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# **BDC News**



## **March Madness!**

Competition season is finally upon us! All of our hard work will soon pay off as we head into this exciting time. An email has been sent with a full calendar for March with details for each day of the month. Remember that the studio will be closed for Spring Break March 24th -31st. Now that we get into our competition season things can become pretty hectic so please read your schedule very carefully. Schedules for competitions will be emailed as soon as they become available. It is the student's and or parents responsibility to make sure they double check all their dance times

for all solos, duets and groups. To make sure dancers are prepared for their performances please make sure they are practicing at home. Anyone who would like a copy of any of their music please bring a USB to the studio. We are so excited to be heading into competition season and would like to thank parents, students and instructors for all their hard work. Anyone who helped with making and hauling props or sewing an altering costumes, we could not have made it to competition without you! Best of luck to all of our dancers this season. We are already so proud of our incredible dance family!

#### Staff

#### **Bianca Brady**

Owner/Artistic Director, Jazz, Ballet, Tap, Stretch

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#### **Leanne Cameron**

Acro

#### **Taylor Gremm**

Sparkle & Shine, Tap

Chelsea Rubis

Sparkle & Shine, Hip Hop, Jazz

**Darlene Brady** 

Sparkle & Shine, 6 Week Saturday Camps

# **Top 5 Things to Remember for Festivals and Competitions**

#### 1. Arrive Early

Please arrive 1.5 hours early before your category starts for all Elite Company groups and duets and 1 hour early for Elite Company solos. If your child is in our Sparkle and Shine Program please arrive 1 hour early before your category starts. This will ensure you have enough time to properly stretch, rehearse, change into your costume and complete your hair and make-up. Competitions tend to run up to 30 min early because adjudication usually only happens 4 times per day so it is extremely important that you are there on time. If you are going to be running late please let your teacher know and it will be their decision if you will be able to compete that day.

#### 2. Appearance

Unity is important for competitive dance which is why we work so hard at perfecting our competition numbers. To ensure unity in group numbers we have set hair styles and make up that must be followed. All dancers need to make sure they wear their studio make up and have their hair in the studio style for every competition. All nail polish, gel nails, and piercings MUST BE REMOVED and all visible tattoos must be covered. Any braces, tensor bandages or KT tape must be beige or nude in color.

#### 3. Be Prepared

This includes arriving on time with EVERYTHING you need. All costumes, make up, dance shoes, tights, safety pins, stretch ropes, yoga mats, and anything else you can think of that should be brought with you. Please double check your bags before leaving for competition! Dressing rooms and rehearsal areas are open to all studios so please leave valuables at home. Teachers will have a copy of all music to rehearse with.

#### 4. Rehearsal Hall

This will always be the meeting point at every competition. When you arrive please DO NOT go looking for your instructor. If they are not in the rehearsal hall they are either backstage or unloading props. Pleases stretch and wait in the rehearsal hall until your instructor arrives. There are no cell phones or I pads allowed in the rehearsal hall! This is so students can focus and so they are not misplaced or taken. We ask that all parents leave the rehearsal area as soon as their dancer is dressed and ready. This is due to the overcrowding in the rehearsal area.

#### 5. Sportsmanship and Conduct

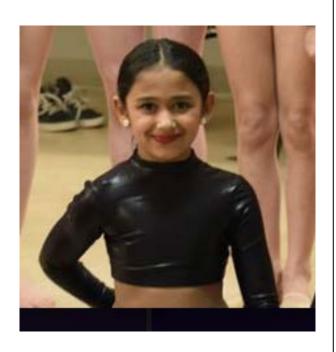
Please remember that when you attend competitions you are representing yourself as well as Bianca's Dance Company. This means showing respect and consideration to all dancers, parents, as well as studio and event staff. Also remember that the adjudicator's decisions are final and no dancer or parent should be heard making negative comments about other dancers or adjudicators decisions. Dancers should wear their BDC merchandise during adjudication to represent the studio and show team unity. Let's be supportive going into our competitions and remember...

### **Fees**

We still have outstanding fees that need to be cleared up as soon as possible. Any accounts with unpaid lesson, competition or costume fees will have late fees applied each month until the balance is paid. Any rhinestone earrings and prop fees have now been invoiced. These fees are visible in Jackrabbit and are due by March 30th. There will still be some additional costume fees applied to certain routines. These fees will be invoiced in Jackrabbit during Spring Break and any costume credits for under budget costumes will also be given at this time.

# Student of the Month

Our March student of the month is Nayana Jayasinghe! Nayana is in our Junior Elite Company, and this is her very 1st season dancing with BDC. Nayana works hard in every class and rehearsal and never gives less than her best. She is always practicing and loves learning new steps. We can't wait for Nayana to experience her first competition season with team BDC! Way to go Nayana, and congratulations on being our March student of the month.



## This Month's Events

# March 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Dance Power Competition**

- Our first competition of the year takes place at the Myer Horowitz Theatre in Edmonton.
- All Elite Company classes cancelled during this time.

## March 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **Daylight Savings**

- Remember to set your clock to go forward one hour!

# March 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

#### **Artists Emerge Competition**

- Our second competition of the year takes place at the Edmonton Expo Centre.
- All Elite Company classes cancelled during this time.

# March 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>

#### Spring Break - Studio Closed

 No regular classes or rehearsals during this time. Enjoy your break!

#### **FOBDC**

Thanks to everyone who supported pub night by donating items or attending the event. We hope everyone had tons of fun. The night was successful because of your support!

# Sparkle & Shine Page!

# Sparkle & Shine Student of the Month

Our March Sparkle & Shine student of the month is Madilyn Bennett! Madilyn is in our Sparkle Ballet Pink class and this is her very first year dancing with BDC. Madilyn started out the season as a shy and reluctant ballerina and is now the very first one to every class and the last one to leave. We love seeing how much she has grown to love dance. Way to go Madilyn, and congratulations on being our March student of the month.



# **Important Upcoming Events**

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