



JANUARY 2010



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

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Two Locations To Serve you better!

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Monday, January 11th

Ad Sales Kick Off

We are kicking off our annual ad campaign on January 11, 2010. The student that contributes the most donations will be crowned Mr. or Ms. Academy of the Arts 2010 at our annual Spring Recital! All ad sales will be due Sat, March 20th by 2:30 pm. All Ads must be submitted electronically through e-mail or on a disk. Further information will be provided in an ad packet.

Monday, January 18th

Studio Closed

The studios will be closed on Monday, Jan 18th in observance of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Monday, January 18th

Hosea Feed the Hungry

Trendsetters Dance Company will be performing at Hosea

Feed the Hungry at Turner Field on January 18th.

Saturday, January 30th

Etiquette Workshop

Ms. Susan McGhee will host an Etiquette Workshop for ages 4 & up on Saturday, January 30th from 2-4 pm at the Stone Mountain Studio. The cost of the workshop is \$15. Please sign up at the front desk.

Saturday, January 23rd

Parent Meeting

There will be a parent meeting on Saturday, January 23rd to discuss upcoming events and recital information. Conyers Studio will meet at 11:00 am. Stone Mountain Studio will meet at 2:30 pm.

Saturday, February 6th

Recital Fees Due!

Recital Fees are due on Sat, February 6th!

This fee is separate from your child's costume fee! The fee is \$75 for the 1st Child, \$65 for the 2nd Child, and \$35 for a 3rd child. The Recital fee includes 2 tickets, a program book, and a trophy per child.

February 2010

Alvin Ailey Dance Theater is Coming to Town!

Alvin Ailey Dance Theater will be performing in Atlanta at the Fox Theatre Thurs, Feb 18th through Sun, Feb 21st. Tickets will be available for purchase at the front desk. We will also be hosting our annual workshop with members from Alvin Ailey Dance Theater. The day/time of the workshop is currently TBA, and will be announced as soon as possible. Please check with the front desk to get more details.



DANCE HISTORY: JANET COLLINS

Janet Fay Collins was born in New Orleans on March 2, 1917. Her family moved to Los Angeles in 1921, where at the age of ten she enrolled in her first dance class at the Catholic Community Center. During her high school years, Collins performed as an adagio dancer in vaudeville bookings. Collins was also a talented artist and she became an art major at Los Angeles City College, later transferring to the Los Angeles Art Center School when she received a scholarship, but she continued to study dance. In 1940 she became the principal dancer for the Los Angeles musical theater productions of Run Little Chillun and The Mikado in Swing. Collins also performed with the companies of Lester Horton and Katherine Dunham. In 1945 Collins received a Julius Rosenwald Fellowship of \$1,800 that enabled her to study at the San Francisco School of Ballet and to begin working on her own choreography. She arrived in New York City in 1949 and after performing in this production with the 92nd Street YMHA, Collins was named in the May 1949 Dance Magazine "The Most Outstanding Debutante of the Season."

In 1951, after being named Young Woman of the Year" by Mademoiselle magazine, Janet Collins became the first African American Prima Ballerina to perform at the Metropolitan Opera in NY, NY. In 1954 Collins changed the direction of her life, to focus on teaching. She taught at the School of American Ballet in New York City and at the St. Joseph's School for the Deaf in the Bronx. Janet Collins died on May 28, 2003 at the age of 86. She was a pioneer for all dancers, and is known as a "spirit that knew no bounds."



Studio News

Recital 2010

Academy of the Arts is excited to announce its' 13th Annual Recital Date on Saturday and Sunday, May 15th and 16th, 2010. The Recital will take place at Shiloh High School Theater.

Dress Code/ Late Policy

Please make sure your children are properly dressed and on time for class. This includes proper leotard/uniform, tights, and shoes. If you have questions about our dress code, please ask for our dress code policy at the front desk. All students that are not properly dressed and are more than 10 minutes late to class will be required to watch class

only. Please remember you can only have 4 unexcused absences from now until May if you wish to participate in the 2010 Spring Recital.

Tuition Payments

Parents, please make sure your account is current. All account balances must be paid in full for students to continue classes.

Report Cards

Please turn in a copy of your child's report card, so that they can be acknowledged in the Recital Program at the end of the year.

Costume Fees

Costume Fee payments are now past due and are subject to a \$10

late fee per costume. If you want your child to participate in the Spring Recital, please make these payments promptly at the front desk.

Classes

Please check with the front desk to make sure your child is enrolled in the right classes in our system. This will help us prepare for our annual recital.

Referral Special January 2010

For the Month of January, we will run a referral special, that for every person a current client refers and registers, the current client will receive \$10 toward their recital fee! Referral special ends January 31, 2010.

"Dance is the poetic baring of the soul through motion."

Scott Nilsson

Happy Birthday

- Vernel Brim
- Allison Bynoe
- Rachelle Clark
- Madisyn Gaither
- Taquice Gumbs
- Jayla Harris
- Taylor Hawthorne
- Asha Jones
- Ariel Matthews
- Olivia Mckenzie
- Jayla Moye
- Gabrielle Myrick
- Sydney Palmer



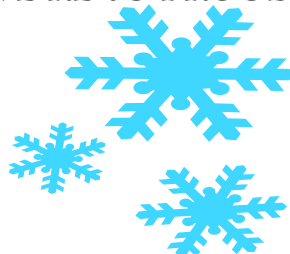
Don't forget to pick up your cupcake after class from the front desk staff!

- Cydnei Prather
- Bria Pugh
- Nicolette Rumph
- Isabella Smalls
- Jaida Smith
- Alvianna Uso
- Jade Washington
- Jordan West
- Raven Wheeler
- Sydney Worthy



KUDOS!!! WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!!!!

Congratulations to the Cast of "Making Spirits Bright" on a Wonderful Production!



Thank you to all Parent Volunteers who assisted with the holiday production, "Making Spirits Bright."