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Congratulations Dance Gallery 2 Dancers!! As you know, our Holiday Revue is our "little" show, but not this year! Raising thousands of dollars for the Sutter Memorial Hospital Child Life Program is not a "little" show!

Dancers, you put on a beautiful performance! You, your family and your friends can feel very proud to know that on December 14th at the Mesa Verde Performing Arts Center, your talent and efforts benefited so many other children. It was wonderful to see all the dancers and their parents working together! Of course, a joint effort like this takes lots of help and cooperation. So, on behalf of the Child Life Program and the Dance Gallery 2, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL!!!

Doug and Miss Lucy have always felt fortunate to have such wonderful parents involved with the DG2. This year's Holiday Revue performance proved it. So many offered to help, and this says a lot about the kind of people we have at the studio. They feel proud and privileged to know and work with you! Special thanks to: **Shannon McCarthy, Julie Andersen, Theresa Reading, Ashley Boston, Jack & Dianne Carlisle, Mike Bravo, Tom & JoAnne Busch, Brad Boston, Daniel Buchholz and Carolyn Floryanowich.**

Backstage Manager Theresa Reading also wanted to send out a "SHOUT OF THANKS" to those DG2 parents who signed up to help, and those that jumped in to help out at the last minute! All of the DG2 staff thanks you!

For the fifth year in a row, the DG2 Student Teachers worked with the US Marine



DG2 parade dancers pose before the Disneyland Holiday Spectacular Parade on Saturday, Dec. 10th. What an honor to represent Northern California and the Dance Gallery 2 in this festive event.

Corps and their Toys for Tots toy drive. It was a huge success! This year, we collected over 300 toys. Let's plan to break our record next year!

On the evening of December 10th, under the direction of teacher/choreographer **Janna Carlisle** and assisted by teacher **DaLayna Bravo**, the DG2 Dancers from Ballet 1, 2 and 4 classes were an awesome sight to see as they danced their way down the beautifully decorated Main Street U.S.A. in the Disneyland Holiday Spectacular Parade at Disneyland. The excitement was felt by over 50,000 spectators that were visiting the world famous

amusement park as they lined the street to catch a glimpse of the parade. Over 400 dancers from all over the U.S. and Australia performed in this magical holiday event, which ended gloriously with the Disney Christmas Parade, complete with Mickey Mouse and snowfall under colorful Christmas lights. What a fantastic experience for both participants and spectators! It was great to see our dancers perform so well and to see the DG2 parents have such a wonderful time, too.

The success of your fantastic Holiday Revue performance tells us that this year's June show is bound to be better than ever! So, while you are on holiday break, Doug and Miss Lucy spend their holiday break working on our upcoming June Show. Together they come up with the concepts for the June performance including show themes, sets and costumes. This "brainstorming" is the first step of creating a stage production which involves design-

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuition Due	January 5th
Return to Class	January 9th
Martin Luther King Day - No Classes	January 16th
Costume Deposits Due	February 17th
June Show Dates	June 29th and 30th

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ing, discussing, dismissing and approving ideas and rough drafts. Once again, our Artistic Director/Choreographer, Nick Willrich, will be working on the story line and the direction of our 2012 show theme.

Miss Lucy has written and produced several original dance productions for live stage performances throughout the years. Adding the mix of talented artists, choreographers, specially edited music, creative lighting and technical stage effects makes for an incredible stage presentation that is unforgettable.

One of the most exciting parts of a production are the beautiful costumes the dancers wear. Again this year, we will be ordering our costumes from New York. The costumes range in price from about \$75 to \$85 each and include all accessories. Costumes are "made-to-order" and can take 4 months to be delivered. Please Note: Those dancers who are in more than one class may need additional costumes. Measurements for costumes will be taken within the first couple weeks after we return to class following our holiday break.

If you recall from some of our past years, costume companies can run behind schedule. What a panic! We would like to put our order in extra early to ensure that all our dancers will have their costumes in plenty of time for "picture week." To make this happen smoothly, a COSTUME DEPOSIT of \$50.00 per costume will be sent in with our order. Therefore, your dancer's **COSTUME DEPOSITS** are due no later than

****February 17th, 2012.****

**Costume Deposits will automatically be charged to ALL clients' AutoPay account

A costume deposit agreement (which will be included with the February newsletter) is required from everyone. For those not on AutoPay, your payment should accompany the costume deposit form. The balance of the costume money will be paid at a later date. Since there are families with more than one dancer, we can make things easier for you by offering a payment plan. If you're interested, please call the studio for further information. We know how important it is for each dancer to perform in the show and we want to make this experience a very special one.



The Dance Gallery 2 is sad to say goodbye to our Hip-Hop/Break Dance Director, Greg Saniatan. Greg is making a career choice that will take him to Southern California. He will be working on film and editing for YouTube. Daina Benzon, Greg's wonderful assistant, will also be leaving us, as her career as an interior designer takes her to San Francisco. The DG2 dancers and staff wish them both much luck! Greg & Daina will certainly be missed by all.

As Greg and Daina say goodbye to the DG2, we open the doors to welcome our new Hip-Hop/Break Dance Director, JD Tabayoyong, and his assistant, Liew Saelee, into the DG2 family. JD has filled in a few times for Greg, and we are excited to have him and Liew become a permanent part of the DG2.

JD and Liew have been dancing for years with one of Sacramento's top dance crews, Press P.L.A.Y. This crew has won numerous awards including 1st place at Mixtape 2010. JD & Liew have trained with some of the best dancers in the industry, including Joe Larot and Jason Magsuci of Jabba-wockeez. They are known for their amazing b-boy and choreography skills and are excited to share their knowledge with the DG2! We feel fortunate to have JD & Liew join our DG2 staff!

****Studio Update****

We were hoping to get into the new DG2 when we returned after the Holiday break,

but it doesn't look like that is going to happen. As you can imagine, when making a move into a new facility, running into issues is a common occurrence, and the new studio is no exception! We are working around our roadblocks and can see that each step gets us a bit closer. It's going to be a beautiful facility, and since Miss Lucy wanted everything to be perfect for our dancers, it was very easy to run over budget. With Doug and Miss Lucy financing the project on their own, you can understand how they also feel the need to slow down and build up funds before moving ahead.

In the meantime, we'll begin working on the June show and focusing on our next theme with new music, choreography and costumes! Let's make 2012 and our 21st show the best ever!

Lost & Found: Shoes, dance bags, clothing, and much more have been turned in to our Lost & Found at the studio! Please check there if you have lost or misplaced something.

****Special Safety Reminder****

PLEASE, be especially careful in the DG2 studio driveway. With the rainy season upon us, the ground is extremely soft and it is very important that you stay on the graveled areas. Driving off the graveled areas by only a few inches is enough for your car to get stuck.

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Classes resume on Monday, Jan. 9th.

Happy New Year!!

The DG2 Staff