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Join us for *Royal Princess Ball 2012*



On March 3rd, the Dance Gallery 2 Student Teachers will present their 2nd Annual "Royal Princess Ball." Pictured above, from left to right, Kelsi, Dominique, Sophia, and Nelda pose with their dads at last year's gala event.

We are very happy and proud to see the dedication and more serious dance attitude developing among the DG2 Dancers. It seems as though everyone anticipates and understands the kind of effort that is needed to put on a show. Miss Lucy and Nick (our artistic director) got right on it, developing ideas for choreography, music, costumes, sets and even some thoughts on lighting. Doug has already begun "brainstorm-

ing" over special effects and pieces that need to be built for the production number. The next step is to meet with our art designer, Uncle Ric, to draw up the set ideas and turn them into a professional looking stage set on paper. It will be Doug's job to take it from paper to the stage. Putting on a show is a very involved process, but when you mix it all together and then add costumes and dancers... Wow! What a fantastic show

we're going to have.

We are so lucky to have such a professional team working with the DG2 dancers, making our June production the best it can be, year after year. This year's show dates are Friday, June 29th and Saturday, June 30th. Once again the location will be the Mesa Verde Performing Arts Center for our rehearsals and performances.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuition Due By	February 1st
Costume Deposits Due By	February 17th
Parents' Night Out	February 18th (6pm - 10pm)
Observe Presidents Day, No Classes	February 20th
2nd Annual "Royal Princess Ball"	March 3rd
Show Dates	June 29th and June 30th

As soon as all the choreographers finalize their music choices, Doug will prepare the CDs for the DG2 dancers to practice at home. Practicing at home is a very important part of developing as a dancer and as a performer.

As previously explained in the January newsletter, one of the most exciting

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parts of a production are the beautiful costumes the dancers wear. Costumes take approximately 3 months to be made and delivered. Costume prices range from about \$75 to \$90 each. 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.

** AutoPay Clients will automatically be charged on February 17th, 2012

The balance of the costume money will be due at a later date. Since there are families with more than one dancer, we can make things easier for you by offering a family payment plan. If you're interested, please contact Dianne at the studio for further information. You can email her at : dianne@dancegallery2.com

The DG2 Dancers need help! Anyone who is willing and able to alter costumes, please let us know!

New To The DG2 - Parents Night Out

DG2 Student Teachers will provide a FUN & SAFE evening for your dancer(s).

On February 18th, 2012, from 6:00 - 10:00 pm, they'll eat pizza, play games, do crafts, and, of course, DANCE, while you enjoy a well-deserved NIGHT OUT!! Cost is \$20 per Dancer, additional siblings over 3 years old are \$15 each.

Please turn in your registration by February 11, 2012 with a check payable to: DG2 Student Teachers

The Dance Gallery 2 Student Teachers Present the 2nd Annual "Royal Princess Ball" to all in the DG2 Land. We welcome all "Dads" and Daughters to dance the night away on March 3, 2012 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. A "Dad" and Daughter Photo and special keepsake will be provided on this magical evening. Registration is due on or before February 18th!!! Fairy Tales like this don't last forever.... More detailed information can be found on the enclosed flyer and the DG2 website.

The Step Boys left January 26th to audition for the "America's Best Dance Crew" television show. The DG2 is their home studio where they have been rehearsing hard and preparing for their chance at the national title. The DG2 is also the home of former title holder, Dominic "D-Trix" Sandoval, who has gained worldwide recog-



nition with his performances on "So You Think You Can Dance," and now acts as a judge on "America's Best Dance Crew." We will keep you posted on our "Step Boys"; so be ready to watch FOX TV!

Our new Hip-Hop and Break Dance Director, JD Tabayoyong, would like to extend a welcome to all the new Dance Gallery 2 class members as well as those who have been previously attending the six-week sessions. JD has 15 years of dance experience. He started out as a break dancer



JD, our new Hip Hop and Break Dance Director, and his assistant, Liew

and soon branched out into learning more about choreography when he was 9. He hasn't looked back. He has learned various styles of dance to expand his knowledge and to become a better dancer. His assistant, Liew Saelee, has been dancing for 10 years and is well rounded in Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary, Modern and of course Hip-Hop.

JD's hopes for the Hip-Hop/ break dance program are to expand the dancers'

knowledge about the art he is teaching them and to help them build a better foundation. JD said, "Another thing I hope to teach my students is the real meaning of Hip-Hop and break dancing. We are blessed to have such people in our dance community to share with us their wisdom, and we hope to share the same wisdom we've learned. As instructors, we are students as well. Currently dancing with Press P.L.A.Y. (Passion Love Art Youth), we strive to inspire the people around us." The DG2 is excited to have JD and Liew as part of our family.

It's important for our dancers to feel like dancers, especially now that we have begun show choreography. The Teachers and Student Teachers have been asking our dancers to dress the part and wear dancewear to class. Remember that everyone involved, from dancers, to set crew, to parents that drive back and forth, have put in time and effort to make the best show possible. Dressing like dancers is respectful and demonstrates pride in being part of the team.

Remember! No drinks, No snacks and especially No gum is allowed in the studio or in the downstairs waiting room at any time. Bottled water is okay!

Please use caution while driving and parking at the DG2. When it rains, the driveway shoulder gets very soft and if you should leave the graveled areas, you WILL get stuck. Don't be the next DG2 "stuck-in-the-mud"!

There will be NO classes Monday, February 20th as the DG2 observes Presidents Day.

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Happy Valentine's Day

The DG2 Staff

