

RISING STAR ACADEMY OF ARTS

THE STAR
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www.risingstaracademy.ca

Welcome to Rising Star! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students to Rising Star Academy of Arts and welcome back our returning students. We have an exciting year planned for 2011-2012 so please watch the bulletin boards and check your email and the website for important information. We would like to welcome and introduce you to our Dance & Music Faculty. Their pictures will be posted in the lobby soon.

Dance Faculty

Crystal Tkach - *Tap, Jazz, Ballet & Lyrical* • Caitlin Quigley - *Jazz, Hip Hop & Lyrical* • Ashley Wolfe - *Irish M'Liss Bunting - Highland* • Cailea Swinski - *Dance for 2, Creative, Hip Hop* • Kami Desilets - *Musical Theatre*
Karine Craig - *Hip Hop & Tap* • Victoria Banman - *Pre-dance 1 & 2, Jazz, Tap & Hip Hop* • Amy Cassell - *Acro*
Sam Hrabí - *Jazz & Hip Hop* • Nghiem Le - *Breakdance* • Heather Madill Jordan - *Song and Dance & Musical Theatre*

Music Faculty

Peter Vander Hout - *guitar, piano, wind & brass instruments* • Clayton Halverson - *guitar, bass & drums*
Bob Kostuchuk - *drums* • Heather Madill Jordan - *vocal* • Elena Plotnikova - *vocal & piano* • Jackie Shaw - *vocal*

Customer Service

Wendy Rindall • Cathy Leahy • Sam Hrabí • Liz Greenaway - Office Manager

Please Note!

Several students at Rising Star Academy of Arts have life-threatening peanut allergies. Please be considerate and do not bring peanuts or peanut products into the studios.

All Academy communication is done via email. Please check our upgraded website and watch your email regularly for current events and notes.

Observation Week

Come and join us for Rising Star's Dance Observation weeks, which will be held October 15 - 28, 2011. Watch for a email and check the website for your child's specific schedule. Cameras ARE allowed, but we ask that NO street shoes, food or beverages be brought into the studios.

We value your input! If you have any questions or concerns about your child's (or your own) classes, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's (or your own) teacher, the office manager Miss Liz or the Artistic Director, Miss Allison. (Any discussions will be strictly confidential)

Just a reminder

Please remember to remove your outdoor footwear and place them on the front shelves. This helps to keep the hallway clear and protects our specialty dance floors.

Upgrades Over the Summer!



The construction of the music centre is almost complete and classes are running. We have two music rooms functional and the third should be done mid-October. The music center is located just down the hall from the dance centre across from the vet. The paper on the windows will be coming down shortly, so come for a visit and check it out soon. Keep an eye out for our new window murals and updated signage coming soon.

We were very busy this summer with new paint & pictures at the dance centre. A special thanks to Lorraine Swanson - Pixart Design for the fantastic pictures.

Please check out our new webpage - www.risingstaracademy.ca with links to both the music and dance centre.

Office Hours:

Mon.	2:00 - 9:30
Tues.	2:00 - 9:30
Wed.	2:00 - 9:30
Thur.	2:00 - 9:30
Fri.	2:00 - 8:30
Sat.	9:30 - 5:30
Sun.	NO desk service

Additional Performance Opportunities

Rising Star is holding Auditions for duos & trios to compete in local competitions and the Manitoba Provincial Dance Festival. **These auditions will be held Sunday, October 16/11.** Sign up sheet is available on the front bulletin board by the front desk.

Students must have 2 or more years experience in the dance discipline that they are auditioning in and to be considered for Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical or Irish you must be taking one or more ballet classes. Hip Hop & Tap you must be taking one or more classes in that discipline or other dance classes.

Students interested in a solo must approach a coach/teacher of your choice before October 15 (solo spots are limited)

Production Number requires a large number of dancers of all ages and abilities so if you are interested there is a sign up sheet at the front desk. We need a minimum of 26 dancers and rehearsals will be on Sundays.

Any questions please contact Miss Liz or Miss Allison.

We are excited to offer these performance opportunities to all our students.

Rising Star Academy of Arts - S.T.A.R Program

Rising Star is looking for enthusiastic, energetic and responsible young people to join our free STAR (student teacher apprentice roster) training program

- Opportunity to assist a teacher in a classroom setting on a weekly basis.
- You will receive free workshops throughout the year to advance your training
- Added performance opportunities on stage with pre-school classes at recital
- Volunteer hours needed for school credit can be obtained this way

Please contact Miss Liz at the desk for further information and scheduling options.

What is PDT?

PDT Corner

Performance Dance Teams are open by audition for ages 6 & up. Dancers can be part of a team that does Tap, Jazz & Ballet or they can chose to specialize on one of our Hip Hop, Musical Theatre or Irish Teams. Some dancers chose to be on more than one team, but still must audition for each. Our Performance Dance Teams represent Rising Star Academy of Arts at local competitions and festivals as well as community events. If you are interested in joining a Performance Dance Team, please speak to Miss Liz or Miss Allison as private auditions can be arranged.

JUST DANCE!

WINNIPEG'S DANCE OFF FOR CHILD HEALTH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Join Dr. Goodbear and his back up dancers - featuring our very own Sam H and Alex B for a 12 hour dance marathon to raise funds for the Children's Hospital Foundation
Register online at <http://www.goodbear.mb.ca/>

And Join Our Team!

Wristbands available at the front desk for \$2.00

Spring Revue takes place
Friday March 2, 2012

5-6-7-8 Showtime takes place
March 9-11, 2012.

Canadian Nationals take place
April 24-29, 2012.

MB Dance Festival is held
May 12-25, 2012.

Lost & Found

If you or your child is missing articles please come and check our lost and found. To avoid having any more lost articles please label all your child's (and your) articles, and leave your valuables at home.

Dance like no one is watching...





Music Notes

A warm welcome to all our music students. There will be two music recitals this year. Our winter concert will be held in late January. Date, time & location will be advised at a later date. The year end recital will be held in mid June; again details to follow.

Music books for purchase are available at the front desk of the dance centre. If there are any concerns with the music centre facilities please come down to front desk and let us know.

We will be accepting music students throughout the year. See the front desk if you or your child are interested.

When it seems that dance or music is taking up too much time or costing too much money, we ask you to realize that arts education gives your child so much. The kids who participate in music and dance are off the street and focused on an art form that can only make them better people. Usually they are very smart kids who understand what hard work and determination are all about. Through the arts they learn skills that will get them into a good college or land that job that will make you burst with pride! Importantly, they are not the kids that we hear about on the news doing the things that shock us to the core. We say congratulations on being able to give these opportunities to your child!

"Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance. Great dancers are not great because of their technique, they are great because of their passion"
- Martha Graham

Ballet Bun Making 101

Moms and Dads! Do you need to learn how to make a hair bun that won't fall out? Check out the link on our webpage to a video with step by step instructions. If after watching the video you still have concerns, please see Miss Liz or Miss Crystal for additional help.



Summer Dance Camp

Rising Star had a great summer dance camp in August. Our younger students, ages 3 - 6 years old participated in themed dance days and made new friends, while students aged 7 -11 danced all afternoon trying Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre, Highland & Lyrical. Senior students put in a full day of dancing and intensive strengthening to get back in shape for the fall dance season.

Watch for new Music & Dance Camps next summer!

Dance is Music made visible.

Wondering What To Do With Your Old Costumes?

Rising Star Academy of Arts will be happy to take them off your hands!! If you have old records, tapes, CD's, and costumes that you don't want cluttering up your house, and would like to donate them, we would gratefully accept them!

Highland Highlites, Movie Madness & TV Tidbits

- Amanda B travelled to Antigonish, Nova Scotia this summer to participate in the Scot Dance Canada Championships. Amanda placed 4th overall for her performances in the Village Maid and the Blue Bonnet.
- Folklorama was a very hot week in August. Performing at the Scottish Pavilion were Amanda B, Hailey F, and Katelyn S.
- Congratulations to Meisha M and Hannah M who were cast in the American Girl movie that filmed in Winnipeg this summer.
- Alex B was cast as an extra in Class Project which filmed in August at Tech-Voc.
- Miss Kami, Miss Crystal and Miss Liz took part in a Dance Off at the Forks on September 15 as part of the media launch for JUST DANCE Winnipeg's Dance Off for Child Health.
- Miss Kami & Miss Heather performed at the Fringe Festival this summer.



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2011-2012 Calendar

PHONE US AT 669-2369

Friday, October 7	Triple Threat sign up deadline
Monday, October 10	Thanksgiving - <u>NO CLASSES!</u>
Friday, October 14	Recital Permission slips due for all Little Stars classes
Friday, October 14	Costume Deposit payments withdrawn
October 15-28	Parent Observation Weeks #1 - check schedule
Sunday, October 16	Duo & Trio Auditions - Time TBA
Sunday, October 30	PDT Information Meeting - 6:30 pm
Monday, October 31	Halloween - Pre-Dance 1/Jr Irish/Jr Ballet/Jr Jazz classes cancelled
November 5 & 6	Triple Threat Dance Convention - Winnipeg Convention Centre
Friday, November 11	Remembrance Day - CLASSES AS USUAL
Monday, November 14	PDT Costume Deposit #2 withdrawn (PDT students only)
Thursday, December 1	2nd Tuition Payment withdrawn
December 22 - January 8	Christmas Break (NO CLASSES) Last day of classes Wednesday Dec 21
Monday, January 9	Classes resume
January TBA	Winter Music Concert
February TBA	Remainder of Costume money due
February TBA	Spring Dance Revue tickets on sale (PDT students)
February TBA	Parent Observation Weeks # 2 (Little Stars dance classes only)
Monday, February 20	Louis Riel Day - CLASSES AS USUAL
Thursday, March 1	3rd Tuition Payment withdrawn
Friday, March 2	Spring Revue Show - St Boniface College - Time TBA (PDT performance)
March 9 - 11	5678 Showtime Competition - Pantages Playhouse Theatre
March 25 - April 1	Spring Break (NO CLASSES) last day of classes Saturday March 24
Monday, April 2	Classes Resume after Spring Break
Friday, April 6	Good Friday - <u>NO CLASSES!</u>
Saturday, April 14	Recital Tickets go on sale @ Noon via Ticketmaster
<u>SUNDAY</u> , April 15	Dance Recital pictures taken at the studio (Schedule to follow)
April 24 - 29	Canadian Nationals Dance Competition - Winnipeg Convention Centre
Sunday, April 29	International Dance Day
May 12 - 25	Manitoba Provincial Dance Festival - Pantages Playhouse Theatre
Monday, May 21	Victoria Day - NO CLASSES!
Saturday, May 26	Dress Rehearsal @ 10 am - 2 pm - Pantages Playhouse Theatre
Saturday, May 26	Dance Recital @ 7:00 pm - Pantages Playhouse Theatre
June TBA	Year End Music Concert