pay for classes in off peak times before the class begins. Parties are one ideal time for this when possible.



Etiquette Tip

Cell Phones sure are great, but they are not as great at a dance school. Out of consideration for your fellow students and teachers we request that you either turn off your phone or set it to vibrate while at the studio. (The only exception is if your ringtone is We will Rock You by Queen. in which case we encourage you to turn it up.)

If you do get a call please leave the main dance floor to talk. Outside of the room at the Gym, or in the kitchen at the Hall are your best options.

For more etiquette tips please visit www.dancingfordessert.ca/resources/etiquette.htm

Performances

Solo Routines

For solo routines students prepare ahead of time during private lessons. Choosing costumes and music, and practicing a lot are all part of the process.

Solo routines are an ideal way to immerse yourself in a single dance and take your dancing to a whole new level. A solo routine can have very elaborate choreography and require many lessons. On the other hand it can have a simple entrance and exit with syllabus figures in between and still be a real show stopper. The real benefits come from developing a known routine, not from learning complex choreography.

Although most of our solo routines so far have been pro/am (student/teacher) we encourage students to pair up and try solo routines together. This can be a great opportunity because of the chance to practice more regularly, split costs and challenge yourself in a more realistic way than dancing with a teacher.

Formation Teams

A Formation is another fun and exciting way to perform and is as big a challenge as a solo routine. Formation participants learn a choreographed routine, share good times and perform as a group. Rehearsals are run like a group class and there is a cost to participate. You also need to provide your own costume and commit to most of the practices.

There are many factors that influence who participates in a given routine including time availability, interest, dance level etc. We try to give everyone a turn at participating so don't be surprised if you're asked!

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THANKS!

We get a lot of volunteer help that we really appreciate. Special Thanks to:

- Nancy Gleeson and Stella Baker for their help with the Christmas Party Potluck.
- Kevin Castillo for his work videotaping and editing our events.
- Everyone who helps us with the chairs on Tuesdays. (Please be careful with this. The new chairs are heavy and we would rather see you on the dance-floor than in a hospital.)
- The many students who have responded when we have asked for help to balance our junior level classes.

Thank you again!

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Valentine's Party

Tuesday February 12th

Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, Come to our Valentines Party and dance like a foo!

St. Patrick's Day Party

Tuesday March 18th



It may be the day *after* St. Paddy's Day, and we may all be grown adults, but there's nothing else preventing us from wearing green pants and drinking green punch.

April Showers Ball

Tuesday, April 8th. 8 - 10 pm. Tickets: \$10

Here comes the 2nd annual April Showers Ball! This year's theme is 'Grease!' This is a costume party so dress up as Sandy (my love), Danny, the Pink Ladies and the rest of the gang. Break out the grease and the poodle skirts.

Themed performances, games and prizes are all part of the fun! Grease is the word!



Spring Showcase

Tuesday, May 6th. 8 - 10 pm. Tickets: \$10

Our 1st Annual Spring Showcase will be a grand dance concert! This is your night to take center stage! Here are a few ways you can get involved:

Solos Routines: We will have many student performances at this event. For more information about solo routines please see the Performances write-up on the back or talk to us.

Formations: Formations are always a lot of fun. If you are interested in participating please let Magda know.

Jack and Jill Competition: This is a totally new and exciting event at Dancing for Dessert. The Jack & Jill will be a light-hearted dance competition open to all of our students. The basic idea of a Jack and Jill is that you don't know who your partner will be until right before the competition. It is not as scary as it sounds. Full details are coming soon.

This is going to be a great night and it is THE night to invite your family and friends to show off your stuff.

Guest Referrals

Thanks to everyone who has ever referred a guest to us. You may already know that we offer a \$10 credit for each referral you make. We give a \$10 credit to your guest as well.

To ensure that you and your guest receive your due credits, please use our guest referral form and ask your guest to bring it in when registering for a class.

Spring Workshops

We offer regular workshop classes in our school. The goal of workshops is to focus on skill development as opposed to step development. At this time all of our workshops are open to everyone.

Rise & Fall

Sundays at 11:00: Feb 10, 17, 24 & Mar 2

Rise & Fall is what gives ballroom dances their smooth and graceful flow. Most easily applied to waltz, it is also used in foxtrot, quickstep and Viennese Waltz.

Spins & Turns

Sundays at 11:00: Mar 9, 16, 23 & 30

Pivots, Spins, Turns, Swivels. If you want to turn like a tornado with confidence, speed and balance we want to help.



Workshop Pricing

We have made a few adjustments to our workshop schedule and pricing structure to keep it more in line with our regular classes.

- Most Workshops will now be 4 weeks long.
- As of January 1st workshops will have the same price structure as our other group classes: \$40 initial cost. Repeats cost \$20.