

STUDIO G DANCE CENTER BACKSTAGE BULLETIN

Studio G Dance Center's Backstage Bulletin – Our First Edition!

Welcome to our first newsletter! We plan to do four a year to keep you in the know of what's happening at Studio G. If you have any ideas or would like something published in our newsletter, please drop it off at one of the studio offices or email it to Caitlin Price at Caitlin@StudioGDanceCenter.com.

Welcome New and Returning Students

The entire Studio G staff wants to share a warm welcome to all of our new students! We are so glad to have you at Studio G. We would also like to extend a big welcome back and thank you to our returning students for continuing your dance education with us. We appreciate your dedication and thank you for choosing Studio G!

Bring a Friend Week a Great Success!

Thank you to everyone who brought a friend to dance class the week of Oct. 10-13 to share your love for dance! It was so great to see so many new faces around the studio enjoying themselves in our various class genres. Remember, if your friend ends up signing up for classes, both you AND your friend will receive \$20 off your tuition in November! We hope you will encourage your friend to join you at Studio G.

It's Not Too Late to Register for Classes

Please remind your friends and family that they can still register for classes at Studio G! If you are looking to add on additional classes, you can still enroll in those as well. Check out StudioGDanceCenter.com for our full listing of classes and tuition information.

First Costume Deposit Due Week of Nov. 7

Although the year is just beginning, it's already time to think about the Studio G annual recital. **The first recital costume deposit is due during the Nov. 7 week of classes.**

Deposits are \$25 per dance. The second deposit will be due the week of Jan. 9. Start planning now for your deposits! We have plenty of fundraising opportunities to help you offset the cost of costumes and tuition.



Remember!
Costume Deposit
Due

Fundraising Opportunities Available throughout the Dance Year

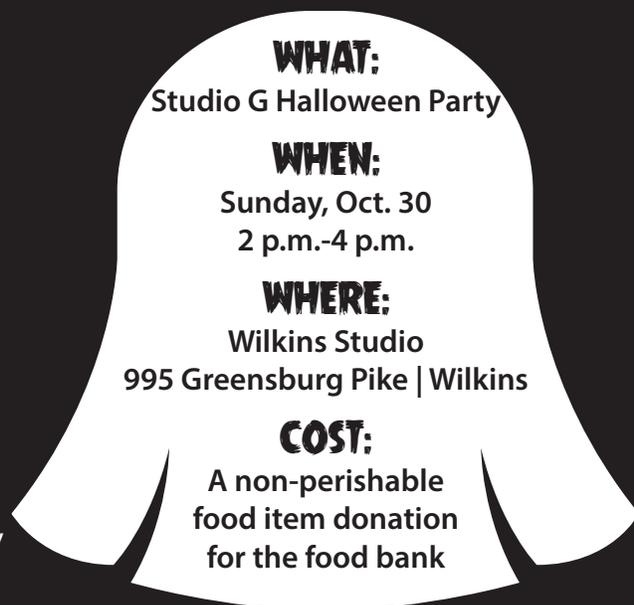
Studio G offers various opportunities to raise money toward tuition and costumes throughout the year. From pizza and hoagie sales to chocolate and coupon books, there are plenty of ways to help offset the cost of your child's dance education. Email fundraising coordinator Kim Tierney at ktierney33@aol.com to be added to our fundraiser distribution email list to learn about the latest opportunities.



THE STUDIO G HALLOWEEN PARTY IS GOING TO BE A SCREAM

Calling all “ghouls” and boys: Studio G’s Halloween Party is back! We’re planning a fun afternoon of treats – and maybe a few tricks – on Sunday, Oct. 30 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wilkins Studio location. “Mummies” and daddies can drop off their children for a fun afternoon of Halloween-themed activities for students of all ages. We’ll be “goblin” up yummy snacks, playing spooky games and – of course – dancing! You must be in costume to attend.

All of our ghostly guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the food bank as admission. There is a sign-up sheet at the front desk of both studios – please sign up if you plan to join us for the party. We hope you will join us for a “scream” of a party on the 30th!



Dress Your Best for Halloweek at Studio G

Why limit dressing up to just one day? Before you hit the town for trick-or-treating, wear your Halloween costume to dance! Students are invited to wear their Halloween costumes – or an old dance costume! – **the week of Oct. 24 to 27** for our annual Halloweek festivities. You never know what characters will show up at Studio G!

COMING SOON: New G Wear

Be on the lookout at the front desk for new G wear order forms! You can also visit our website – StudioGDanceCenter.com – to download a fillable form to complete and drop off at the studio, once it is available.

New at Studio G: 3-5 TWIRL Program

Studio G is implementing a new TWIRL program to make dance class fun for kids age 3 to 5. Each student has a workbook with fun activities that complement the dance education they will receive. Students also receive a beautiful ribbon to attach to their dance bag. Each week, a gem is attached to the ribbon for class participation. At the end of the program, parents will be invited to their class, and students will be presented a certification of completion. It is not too late to enroll

your youngster in this fun and interactive program! TWIRL classes are scheduled at the following times and studios:

North Versailles – Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Wilkins – Mondays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Stop by the front desk at either studio to enroll your child.

2017 Studio G Recital: Can You Guess the Theme?

The first clue is in the cards –

I wonder what our theme will be?

It's much too early for us to tell,

*But take a guess and you soon
will see!*

**Do you like the suspense? Stay
tuned to our next newsletter
as we reveal our 2017 dance
recital theme!**



Back-to-School Bash

Studio G held its first Back-to-School Bash at the North Versailles location on Sunday, Aug. 28. We had a fun bounce house, Pittsburgh Popcorn treats, creative face painting, refreshing Kona Ice, multiple dance demonstrations, and special giveaways! It was such a great way to kickoff our new dance year. Students of all ages came out to have a fun afternoon along with our very talented Studio G staff.



Studio G Staff Attends Summer Dance Teacher Summit

We are so proud that our staff had an opportunity to attend the Dance Teacher Summit in New York City July 28-31. Val Gaydos – along with Anna Gaydos, Brittany Metz and Sarah Skowronski – took class and learned from some of the greats in the industry. They were able to take class and learn studio insight from, just to name a few, Mia Michaels, Denise Wall, Mike Minery, Avi Miller and Ofer Ben. Various seminars were also offered for professional development. This is something we would like our staff to continue so that Studio G can bring your students the latest in the dance world.

Congratulations to Our Tuition Winners

Congratulations to Wilkins Studio student Amira Oliver and North Versailles Studio student Nevada Toomey. Each student won a free class in November because they registered early for their dance classes.

Student News

We are so proud of our talented students at Studio G! We love to showcase their talents outside of the studio thanks to their dance education. Check out some of the amazing things our students are doing below, and be sure to share your news with us! Drop off your accomplishments at the studio front desk or send your news to Caitlin@StudioGDanceCenter.com so we can include it in a future issue.

- Two Studio G students have been awarded scholarships to the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera Academy: Congratulations **Jocelynn Bowser** and **Noah Kies** for branching out and continuing to showcase your talents!
- Two Studio G students attended the Joffrey Ballet Intensive in New York City this past summer. Congratulations **Amaya Berkley** and **Mackenzie Spahn** on continuing your dance education with one of the most prestigious companies in the country!
- Studio G awards two special scholarships to

dedicated and hardworking dancers at the annual dance recital. Congratulations to **Nile Ross** on being awarded the Outstanding Student Scholarship and to **Jordan Moritz** on being awarded the Barbara Roberts Scholarship!

- The Studio G staff selected students to receive awards of excellence in each dance genre category as well as in several special categories. These awards are announced at the annual dance recital. Congratulations to the following students who stood out to us last year!
 - Outstanding Student in Ballet: **Lucy Gulish**
 - Outstanding Student in Baton: **Sarah Apte**
 - Outstanding Student in Contemporary: **Paige Tierney**
 - Outstanding Student in Hip Hop: **Jaelyn Jennings**
 - Outstanding Student in Jazz: **Alexia Stalowski**
 - Outstanding Student in Lyrical: **Ava Delio**
 - Outstanding Student in Tap: **Mia Kefalos**
 - Outstanding Student in Tumbling: **Abby Baronti**
 - Outstanding First-Year Student: **Hayden Comunale**
 - Outstanding Stage Presence: **Ava Geppert**
 - Most Improved: **Lola Modra**

Fall Breaks

We have several holidays coming up this fall. Please note the following days when the studio will be closed:

Oct. 31 – Halloween – NO CLASS

Nov. 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break
– NO CLASS

SGDT News

Studio G Dance Team had its best nationals yet! We had a terrific week at Dance Xplosion National Finals in Wildwood, NJ. Along with many overall awards and special recognitions, SGDT won two of four Xcalibur Awards. This is the highest award you can win at the Dance Xplosion Xtreme Challenge, which is a specially chosen best-of-the-best competition held at the end of the week. The dances that were honored with these coveted trophies were: 12 and under small group contemporary **"When She Came Back,"** featuring dancers **Alaina Delio, Emily Hall, Sarra Karas, Noah Kies, Sam Stewart and Hailee Stipanovich;** and 13 and up small group **"Waiting Game,"** featuring **Brittany Benson, Jaden Kies, Mackenzie Masten, Francesca Moux and Paige Tierney.**

We are also proud to announce that several of our amazing soloists competed for title. For the title of Little Miss Dance Xplosion, **Alyssa Marconi** won second runner up and a tap scholarship; **Kaylena Lewis** won first runner up and a hip hop scholarship; and **Alexia Stalowski** won the title of Little Miss Dance Xplosion and a lyrical scholarship! **Isabella Mangretta** competed and won the title of Miss Dance Xplosion and a lyrical scholarship! **Emily Hall** also competed for Junior Miss Dance Xplosion. Every Studio G titlist scored high enough to win a Superior Medal, which is the highest medal you can earn as a title contestant. We are extremely proud of the poise, hard work and discipline our students showed during the title showdown. Congratulations to our entire team on an AMAZING week!

Our dance team is back at the studio working hard on new choreography for the upcoming season. Our competition schedule will be forthcoming in the next few months. Be sure to come out to support our team at a competition near you!

Support SGDT at a November Night at the Races

Looking for a fun night out? Support the Studio G Dance Team at its Night at the Races fundraiser! Join our dance team on Saturday, Nov. 5 beginning at 6:30 p.m. for an evening filled with food, drink, horse racing, raffles and more. The event will take place at the Hilltop Hall in Turtle Creek. Tickets are \$14 and include entry, food, beer and two tickets for the Chinese auction. You can also purchase and name a horse for \$10. If your horse wins, you'll take home \$20! All proceeds will benefit participating dance team families. Please consider coming out to support the dance team while enjoying a fun evening out. Contact Mary Skowronski to inquire about tickets.



Dancers in "When She Came Back" pose with their Xcalibur Award trophy in Wildwood.



Dancers in "Waiting Game" and Dance Xplosion owner Rich Tagliarino pose with the Xcalibur Award trophy in Wildwood.

WHAT:

Studio G Dance Team Night at the Races Fundraiser

WHEN:

Saturday, Nov. 5
dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE:

Hilltop Hall | Harper Drive, Turtle Creek, PA

COST:

\$14 – includes entry, food, beer and two tickets for the Chinese auction

