



# NUHS THEATRICAL DANCE NEWSLETTER

2013-2014

Mrs. Wadman

## Welcome to NUHS Theatrical Dance!

Welcome to our "dance family" at NU! We are very excited for the 2013-2014 School Year. My hope is that all students will feel safe, motivated to reach their full potential, and passionate about dance in the NU program. I want all parents and students to keep the lines of communication open, so please don't hesitate to email/call me or talk to me after class. We all want you to have the best possible experience in this program!

There are some great additions to our program this year, including the following:

- We have expanded the Beginning II program by providing additional performance opportunities to dedicated beginning dancers, with rehearsals starting after-school on Fridays (1<sup>st</sup> rehearsal will be 10/25). Beginning II auditions will occur during class on 10/7.
- Advanced Dancers will have the opportunity to travel (voluntarily) to Ashland for the Shakespeare Festival, in collaboration with the Theater Department. They will create original dance pieces inspired by the plays they see at the festival. Travel details and expenses will be announced soon.
- Advanced Dancers will create original choreography projects on film during first quarter to premiere at our red carpet event at the Nevada Theatre in downtown Nevada City on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Concessions, a silent auction, and a raffle will be available in the lobby of the theatre.
- Intermediate and Advanced Dancers will have additional performance opportunities by participating in the pieces we submit for *Winter Dance* (December) and the *STARZ* show (March) at Center for the Arts.
- We are excited to welcome new guest choreographers Karen Attix, a former Cunningham dancer; Kyleigh Sackandy, from New York; and Sienna Powell, BFA from Long Beach State (and Mrs. Weiss' sister!)

Stay up-to-date with all of the NUHS Dance activities on our online calendar, available at [nevadauniondance.com](http://nevadauniondance.com), where you can find rehearsal and performance schedules, special events, field trips, and class activities. For your convenience, you can view on our website the class syllabus for grading, dress code, and course requirements. The monthly newsletter, course handouts and make-up work opportunities will also be posted during the school year in the Portfolio Section and updated monthly.

## Enrichment Classes on Mondays

We will continue to provide Pilates classes after-school on Mondays from 1:30-2:45, beginning August 19<sup>th</sup> with Roxanna Cohen, P.T. and owner of the Pilates Place. This is such an important and valuable part of any dancer's training, especially to increase body awareness, to refine understanding of proper placement, and to prevent injury. Advanced Dancers are required to attend Pilates on Collaboration Days, but Intermediate and Beginning Dance students are also welcome to drop-in, space permitting. We will continue our Pointe program (warm-up/short technique class followed by rehearsal) for advanced dancers who are currently training *en pointe*. We have kept it on the schedule for Mondays from 3:00-4:00 p.m., beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>. We are also excited to announce a new after-school tap class/rehearsal with my talented sister-in-law, Sommer Wadman, who will be setting a piece on advanced, intermediate, and beginning II dancers who have tap dance experience. Our new tap program is currently scheduled for Mondays from 4:00-5:00 p.m., beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited for our pointe and tap programs, so let me know as soon as possible if you're interested!

## Peer Tutors/T.A.'s Wanted

Intermediate and Advanced Dancers are welcome to be a peer tutor for any of my beginning dance classes (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> period), and beginning dancers are welcome to TA any of my dance class periods. It is a great opportunity to help out your fellow dancers and to be more involved in the dance program. See me to sign up!

## Yard Sale and Silent Auction Donations Needed

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NUHS Theatrical Dance Yard Sale will be held Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the District Office parking lot. We are already collecting donated items to sell at our yard sale. If you have any items you would like to donate, feel free to drop them off at the dance room at any time! We are also looking for quality items to auction at our Dance on Film screening night November 6<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please let me know! These fundraisers will help us to purchase new ballet barres and production supplies. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated!

# August 2013 Dance Calendar

	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Professional Development Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School: Welcome to Dance!  Review Course Syllabus	Locker Room Orientation: Bring a combo lock!  Dance Journal Entry: Bring your composition notebook!	1 <sup>st</sup> full dancing day: wear dance clothes from now on!  <i>Syllabus Signature Page Due (10 points)</i>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Modern Class  Pilates 1:30- 2:45	Alignment/Placem ent Lecture and Journal Entry, Ballet Vocab Handout  Ballet Class  Advanced Rehearsal 3:00- 5:00	Jazz Class  Intermediate Rehearsal 2:40- 5:00	Ballet Class  Advanced Rehearsal 3:30-5:00	Contemporary Jazz Class  6 <sup>th</sup> period only: Pilates  <i>Student Choreography Showcase Proposals Due!</i>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Hip Hop Class  Pilates 1:30- 2:45	Advanced Dance Rehearsal 2:30- 5:00	Jazz Class  Dance Goals Journal Entry  Intermediate Rehearsal 2:40-5:00	Ballet Class  Advanced Dance Rehearsal 3:30-5:00	Contemporary Jazz Class  6 <sup>th</sup> period only: Pilates  <i>Student Choreography Showcase Casting 2:30-3:30 p.m.</i>	