

Chris Collins Dance Studio

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April 2017 NEWSLETTER

REGULAR ATTENDANCE BETWEEN NOW & RECITAL IS IMPERATIVE!

Lack of regular attendance could cause teachers to remove a student from a recital routine. Please notify the office if student will be absent from any classes.

- Closed for Spring Break April 10-15
- Closed Memorial Weekend May 26-29
- Last day of regular classes is Saturday, June 17

All other dates, students should attend regularly and on time.

If your student will be unable to participate in the recital, please let the teacher know immediately so we can plan accordingly.

PLEASE READ THIS NEWSLETTER CAREFULLY. ALL RECITAL POLICIES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED OVER THE LAST 41 YEARS FOR GOOD REASONS. PARENTAL SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL! If this is your first recital with our studio, please refer to the recital section of our website and click on "Helpful Hints." It was put together by parents to make the recital experience easier for students and parents.

If you are reading this, but, missed parent week, please get specific information from each teacher.

DANCE PHOTOS

Photos will be taken of all students in full costume and stage makeup at the **dance studio**. They must look exactly as they will look on stage. Teachers will give you specific days and times for your class photos on parent day. **PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST ONE HALF HOUR EARLY TO BE DRESSED AND READY AT THE APPOINTED TIME.** The photographer will photograph all students in class pictures. It does not obligate you to purchase a photo. **PARENTS WHO WISH TO HAVE STUDENTS PHOTOGRAPHED INDIVIDUALLY WILL HAVE TO FILL OUT AN ENVELOPE AND PRE-PAY THE ORDER DIRECTLY TO THE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPANY.** There will be a flier with more information coming from Splendid Portraits. If your student will not be at the scheduled photo time, please let the teacher know in advance. Class photos cannot be made up. Individuals can be rescheduled.

DO NOT COME OR GO DRESSED IN COSTUME ON PICTURE DAY, REHEARSAL, OR RECITAL DAYS!

SHOWTIME 2017

MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSALS AND RECITAL PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD AT WEST POTOMAC HIGH SCHOOL

6500 QUANDER RD., ALEXANDRIA, VA
Directions will be in the June newsletter.

MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSALS

STUDENTS MUST ARRIVE AT 3:00 PM.

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT ATTEND DRESS REHEARSAL WILL NOT BE IN THE RECITAL.

Please make arrangements to have students at the mandatory dress rehearsals **at 3:00 P.M.** Look for assigned dressing rooms for each class. Each class will be told on parent week which performance they are in. **DRESS REHEARSALS ARE June 21-22-23**

Students should bring all costumes, tights, dance shoes and stage makeup to rehearsals. Dress rehearsal is the time when students will become confident and comfortable before the performance. It is also the only opportunity for students to watch the other performers. There will be food and drink concessions during rehearsals.

DRESS REHEARSALS ARE OPEN TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS – NO GUESTS

THREE RECITALS – JUNE 24th

**MORNING SHOW – 11:00 AM;
AFTERNOON SHOW – 2:00 PM;
EVENING SHOW – 7:00 PM**

Students must report to dressing rooms 45 minutes prior to their performance.

During recital, students remain in the dressing area (under supervision) throughout the performance including intermission. (The 11:00 show will be short with NO intermission.) For the security of your students, No one is allowed in the dressing room area except for designated volunteers. During the performance, all audience members should remain in seats.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW AND GRAND FINALE CURTAIN CALL!!

HAIR, MAKEUP, & ACCESSORIES

All students within a class must look uniform in photos and dress rehearsals and performances. **MAKEUP MUST BE PURCHASED AT THE OFFICE SO ALL STUDENTS ARE ALIKE. STUDENT'S HAIR MUST BE UNIFORM WITHIN CLASS.** Students may not wear nail polish. The only jewelry that can be worn is what goes with costume. Nothing can be in hair except what goes with costumes. Teachers will go over specific jewelry, hairstyle and makeup for each class.

Most classes received new performance tights with their costumes. Check the size before opening packages. **Tights can only be exchanged before opening.** Extra tights are also available. Uniformity within each class is imperative. All dance shoes must be clean. Strings on ballet slippers must be tucked in for photos and performances. Students should also have extra bobby pins and safety pins at all times. If you have specific questions about costumes or accessories, please see the teacher of the class.

- **BE SURE TO HAVE ALL ACCESSORIES PRIOR TO PICTURE DAY!**
- **BE SURE STUDENT'S NAME IS IN ALL PARTS TO ALL COSTUMES AND ALSO IN SHOES.**
- **LAST DAY TO ORDER NEW SHOES THROUGH THE STUDIO IS MAY 6th.**

RECITAL PROGRAM ADS

There is a separate flier with information regarding advertising in the recital program. This is a great memory book! You may choose to have student photos or a message to your student in the souvenir program. They can be sponsored by local businesses or friends and relatives. Group photos may be submitted and can be sponsored by parents or businesses. **Please use one form per ad submitted.**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PHOTOS, ADS, OR MESSAGES FOR THE PROGRAM BOOK IS SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

are needed to make Showtime 2017 a success. We need **CLASS MOTHERS** to supervise students at rehearsal and throughout the performance in dressing rooms; enforce safety rules, keep all students from class together and ready to perform. This is one of the most important jobs!!

SOUVENIR T-SHIRTS

to commemorate Showtime 2017 can be ordered now. There is an order form attached. All orders must be turned in to the office no later than May 6th. Do not be left out. Order your shirt today. There will be no additional shirts on sale at the recital.

RECITAL TICKETS

ALL PEOPLE OCCUPYING A SEAT MUST HAVE A TICKET.

Students may attend the performance that they are NOT in at no charge, but they will need a student ticket. During recital, students remain in their dressing rooms throughout the performance. On recital day, ticket holders will be admitted one half hour prior to show time.

FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE TWO TICKETS PER PRE-PAID RECITAL FEE. These tickets will NOT be available at the door on the day of the show. They must be picked up at the studio in June.

RECITAL TICKETS WILL BE \$20.00 EACH. They may be purchased at the dance studio in June by credit card or cash. They will also be available during rehearsals and recitals at the high school but must be paid by cash only.

RECITAL VIDEOS

NO CAMERAS, CELL PHONES, IPADS, OR OTHER VIDEO EQUIPMENT ARE PERMITTED DURING THE ACTUAL RECITAL!!

Parents may record videos and/or take photos during dress rehearsal only!! During the performances, it is extremely distracting and disrespectful to performers and audience members to have cameras in the auditorium. It is also for SECURITY REASONS. You do not know where a video or picture of your child could show up unauthorized if it is randomly taken by someone else. **Please cooperate!** The performances will be professionally recorded. You can order Dvd's or blue rays of each performance. More Details will be coming from the videographer.

SHOWTIME 2017

We sincerely hope you enjoy the students in Showtime 2017. Please invite your friends to come and enjoy our production. If you know any alumni students or any interested prospective students, please let them know the dates of our show. If you have any questions about rehearsal and recital week, do not hesitate to ask. We would like everything clear in advance so there is no confusion during recital week. Additional information will be on bulletin boards and our website – chriscollinsdance.com

You are reminded that **dress rehearsal is mandatory!** It is the time for students to gain confidence and parents to take photos. It may seem a little crazy if this is your first long rehearsal, but, we trust you will enjoy the final production.

Parents are reminded of good theater etiquette that they can observe and pass on to their children. Remain quietly seated while any performers are on stage. Have the same respect for each performer as you would like others to have for your student. We would like this to be a memorable event for all!

At Chris Collins Dance Studio, we are Proud of our Past; Excited for our Future!

If you have any questions after reading the newsletter, please email chris@chriscollinsdance.com

SUMMER 2017

DANCE CLASSES

Dance classes will be offered for new and continuing students of all ages July 5 – August 10. Registration can be done online or in person. There is no registration fee for continuing students.

Please let your friends know about our summer classes. If you have any questions about summer or fall classes, or, about our dance company, please Email - chris@chriscollinsdance.com

DANCE CAMPS – JULY 10-14

PRINCESS CAMP

Open to Princes and Princesses Ages – 3-7
9:30-12:30
Cost \$150.00

Calling all princesses - and princes, too! Join us for a week of royal fun! Dancing, tea parties, themed snacks, art and crafts and sing-a-longs! Princesses will receive a tiara, wand and tutu. Princes will receive a sash, crown and sword.

Register online or at the office - space is limited. Whether your student loves Anna, Elsa, Moana, Belle, or any other Princess, they will love camp week! On the last day, there will be a small performance for parents.



I LOVE NEW YORK CAMP

Open to girls and boys 7-12
9:30-3:30
Cost \$250.00

Experience the magic of New York City Through dance, we will explore the Lights of Broadway, New York City ballet, Fashion Week and so much more! Please bring a lunch with you each day. A snack will be provided. Register online or at the office - space is limited. On the last day there will be a mini performance.



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SHOWTIME 2017 T-SHIRT ORDER FORM



\$24.00

SAMPLE: Actual design will reflect the theme of the recital.

There will be no shirts on sale at the recital this year. You must pre-order shirts!

Specify style, size and quantity.

	Youth Sizes				Adult Sizes				
	S	M	L	XL	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Crew Neck									

Total shirts ordered: _____ x \$24.00 = \$ _____ enclosed.

Student's name: _____

Phone: _____

Class day and time: _____

shirt(s) will be delivered prior to recital in class on the day of the week you specify.

Orders must be received by Saturday, April 29.

The CHRIS COLLINS DANCERS will present their annual SHOWTIME production in June. We invite you to support this production by purchasing an Ad in our souvenir program book. If you are able to help, please follow the steps below and return these forms and payment to the Studio Office no later than **APRIL 29, 2017**. After the deadline, a \$25 late fee will be applied, pending availability.

Name: _____ Email: _____

AD SIZE: Cover Page Full Page Half Page Qtr Page (circle preference: portrait or landscape*) Eighth Page

CREATE MY AD. (Print legibly, or submit text via email to program@chriscollinsdance.com.)

Dancer's Name: _____

Message: _____

Photo Choice (check one):

I will use my own photo. **NO LATE PHOTOS ACCEPTED!!!!**

Print: Submit the photo with the with the Ad Order Form. Write dancer's name on back of photo.

Digital: • Submit a cd with the order form. Write dancer's name on CD; or

• **Preferred!** Email file (or link to file) to program@chriscollinsdance.com. Include dancer's name and ad size in email. Please see ad specs on the back of this page for optimal *minimum* digital photo sizes. Photos taken on phones should be emailed at "actual" or maximum size. Basically, bigger is better!

I will use a professional photo taken at the studio during photo week (must be taken Tuesday–Thursday).

Dance Style: _____ Routine Name: _____

Costume Description & Color: _____

I agree that if my selection is not photographed, CCDS will choose a professional photo for my ad. I understand that CCDS will make their best effort to select a photo. I will not hold CCDS responsible for their choice or any errors in the choice, and I will be happy with whatever photo is put in my ad.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I WILL SUPPLY AD as a PDF or jpeg. (See back for ad dimensions.)

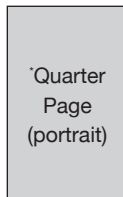
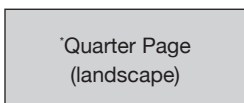
• Submit a CD or email file to program@chriscollinsdance.com. Include dancer's name and ad size in email.

• For best results, when converting a file to PDF, use the "Press Quality" preset.

• Jpegs should be grayscale, minimum 300ppi at 100%. (Anything lower may appear blurry or bitmapped when printed.)

• Photos used in ads that are converted to PDFs should be minimum 300ppi at 100%. (Anything lower may appear blurry or bitmapped when printed.)

• All photos (for anything except cover ads) must be converted to grayscale.



Ad Size/Type	Cost	Subtotal
Cover Page	\$185.00	_____
Final approval by CCDS		
Full Page	\$160.00	_____
Half Page	\$110.00	_____
Quarter Page	\$55.00	_____
Eighth Page	\$30.00	_____
Additional Photo(s)	\$10.00	_____ each
Total		_____

OFFICE USE ONLY
Name of Student Selling Ad: _____
Amount Paid \$ _____ MOP _____ Date _____ No. of Photos Received _____

Chris Collins Dancers Showtime 2017 Program Ad Sizes

All sizes are width x height

QUARTER PAGE (PORTRAIT)

- 2½x4 inches
- Qtr page landscape = 5x2 inches
- \$55, includes one photo
- Add'l photos \$10 each
- For best results, digital photos should be 800x1200 pixels

EIGHTH PAGE

- 2½x2 inches
- \$30
- No photo

EIGHTH PAGE

- 2½x2 inches
- \$30, one small photo (600x600 pixels), minimal text

FULL PAGE AD

- 5x8 inches
- \$160
- Includes one photo
- Add'l photos \$10 each
- For best results, digital photos should be 1600x2400 pixels

FULL PAGE COVER AD

- 5x8 inches
- \$185
- Full color
- Includes one photo
- Add'l photos \$10 each
- For best results, digital photos should be 1600x2400 pixels
- Appears on inside front or back cover, or back cover
- Requires final approval from CCDS

HALF PAGE

- 5x4 inches
- \$110, includes one photo
- Add'l photos \$10 each
- For best results, digital photos should be 1200x1600 pixels

Getting Started Is As Easy As 123

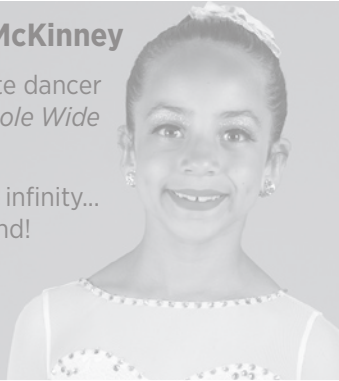
1. Download DJCalendar V5.x!
2. Install
3. Try It For Free!



Amina McKinney

My favorite dancer in the *Whole Wide World*.

I love you infinity... and beyond!



Sofia and Alexander Myers



I'm so proud of my tiny dancers!

Love, Mom

Erica A. Glover and Orfa Barrios



Congratulations on your 1st tap solo! Everyone knows your name! Congratulations on your 1st duet together! Our talented twins!
Love, the Brown Glover families

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Showtime 2017 "SHOUT OUTS" Order Form

Send a shout out to your favorite dancer, a parent who helped with eyelashes, a dance teacher.

\$2 per line (40 characters). Print your booster lines below or email your shout outs to program@chriscollinsdance.com. One character or space per box.

(If you send via email, many word-processing programs will give you an accurate character count.)

SAMPLE SHOUT OUTS:

38 characters (\$2): Thank you BRIDGETT 4 being you ♥ Kellys

57 characters (\$4): EVIE, keep being awesome. I ♥ you, best BFF ever. ♥ Amina

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_____ lines x \$2 = \$ _____ (total)

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