



# NUHS THEATRICAL DANCE NEWSLETTER

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## Dance Tour

Dress Rehearsal (short stage and long stage versions) will be Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:30-5:00 p.m. Intermediate Dancers selected to work as crew for the *Tour* should attend this rehearsal to learn their tasks, including quick change assignments, music equipment, and set up procedures for each performance.

Dancers need to bring a garment bag to class on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> to store their costumes. Keep all costumes on hangers inside of your garment bag. Costumes should be cleaned with great care: hand washed separately so colors don't run; wash each item in cold water and hang flat to dry. It is important to take good care of all costume pieces so they last as long as possible.

*Dance Tour* begins on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Report to the dance room at 6:00 a.m. to warm-up and prepare for the tour. Our first performance begins at 8:15 a.m. at Pleasant Valley, and the 2nd performance at 9:00 a.m. Our performance at Union Hill will be at 11:30 a.m., and our performance at Grass Valley Charter will be at 1:15 p.m. As a reminder, students will need to pack a lunch, snacks, and water on Wednesday. We will be back to school by 2:30 p.m.

On Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> dancers will check-in to the dance room at 6:15 a.m. to warm up get ready. We will perform at Seven Hills at 8:25 a.m. (first performance) and 9:30 a.m. (second performance). We will have time for an early lunch in downtown Grass Valley at South Pine Cafe from 10:35-11:35. Students are welcome to pack their own lunch or purchase their lunch at South Pine. To save time, we are doing preorders so the food will be ready when we get there. Please turn in payment for your food order no later than Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to ensure that all preorders are paid. See Jentry for a menu price list for your item. After lunch, we finish our *Tour* with two performances at Lyman Gilmore: 1:25 p.m. and 2:25 p.m. We will have dress rehearsal of our ACT II pieces for *Fall for Dance* (Famous Choreographer Projects and Chelsea's piece) when we arrive back to the high school on Thursday.

## Fall for Dance

*Fall for Dance* will be on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (Cast Call 5:00 p.m.) and Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. (Cast Call 12:30 p.m.) in the NU Dance Room. The intimate setting of the NUHS Dance Room offers a unique and up-close experience for the audience. *Fall for Dance* includes a variety of dance styles, including jazz, modern, character, and hip hop. The performance will also include a selection of student choreography projects inspired by famous dance choreographers. The students describe their collaborative

process for creating pieces inspired by pioneers of modern dance, such as Isadora Duncan, Martha Graham, and Paul Taylor, as well as more contemporary world-renowned choreographers like Shen Wei, who choreographed the opening ceremony for the Beijing Olympics, or Israeli choreographer Ohad Naharin, noted for his creation of Gaga Technique.

Tickets are \$7.00 and can be purchased at Briar Patch, the Bookseller, Harmony Books, the NU Student Store, and the Dance Room. Only cash, money orders, or checks will be accepted (make checks payable to *Nevada Union High School Theatrical Dance* or *NUHSTD*).

We will need 4 parent volunteers for each performance (2 for ticket sales/programs and 2 for refreshments). If you would like to volunteer for one or both of the performances, please contact me at [cwadman@nuhsd.com](mailto:cwadman@nuhsd.com) or call 273-4431 ext. 2103. Thank you for your support!

For our refreshments table, we are asking all **advanced dancers with last names A-L to please bring a batch of baked goods (holiday-themed goods are nice!),** and students with **last names M-Z please bring a case of water bottles.** Please put baked goods onto a plate/platter (label the plate or platter with your name on the bottom so that it can be returned to you). Please drop off your baked goods/water in the dance room before Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help!

## Adopt-a-Family

Each year the Dance Club participates in the Adopt-a-family charity through the Salvation Army. These families have asked for help for a variety of reasons, and we will be acting as "Santa" to these children and their families. We have received our assigned family's profile, and we would greatly appreciate all dancers who are able to donate \$10 (preferred amount, but anything helps!) towards the gifts, holiday meal, and wrapping paper we will purchase for this family in need. Please bring in cash or a check (payable to NUHS Theatrical Dance) no later than Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping to bring "Christmas Cheer" to this family!

## Secret Buddy

At the beginning of the school year, Intermediate/Advanced dancers were assigned a "secret buddy" to observe this semester. For our in-class Final, dancers will reveal their "secret buddy" and celebrate this person's accomplishments and growth this semester, along with giving a small gift (recommended to make something personalized or spend no more than \$10 total on a purchased gift).

# December 2013 Dance Calendar

1	2 Pilates 1:30-2:45 Pointe 2:50-4 Tap 4-5	3 Dress Rehearsal: <i>Dance Tour</i> 2:30-5:00	4 <i>Dance Tour</i> Check-In/Warm-Up 6:00 a.m.  Intermediate Rehearsal 2:40-5:00	5 <i>Dance Tour</i> Check-In/Warm-Up 6:15 a.m. <i>Fall for Dance</i> ACT II Dress Rehearsal 3:45-5:00 p.m.	6 Adopt-a-Family Donations (\$10)  Beginning II Rehearsal 2:40-4:30 p.m.  <i>Fall for Dance</i> Cast Call 5:00 Performance @ 6:30 p.m.	7 <i>Fall for Dance</i> Cast Call 12:30 Performance @ 2:00 p.m.
8	9 Pilates 1:30-2:45 Pointe 2:50-4:00 Tap 4:00-5:00	10 Runthrough <i>SCS</i> 2:30-3:15 Advanced Rehearsal 3:15-5:00	11 Intermediate Rehearsal 2:40-5:00	12 Advanced Rehearsal 2:30-5:00  <i>Winter Dance</i> Dress Reh.	13 Beginning II Rehearsal 2:40-5:00  <i>Winter Dance</i> Performance 7 p.m.	14 Toría & Chela 8-10 Monique & Skylá 10-12 Mason & Violet 12-2 <i>Winter Dance</i> Performances @ 2pm & 7 p.m
15 Laney & Sierra 8-10 Jentry & Nora 10-12 Emily & Emma F. 12-2	16 Pointe 2:30-4:00 Tap 4:00-5:00	17 Runthrough <i>SCS</i> 2:30-3:15 Advanced Rehearsal 3:15-5:00	18 FINALS for Beginning: Performance Assessment  Intermediate Rehearsal 12:00-2:00 p.m.	19 FINALS for Beginning: Performance Assessment  Advanced Dance Rehearsal 12:00-2:00 p.m.	20 FINALS for Intermediate/Advanced: "Secret Buddy" celebration & gifts	21 Happy Holidays!!  Winter Break Begins!

## Voluntary Performance Opportunity: Winter Dance

Advanced Dancers are eligible to perform in the upcoming *Winter Dance* show at the Center for the Arts on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. We will be performing "8<sup>th</sup> Wonder" (small cast version) for any dancers who want to participate. Dress rehearsal will be Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. See Mrs. Weiss for more information!

## A Look Ahead: January Guest Choreographers

We are excited to welcome three guest choreographers in January: Kyleigh Sackandy and Indah Walsh are flying out from New York to set choreography and teach master classes from January 6<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>. We are also looking forward to working with local guest choreographer and former professional dancer Karen Attix, who will be setting a full cast piece of Cunningham-inspired choreography on Advanced dancers, January 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.