



August 30, 2011

Troupe members:

Congratulations on your successful audition. We are very excited to start a new year at Dance Express!

Rehearsals begin, Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. See schedule below! Please be ready in dancewear, hair done & make up applied. We have scheduled a **mandatory** troupe meeting at 1:30pm. Each troupe member and a parent must be present. Please make sure you read through the current troupe handbook, and are familiar with policies and procedures. If you have any questions, this will be the time to ask.

Statements for costumes will be mailed by October 1st, due, October 15<sup>th</sup>, and the final workshop statements will be mailed late October, due November 15<sup>th</sup>. Reminder all accounts late for 15 days will have a late fee applied. If an account becomes more a month delinquent, that dancer may not be allowed to dance.

Practice schedules will be posted on the web site and troupe board 2 weeks in advance, please check this regularly. Registration should be completed no later than September 1, 2011. Regular dance classes will begin Friday, September 9th. Make sure all required classes are included for each dancer's schedule.

**Family Picnic:**

The Directors & Instructors of Dance Express will be hosting a family picnic on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at Maria's home in Howell. Invited are parents and siblings. We are planning on many fun activities, games, races and crafts. We will be grilling hot dogs, and providing dessert. We would like each family bring a dish to pass. Mark your calendars, this will be a fun event to kick off a great new year!

**Convention/Competition Information:**

**Hollywood Vibe**

Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center  
400 Renaissance Center Dr., Detroit, MI  
Room Rate: \$119  
Cut Off Date: February 3rd  
Phone: 248-680-9797

**February 17-19 2012**

**Access Broadway**

Somerset Inn  
2601 W. Big Beaver  
Troy, MI 48084  
Room Rate: \$90  
Cut Off Date: February 1st

**March 9-11 2012**

**Encore Dance Championship**

Fowlerville High School PAC

**March 23-25 2012**

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If any of these events are canceled, we will make alternate plans based on these dates if possible. If you have any questions, please contact the studio right away. The quickest way to reach us is through our email: [danceexpress@mariasschoolofdance.com](mailto:danceexpress@mariasschoolofdance.com). We will check it daily and respond to each inquiry. You may also call the studio and leave a message, these will be returned during regular business hours.

**Communication:**

All families are required to supply Dance Express with a current email and check in regularly. New this year – we have established a “Dance Express” page on facebook. “Like” us and all new postings will be forwarded to you. We will use this as another avenue for communication & information.

Also, Dance Express has joined Twitter. We can be found under: DanceExpressMSD. Sign up by providing your name, email, password & user name. Search for DanceExpressMSD and follow us. We will post “tweets” for immediate information & updates.

We look forward to another great year!

Maria, Carrie, Alescia, Nora, Miss Jenn, Ethan, Katie and Kellie

**Sunday, September 18th**

12:30-1:00pm Individual Head Shots  
 1:00 pm Groupe Photo  
 1:30 pm Mandatory Welcome & Informational Meeting

	<u>Studio A</u>	<u>Studio B</u>	<u>Studio C</u>
2:00 - 3:00	Stretch & Conditioning With Nora - ALL		
3:00-4:00	Contemporary Group 1	3:00-3:45 Cuban Pete	3:00-3:45 Lyrical Group
4:00-4:30	Bekah L. - solo		3:45-4:15 Grace Pk - solo
4:30-5:30	Contemporary Group 2	4:30-5:15 Hit The Road Jack	4:15-4:45 Marissa L. - solo
5:30-6:00	Emelia F. - solo		

**Week of September 18th**

**Tuesday**

7:45-8:15 Paige- solo

**Wednesday**

3:30-4:00 Steph- solo (Kellie)  
 4:00-4:30 Pc - solo

**Sunday, September 25th**

	<u>Studio A</u>	<u>Studio B</u>	<u>Studio C</u>
1:00-2:00	Modern Group 1	1:00-1:30 Kelsey - solo	1:00-2:00 Lip Gloss
2:00-3:00	Modern Group 2	1:30-2:00 Stephanie -solo	2:00-3:00 Baby I'm A Star
3:00-3:45	Pointe	2:00-2:30 Kara - solo	3:00-3:45 A New Day Has Come
3:45-5:15	Grease	2:30-3:00 Kailey - solo	
5:15-6:15	Saved	3:00-3:45 Christmas Sarajevo	

**Saturday, October 1st**

2011-2012 Troupe Picnic / Kick-off Party! Details to come!

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