

PRAIRIE SCHOOL OF DANCE

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~DANCE COMPANY INFORMATION~ 2011-2012

We are delighted to continue offering our advanced dancers the opportunity to experience a pre-professional dance environment, where they will be challenged to learn choreography quickly and perform with excellence.

The dance companies have been designed to be student and family friendly and allow dancers to experiment with different dance techniques throughout the year.

- The companies will run in six to ten week blocks, to allow students to accommodate their other commitments such as school, church, sports, and family.
- There will be no additional costume fees. The dance studio will provide costuming. The only additional cost will be pink seamed tights for the Ballet Company members.
- All Performing Arts dancers are welcome to attend the auditions.
- Please note that company rehearsal attendance is very important since they are isolated to short 4-10 week sessions. In one rehearsal, a large amount of choreography will be taught. A single dancers' absence at rehearsal slows down the choreographer, the other dancers in the cast, and most obviously, the student that is absent. For this reason, if you will miss more than 1 rehearsal, you will be given the option to understudy or have an apprenticeship role dependent upon the specific dance company.

This dance year we are offering four dance companies; Tap, Ballet, Sacred Dance, & Cathedral Company.

We are very excited about the many new experiences being offered!

- *Tap Company* is a fantastic opportunity for students especially in Levels 5&6 to keep-up their tapping skills and perform in the Rotunda at the Mall of America in celebration of National Tap Dance Day with Miss Isla!
- *Ballet Company* will be another beautiful creation of Miss Allison Doughty Marquesen.
- *Sacred Dance Company* will be creating and performing Miss Mallory Dykema's "Psalm 139" in December. It will also tour to 1 or 2 sacred spaces locally in the winter/spring 2012.
- *Cathedral Company* is for our most advanced students to perform in an exclusive ensemble with their professional teachers. This company will begin in the Fall and will be performing at various venues in the community.

Please read the back of this page for more information relating to specific dance companies.

This is our fifth year of offering the dance company experience at Prairie School of Dance. We have learned a lot and will continue to work hard to ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible and ask that staff and families exercise grace and patience with the organization and communication of company rehearsals, dress rehearsals, performances, etc.

We will have more details and additional performing opportunities in the coming months.

Thank you,

Sarah Linner Quie

Executive Director

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SACRED COMPANY ~ PSALM 139

w/ Mallory Dykema

Audition: Saturday, Sept. 24 3:00 – 5:00pm
Rehearsals: Saturdays 3:00 – 6:00pm ~ Oct. 8, 15, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19
Dress Rehearsal: Friday, Dec.9 4:00 – 9:00pm @ Grace Church Choir Room
Performances: Psalm 139 Show ~ Dec.10 at 5:00pm @ Grace Church Choir Room
Performing Arts Showcase ~ March 10th 2012 @ EPHS Auditorium (excerpts)
3rd Location - TBD

BALLET COMPANY*

w/ Allison Doughty Marquesen

Audition: Saturday, Jan. 14th 2012 3:00 – 5:30pm
Rehearsals: Saturdays 3:00 – 5:30pm
Jan. 14, 21, Feb. 4, 11, 25, March 3
(some additional rehearsals may be scheduled during Cathedral Co. rehearsal time Thursdays 8:15 – 9:15pm.)
Performances: Performing Arts Showcase ~ March 10th at 7:30pm @ EPHS Auditorium
“Sharing & Serving” ~ March 17th @ 1:00pm @ Summit Place in Eden Prairie
Spring Dance Recitals ~ June 3rd 2012 @ EPHS Performing Arts Center (PAC)

*All dancers chosen for the Ballet Companies will be REQUIRED to attend two ballet classes per week; one must be an advanced technique class. While this company is for Prairie School of Dance more experienced dancers, apprentices will be chosen and may understudy some company members. All Performing Arts ballet dancers who are interested in advancing their technique are welcome to audition. Ballet Company dancers will need to purchase pink seamed tights.

TAP COMPANY

w/ Isla Katz

Audition: Saturday, April 14th 2012 3:00 – 5:00pm
Rehearsals: Saturdays 3:00 – 5:00pm ~ April 14, 21(photo day), 28, May 5,12,19,26
Performances: National Tap Dance Day w/ Keane Sense of Rhythm ~ May 27 2012 @ Mall of America Rotunda
Spring Dance Recitals ~ June 3rd 2012 @ EPHS PAC

CATHEDRAL COMPANY

w/ various teachers & choreographers

Audition: Invitation Only.
Rehearsals: Thursdays 8:15 - 9:15pm
Sept. 15 – Dec. 15 – Sacred “Psalm 139” w/ Mallory Dykema
Jan. – Ballet Company w/ Allison Doughty Marquesen (in conjunction with Saturday rehearsals)
Feb. – TBD
March & April – TBD
May – rehearse various pieces
Performance: *Details on more venues & dates to come!*
Inter-Faith Service ~ November 20th 2011 @ Pax Christi
Psalm 139 ~ Dec. 9&10 @ Grace Church Choir Room
Christmas Show ~ Dec. 17 @ PLC
Performing Arts Showcase ~ March 10th 2012 @ EPHS Auditorium
“Sharing & Serving” – March 17th 2012 @ Summit Place
Spring Dance Recitals – June 2,3 2012 @ EPHS PAC

All Company Rehearsals will be held at Prairie Lutheran Church (PLC).

COST PER DANCER/PER COMPANY:

Sacred - \$95.00 Ballet - \$75.00 Tap - \$95.00 Cathedral - Tuition (year-long commitment)

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~ SPECIALTY CLASSES & EVENTS ~ 2011-2012

DADS & DAUGHTERS

w/ Jenna Ely

- Register: Session 1: register by Sept. 19th 2011
Session 2: register by Dec. 17th 2011
- Rehearsals: Fridays 6:00 - 7:00pm @ PLC
Session 1: Oct. 14, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, 16
Session 2: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, March 2, May 18, June 1
- Performance: Session 1 dancers: Christmas Show, Saturday, Dec. 10th @ PLC
Session 2 dancers: Performing Arts Showcase ~ March 10th @ EPHS, Dress Rehearsal March 9th @ EPHS
& Spring Dance Recitals ~ June 3rd @ EPHS, Dress Rehearsal June 2nd @ EPHS
- Cost: \$150/session/couple

This class is for dads and daughters ages 7-18. If enrollment is large, class will be split into 2 classes based off of dancers' age. Join us for 8 weeks of dancing and bonding with your friends and dads! Each session ends with a performance. You are welcome to register and take both sessions.

BALLROOM – ADULT & TEENS

w/ Troy Lerum

- Register: Register by Dec. 17th 2011
- Class: Fridays 7:00 - 8:00pm @ Prairie
Jan. 13, 20, 27 2012
- Cost: 3 week session: \$80/couple
Single lessons: \$30/couple, \$18/individual
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CHRISTMAS SHOW & PARTY

- Event Date: Saturday, December 17th 2011 @ 5:00pm @ PLC
- Performers: Selected classes and Specialty classes (dads & daughters, sacred dance) will perform.
Musical theater classes will be the emcees, speakers, and singers.
- Cost: Free.
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ETIQUETTE DINNER

- Event Date: Winter 2012 – date TBD
- Join us for a fun evening of dinner party etiquette and manners. Dinner will be served. Attire will be fancy! Details coming!