



## NUHS THEATRICAL DANCE NEWSLETTER

2017-2018

Mrs. Wadman

### Guest Choreographers in March

Alumnus Jackson Knappen will be visiting this week to teach master classes to all levels on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. He trained with the Yuri Grigoriev School of Ballet in Los Angeles and is a graduate of Santa Monica College's dance program. Jackson will set choreography on a small cast of advanced dancers this week. Enrichment classes on Thursday and Friday with Nicole and Sommer are cancelled due to Jackson's rehearsals. Sommer's fusion class is also cancelled next Friday due to our field trip to the Ohlone Festival. However, "Puttin on the Ritz" will rehearse on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. this week and next week, and Monday as well as Friday the weeks before and after spring break.

Karen Attix will be teaching an advanced master class 6<sup>th</sup> period on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Karen danced professionally in New York with the Merce Cunningham Dance Company for several years. She will work with a group of advanced dancers on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am to done each day. There are still spots available to participate in this dance, so sign up this week if you are available and interested.

### Ohlone Festival Field Trip

We are excited for our upcoming field trip to Ohlone College in Fremont for a competition in Theatre and World Dance categories. The trip is Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. We will rehearse our world dance pieces this Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and next Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30 p.m. We will have a dress rehearsal for ALL pieces on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30 p.m., so please remember to bring your costumes. The cost for this trip is \$95, and payment is due by this Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Auditions for 2018-2019 School Year

Auditions for next year's Intermediate, Advanced, and Performance Ensemble classes will be held on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30-6:00 p.m. in the N.U. Dance Studio. All students who are currently enrolled in Intermediate/Advanced who want to continue with the program for next year are required to attend the audition. Next year, we will have some exciting activities, including a field trip to New York City to view live performances and take a master class, and the theme of *On Broadway* for our May Show. We will also have our annual *Fall for Dance* concert, Dance Tour field trip, *Student Choreography Showcase*, Ohlone Festival field trip, and end-of-the-year awards banquet. Please note that the intermediate and advanced levels are co-curricular classes that require some after-school and weekend rehearsals to prepare for performances. The Performance Ensemble class is 7<sup>th</sup> period (must be concurrently enrolled in either intermediate or advanced dance to be eligible) and will include additional rehearsals and performance opportunities as well as the development of a professional portfolio. Audition Forms are available in the dance room or online.

### Live Performance Critiques

Live Performance Critiques are due no later than Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> for this quarter. This is a homework assignment worth 30 points. Students who are unable to attend a performance can watch a recorded live performance online, but nothing beats the experience of seeing a live show in person! Mark your calendars for some excellent upcoming performances, including the community dance production of *STARZ* at the Center for the Arts on April 13 & 14 and our dance concert: *Contemporary Classics* April 26-28 in the Don Baggett Theatre!