

The P★D Press

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Welcome to Priscilla & Dana's!

We are ready to kick off our 40th year in Gladstone!

The staff of P&D is so excited for another fun-filled year. We hope you enjoy the first issue of our new monthly newsletter, "The PD Press." In the newsletter, we will give you reminders of upcoming events, feature current students, highlight P&D alumni, and much more! If you have an idea for an article in an upcoming issue, please email pdinfo@priscillaanddanas.net

Beth Snyder Benak Joins P&D Staff

We are pleased to announce the addition of Beth Snyder Benak to our staff. Miss Beth has extensive training in tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical and tumbling, and operated her own dance studio in Kansas for over ten years. Before owning her own studio, she lived in San Diego, California and was the chosen dance instructor for children of the Navy. Beth is originally from the area and was a cheerleader at the University of Kansas.

Beth's students have performed at Starlight Theater, Shawnee Mission Theater in the Park, and trained with companies such as Alvin Ailey. One student performed a tap solo choreographed by Beth on the television show "Showtime at the Apollo" in New York City.

Beth specializes in teaching young children, and will be instructing a variety of classes for students age 3-12.

PriscillaandDanas.net now online

Our new website looks fantastic! Thanks to P&D dad Jon Castleman for all his hard work! The site has all the latest info on P&D and will help answer questions you may have regarding tuition, schedule, etc. Plus, you can email us straight from the site if you need assistance.

And, just for fun, see Priscilla in action by clicking on her picture on the staff page.

P&D Named One of the Top 25 Studios in the Nation and Wins FDC Excellence Award

The Federation of Dance Competitions (FDC) recently named P&D one of the top 25 studios in the nation. In addition, P&D earned the FDC Excellence Award at Showbiz Nationals by placing the highest of any studio at all awards ceremonies combined. Both are very prestigious honors, and P&D congratulates all dancers, teachers and parents! To read more on the FDC, visit: thedancersfederation.com



*"Dance is music made visible."
George Balanchine*

Dancewear & Dance Shoe Sale

Join us for "Costume Fest," which is our annual sale of new and gently used costumes, dancewear and dance shoes. This is a great way to get all your dance essentials at fantastic prices! Check out the sale on September 26 from 9 am – 7pm and September 27 from 9 am – 11 am. Don't miss it!



Teacher Feature – Stephanie Ruch



Congratulations to P&D Teacher Stephanie Ruch who was recently asked by Sonya Tayeh to dance in her upcoming show! The show will take place November 6 & 7 at the El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood, California. You may remember Sonya from SYTYCD this season, when she choreographed routines such as “The Garden.”

Stephanie began her training with P&D at just 3 years old. She is a graduate of UMKC Conservatory of Music & Dance with a BFA in Dance Performance. When not assisting and traveling with modern choreographer Chris Jacobsen, she teaches modern, jazz, ballet, and hip-hop at P&D. Stephanie has also worked with Seamless Dance Theatre and Wylliams Henry Dance Theatre. Best of luck to Steph, and we will see you at P&D in Mid-November!

Attention Sports Fans!

Watch for P&D dancers at football games around the area this fall! We are so proud to have students on dance teams at 16 different local high schools, as well as several universities including MU and KU. For a full listing, go to: priscillaanddanas.net/news



Happy Birthday to You!

Best Wishes to our September Birthdays!

Sam Alber
Blair Baymiller
Hanna Black
Hannah Doherty
Rosaria Greenberg
Kayla Keesling
Alexa Monaco
Steevie Oitker
Nicki Ragusa
Ella Randolph
Gabrielle Schultz
Emma Scott
Karaleisa Rice
Keegan Ward
Courtney Yount

Delaney Baker
Sofia Berman
Kelsey Buehler
Lacey Gasaway
Shannon Horton
Amelia Maguire
Alina Monaco
Alex Olson



Congratulations to P&D alumni B.J. Cox who was chosen as a dancer for the Cheetah Girls Tour! The show comes to the Sprint Center December 9th!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COSTUME, DANCEWEAR & DANCE SHOE SALE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 9AM – 7PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 9AM- 11AM
HELD AT PRISCILLA & DANA’S SCHOOL OF DANCE
Come get all your dance essentials at fantastic prices!

FALL WATCH WEEK

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7
DURING YOUR DANCER’S NORMAL CLASS
Parents are invited to observe classes during this time. No

Tuition Reminder:
Tuition is due by September 10th.
The yearly rate is not available after September 10th.

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