

# October 2004 Newsletter

*Saskatchewan Express*  
Musical Theatre Studio  
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Greetings one and all! We here at the studio are delighted to have you with us this year and hope you're enjoying your classes! We have a great group of students and instructors and we are looking forward to helping you grow as performers and as people. I would like to welcome back our lovely instructors: Miss Michelle, Miss Lorna, Miss Vanessa, Miss Lynnea, and our new Senior Dance Instructor, Miss Sarah. After our first few weeks of introduction classes, we are now working on the 'JAZZ' section of Musical Theatre. We then switch to tap, ballet, props, and then recital repertoire. Tap shoes are NOT required for the tap section.

I like to send out newsletters every couple of months or so, just reminding you of upcoming events, new things at the Studio, community events and more. They're detailed, so make sure you read everything carefully. Also, check the updated Calendar! I will send these newsletters out by e-mail, and copy it for those who have not given me an e-mail address. I would really appreciate it if you could update me with any new e-mail, phone or address changes.

#### A few important things:

- 1) Please call or e-mail if you are going to be missing a class. If you are injured or not feeling totally up to par (and don't have something catchy!), we would like you to come to at least watch the class so you're not missing too much.
- 2) Make sure you are wearing proper dance attire and that you have your shoes (and binders and pencils if needed) and water bottles. We are keeping track of this attire, and **GOLD SEALS** (*paper, not live*) are awarded to those with 'perfect attire' for the year (Starting October 4<sup>th</sup>). You will be asked to change into some of our old 80s wear if you come unprepared. Only WATER is allowed in class.
- 3) All lengths of hair must be UP! Those with shorter hair, pin back the sides. Hair should stay up for all three classes (singing, dancing & acting) Keep some extra hair elastics in your Sask. Express bag.
- 4) BRING A PHOTO!!!! Include name & class (Level 1/2/3/4, day of week, Beg/Int/Adv).
- 5) Bring a BLANK CD. Include student's name & class (Level 1/2/3/4, day of week, Beg/Int/Adv) We will start burning copies within the next few weeks.
- 6) Let us know if we should **NOT** include your name/number/e-mail/area you live as we would like to hand out CLASS LISTS within the next few weeks. This will help you with CAR-POOLING if you're interested.
- 7) Please remember to go over material with the students and remind them to practice. Did they have any 'homework'???
- 8) LOST and FOUND (main floor) – remind them to check regularly, and make sure they have their WATER BOTTLES! We have already collected quite a few here and will throw them out every few weeks if they are not claimed.

**DANCE/DRAMA** - We still have room in our Jr. and Sr. Tap, Jazz and Ballet classes, as well as our Drama-Only class. Please call if this is something that interests you. (highly recommended if planning to audition for the Mini's or Expressions groups)

**OPEN HOUSE** - our studio's 1<sup>st</sup> Open House (November 13-19<sup>th</sup>) is mainly for you to see what is happening during our regular classes. You will move from classroom to classroom with your children to see what a 'normal' rehearsal day consists of. Feel free to bring cameras and camcorders. We invite you to bring your own chairs or cushions as we won't have enough seats for everyone. We ask that the seats we do have be reserved for our grandma's and grandpa's who come to observe. Please keep in mind that we would appreciate visitor's chatter to a minimum as the studio's echo and it makes it tough for the instructor's to be heard, as well as takes attention away from them! Thanks so much.

**BEHAVIOR:** We ask the parents to gently remind the students about proper behavior at Saskatchewan Express. We know that with the high energy level of our classes, sometimes students can get carried away. We ask that students make sure NOT to continue this into the hallways. There also is to be no name-calling, pushing, poking, etc. They should not touch anything of anyone's unless it is part of a scheduled class activity. Students are to know that if any disruptions occur, the instructors will send the student(s) up to the OFFICE immediately. We will call the parents to let them know if something needs to be discussed.

**MINI EXPRESS/EXPRESSIONS** – We will again be auditioning for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Season of these performing groups. We had originally stated November 7<sup>th</sup> would be the date, but we have some decisions to make with head office, so we'll keep you posted as to when the auditions will be. It is a BIG commitment from the students AND the parents and we will give you loads of information ahead of time so you are prepared. Last year's season went over quite well and we had a huge opportunity being asked to perform at the Saskatoon Exhibition!

**SHOES** – we still have many shoes (some new, some used) available for sale. Also, if you have some old dance shoes you would like to sell on consignment, come and drop them off to us.

**RECITAL** - our recital is booked for **Sunday, June 5 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Circle Drive Alliance Church. We tend to run almost 3 hours! So please be prepared to hire a sitter for your infants as we will not have babysitting on sight. We do not recommend bringing toddlers into the church/theatre as it takes away from the audience trying to listen and can affect the performers as well. It is a very special 'ONE NIGHT A YEAR' event for your young performer, so let him/her sparkle! Also, Dress Rehearsal is for the students and instructors only. Videotaping and flash photography will NOT be allowed. It is disruptive to audience members, the performers, and it is a copyright infringement. We will have the show professionally videotaped and tapes available to purchase. We're really excited about our theme for the show... we'll keep you posted.

**CALENDAR:** Please make sure your calendar is up-to-date!

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| Oct 9-11     | Thanksgiving Weekend – NO CLASSES  |
| Nov 7        | Mini Express/Expression Auditions (VERY tentative)   |
| Nov 11       | Remembrance Day – classes WILL be held   |
| Nov 13-19    | Open House   |
| Dec 13-18    | Bring a friend to class week!  |
| Dec 20-Jan 2 | STUDIO CLOSED for CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS   |
| Feb 7-12     | 2nd Open House   |
| Feb 14-20    | STUDIO CLOSED for Reading Week   |
| Mar 5-11     | Costume-Meetings with ALL parents (during 1/2 hour of your child's class – detailed times TBA) |
| Mar 25-Apr 1 | STUDIO CLOSED for Easter Break   |
| Apr 9-15     | Costume-Check (during dance class – parents must attend)                                       |
| Apr 23 & 24  | PHOTO DAYS (times TBA)   |
| Apr 30       | New schedule of Combined-Instructor Classes Begin (schedule TBA)                               |
| May 1        | FINALE Rehearsal – <b>ALL STUDENTS!!!!!!</b> (time and location TBA)                           |
| May 20-23    | STUDIO CLOSED for May Long Weekend   |
| May 28-Jun 2 | Pajama Week – wear your pj's to class  |
| June 3       | Tech/Dress Rehearsal Mini's/Expressions - Circle Drive Alliance (time TBA)                     |
| June 4       | DRESS REHEARSAL for ALL STUDENTS (receive photos) – Times TBA                                  |
| June 5       | RECITAL - Circle Drive Alliance Church 3:00 pm   |

\*Schedule subject to change

**Looking for a Christmas gift?** We have a couple of things here that you may want to purchase...

**\*\*BALLET POINTE SHOES** - a beautiful decoration for your bedroom wall! Hang some brand new pointe shoes (in peach satin or pink colors) up for all to admire. We don't recommend that you wear them though... until you've had about 4 or 5 years of ballet training, then pointe training. Cost: \$10.00

**CALENDARS:** Saskatchewan Express is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year of traveling across the province, performing for all audiences great and small. These Special Edition Calendar's (January 2005 to June 2006) with oodles of archived photos are available in our office for \$25.00. *Can you spot Miss Lori?*

**\*\*BUTTERFINGER CDs** - our judge for the Mini Express last year, Tyler Penny, is the lead singer and has left some CDs with me to sell for \$15.00 The band filmed a video in Toronto for the single 'Do You Feel' so watch for it on Much Music.

**\*\*HOJA/JADE CDs** – both Miss Michelle and I have worked for these a cappella groups and told the owners we would help promote the groups and offered to sell CDs. \$15.00

*STUDIO GEAR: You may see some of us sporting a bunny hug (aka: Hoodie), sweats, capris or tank tops with the Saskatchewan Express Logo... we are once again putting in an order for these fun garments, so feel free to come and pick up an order form and try on sizes up in our office. Prices are very reasonable!*

5<sup>th</sup> Year Students! We are so excited to welcome back the following students who have been with us since our inception in 2000: Megan & Corianne Bracewell, Brittany Charington, Kaitlyn Chomitzky, Josh & Erin Cote, Kara Engele, Erica Hindmarsh, Natasha Kalra, Nicole Klatt, Chelsea Mercure, Linley Redford, & Christina Thachuk

**FUN DAYS ADDED:**

Week of December 13-18<sup>th</sup> – BRING A FRIEND TO CLASS!!!!

TBA: Week of either April 16-22 or April 23-29<sup>th</sup> – TALENT SHOW (during vocal class)

Week of May 28-June 2 – PAJAMA DAY!

**Community Announcements:**

**DARE TO DANCE: Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> Centennial Auditorium.** It's an AMAZING show folks! Please go. This is NOT a dance recital, it is a beautiful dance concert with high calibre dancers from Saskatchewan who come together and celebrate their art. Featuring the Dare to Dance Company, local celebrities, national choreographers and provincial groups. Call the Centennial Box Office for ticket information. More info at [dancesask.com](http://dancesask.com).

**Adult Tap Class offered:** Miss Michelle is instructing an adult beginner Tap Class on Tuesday evenings from 8:30-9:30 pm for all interested folks! It is \$40.00 a month. Come on out and have some fun & exercise. It's a very laid-back class.

**Auditions:** Nothing to report as of yet.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding receipts or payments, please contact the Regina office at (306) 787-9816. Angela Kuderewko is our Business & Operations Manager. Her e-mail address is [angela@saskatchewanexpress.com](mailto:angela@saskatchewanexpress.com).

Just so you all know, monthly payments come out on the first FRIDAY of the month...

Thanks all, see you soon!

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