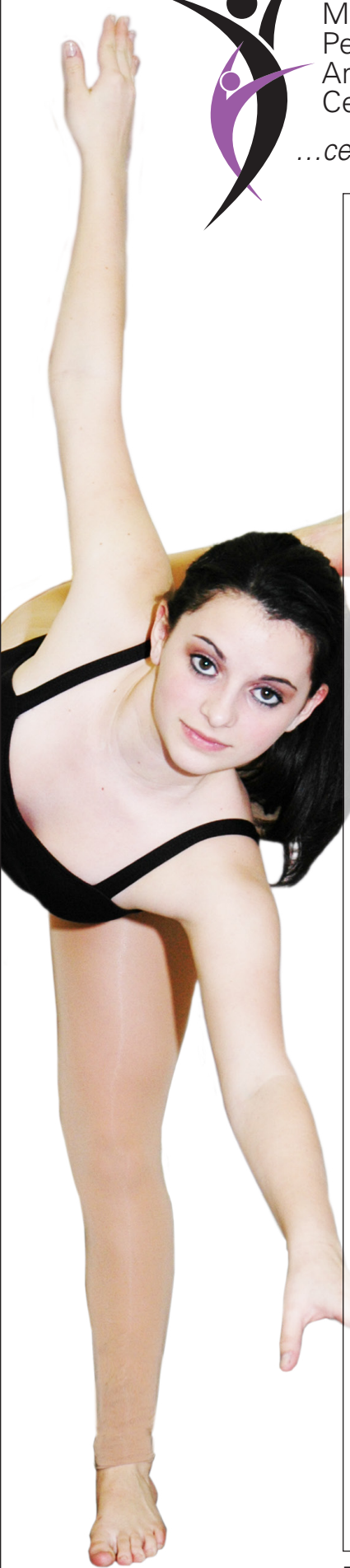




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February 2011



Benefit Performance... A Special Success

Thank you to all the singers and dancers who participated in last week's benefit performance, **Up to the Mountain**. Over \$1,300 dollars were raised to be donated to assist breast cancer fighters and survivors! I am so proud to be part of such a wonderful group of students and their families! Go to MMPAC.com and click on the YouTube logo at the bottom of ANY page to view highlights of the performance.

Jump Convention

MMPAC dancers and company members of Dance FX attended the world renowned JUMP Dance Convention on the weekend of Jan 7-9 in Washington D.C. The students were able to learn from fabulous instructors like Nick Lazzarini and Mandy Moore from **So You Think You Can Dance**. MMPAC dancers were awarded both silver and gold scores. We are very proud of all those who competed. Our school was represented by a terrific group of young people!

Performance Handbook

Information books for our annual performance will be available for pickup on **February 21st**. It will be available on-line at www.mmpac.com. Hardcopies will be available at the front desk. This booklet includes the schedule for class/individual photos (optional), the dress rehearsal and performance schedules and procedures and some extra details about goodies and rehearsal meals. It is **IMPERATIVE** that you read this and note your calendars if your student is participating in the annual performance. The staff and I work very hard on this book, please stay informed by reading it. Let's work together to make this an exciting and rewarding experience (without the stress) for our students!

Broadway Theater Project Comes to MMPAC

Deb McWaters, founder of BTP, will be coming to the Mid Maryland Performing Arts Center on Sunday, February 20th to offer a 5-hour workshop in musical theater running from 11 am through 4 pm. The cost is \$50 and is open to students 14 years and older. Students interested in auditioning for BTP's summer intensive should come prepared with a

1-minute monologue and 16 bars of a song. Information can accessed through the BTP link on the Announcement page of our website or feel free to speak with Ms Nicole.

Snow Policy Review

Winter is upon us. Please note the snow policy in your handbooks. In a nutshell...we **DO NOT** follow the Frederick County Public school cancellations. We try to assess the best we can and try very hard to hold classes when possible. It can be very difficult to make decisions about cancelling...you must ultimately make the decision about coming to class or not and we do want people to be safe. Our county is one that is large and diverse when it comes to snow. We post cancellations on the web-site, Facebook, answering machines and via email. Make sure you check these! Come on Spring!

Important Dates

Feb 21	Annual Performance Guide Available <i>Pick-up at front desk</i>
Feb 26	Cultural Dance Day – <i>MMPAC Studio</i>
Feb 26-27	Cultural Dance Workshop – <i>Centennial High School, Ellicott City</i>
March 14-19	Parent Observation Week No siblings
March 24-26	Picture Days – <i>Studio Closed</i>
April 18-26	Spring Break – <i>Studio Closed</i>
May 1	Voice Recital – 3:00pm, <i>NMUMC</i>
May 9-14	Last Week of Classes
May 16	Make-up Picture Day & Extra Rehearsals
May 17-19	Mandatory Dress Rehearsal at Weinberg Center Show A (May 17) Show B (May 18) Show C (May 19)
May 21-22	Annual Performance at Weinberg Center Show A (May 21) – 2:00pm Show B (May 21) – 7:00pm Show C (May 22) – 2:00pm



Cultural Dance Day...

has now turned into a weekend! We have the opportunity to participate in the National Dance Association's, **Our World Our Dance**. This great event is being held at Centennial High School in Ellicott City on February 26th and 27th. It is open to middle school and high school students as well as teachers. The cost for students is \$35 and it includes two full days of dance classes and a ticket to the performance on Saturday night. Brochures are available at the front desk. Early Bird pricing is good until February 7th.

Costumes

Costumes will be arriving on a rolling basis through February and March. When your class's costume arrives you will be notified by email to come into your students class for special instructions regarding hair, make-up and stitching. Sometimes straps have to be sewn or hems have to be changed. We will have a masterlist at the front desk as well.



Summer Camp Dates Announced

Join us this summer for any number of fun and enriching opportunities. A full brochure will be available in late February. Registration begins on Monday, February 28th....on-line or in person.

Musical Theater Camps

- June 20-30** Seussical the Musical ▶ ages 10 and up (Frederick)
- July 18-27** Annabelle Broom the Unhappy Witch ▶ ages 7-12 (Frederick)
**specific plays pending licensing*

Dance Camps

- June 27-30** Dancing...*dreams and adventures* ▶ ages 3-6 (Frederick)
- July 18-21** Dancing...*dreams and adventures* ▶ ages 3-6 (New Market)
- August 1-5** Dance Dance Dance: the intensive ▶ ages 9 and up (Frederick)

Dance Nights

A variety of dance classes (ballet, jazz, hip hop, tap, zumba, modern) will be offered throughout the summer on the following Tuesday's... a complete schedule will be in the summer brochure.

June 26	July 19	August 2	August 16
July 12	July 26	August 9	



We've Launched a New Website! Take our Quiz and Win!

We have a great new web-site...you need to check it out! On it, you'll find a lot of information in a well- organized format, along with lots of great graphics featuring our students. The website will also be easier for us to update...so check back often to see what's new!

Website Launch Contest: Enter this easy contest to win **\$50 Gift Certificate to FOOTLIGHTS DANCE BOUTIQUE** and become familiar with the new website at the same time! All you have to do is look at the ten questions below, search our website for the answers, and send us your answers in an email. The person who emails back all the correct answers as close to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 30th wins. (The questions are easy – nothing too tricky or hard to find. Please send your answers to info@mmpac.com, in this simple format):

Your name

Your answers like this:

1. *Your answer*
2. *Your answer*
3. *Your answer... (you get the picture.)*

Here are the ten questions – Visit mmpac.com and be a winner! Send your email to info@mmpac.com. The first person to email back all correct answers Wins!

1. Snow Policy: When there is the possibility of cancellations due to snow, at what time of day will announcements be made and posted on the MMPAC website, Facebook and studio answering machine?
2. There are two weeks during the year when parents have the opportunity to attend and observe classes. In which two months do those occur?
3. Fill in the blanks: what is the MMPAC tagline? M_____ I_____ Y_____ L_____.
4. On what dates does this year's annual performance at the Weinberg Center fall?
5. What is the phone number for the New Market studio?
6. In what does MMPAC instructor Liz Miller take great pride?
7. True or False: On the bottom right side of every page, you can click on a YouTube link to see recent videos such as the Nursing Home Tour, Cancer Benefit Showcase Performance, etc.
8. Which MMPAC instructor has taught here the longest? (Ms Kimberly doesn't count)
9. On what date and at what time is the Broadway Theatre Project coming to the Frederick studio to offer a valuable workshop and optional auditions to students age 14 and up?
10. What are the uniform requirements for modern class?