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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

(1) **Calendar:**

Mon. Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Day. YES, we WILL hold classes on this day. We will continue to hold dance classes on days where schools have 1/2 days, early-release days, teacher in-service days, etc.

From now through May, the only days that we will not hold dance classes is during Spring Break, March 26-April 1.

(2) **Spring Dance Recital:** Sat. May 19. Centennial High School Performing Arts Center (CPAC).

(3) **Idaho Stampede Basketball Game:** Sat. Jan. 21 @ Century link Arena, downtown Boise. Game at 7 pm. Our competition dance teams will perform pre-game and during half-time. Tickets sell for \$14 at the box office but you can order tickets through our teams for only \$10. Order before Jan. 18. See attached flyer.

(4) **Freeze Frame:** Sat. Jan. 28 @ Columbia High School, Nampa. 12:30 pm Matinee and 7 pm Evening Show. Cost: \$6/person, tickets sold at the door. The Boise Dance Teachers Association (BDTA) of which I am a member, presents two performances. Each dance studio performs 3 dances in each performance. Our competition dance teams will perform. Proceeds go toward a free dance workshop in the fall for all of our dance students as well as partial scholarships to summer dance camps at (CSI) the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Poster with more info is in our studio store.

ADVERTISING at Freeze Frame: The Boise Dance Teachers Association is selling ads to be placed in the Freeze Frame programs.

The add cost is \$100.00 which will include: -a business card sized add in both the matinee and evening programs -PLUS a power point presentation at the beginning of each show which will be projected on a large screen on stage and include all of those who advertised in the programs. Very much like the slide show you see before a movie in the theaters.

We usually have between 650-700 people at each of the two performances as well as dancers.

If you are interested please let me know asap and send me a jpeg format, your business card and what you'd like to be seen on the big screen. Payment payable to Boise Dance Teachers Association (BDTA).

This is a great venue to target your ad to families throughout the Treasure Valley.

And the funding from this ad campaign will benefit the BDTA scholarship and workshop fund.

- (5) **Costumes:** In the Spring Dance Recital your dancer will wear the same costume she/he wore in the Christmas Dance Recital.
- (6) **News Dancers who have joined us this month:** WELCOME! I will be ordering your costume during the last week of January. Please make sure I have taken your dancer's measurements by then. Costume companies need 3 to 12 weeks to ship the costumes to us.
- (7) **Dance Lesson Monthly Payments:** Your credit card will continue to be automatically processed on the 20th of each month for the next month's dance lessons. APRIL will be the last month your card will be processed, since May is our last month of dance classes for this dance season. (We will have separate summer dance programs in June & July.)
- (8) **Christmas Dance Recital Video:** Have been mailed to those who ordered. If you haven't purchased the DVD but wish to, you may either:
- pick up an order form in our studio store & mail it in
 - visit NuVision Production's website **www.NuVisionIdaho.com** click on the client tab and enter the password: **unlimited**
- (9) **What your dancer is doing in class, now:** With our Spring Dance Recital being several months away, it's nice to have the time to work on dance *technique* rather than choreography. What is *dance technique*? It's the skill of dance, rather than the choreography ~ in other words, it's learning *how to dance* rather than learning *a dance*. Dancers in our jazz and ballet classes are perfecting techniques such as turns (chaines, pirouettes, etc.) and leaps (front, side, back, switch, brush, developpe) as well as "across the floor" skills (pas de bourrees, cross steps, dance walks, battements, etc.). Our Tap dancers are perfecting more difficult steps and Hip-Hop classes are learning various styles, etc.
- (10) **Visiting Class:** Parents/Grandparents are always welcome to visit class on the first lesson of each month. We ask that you not bring little children with you into class, as it is very distracting for our dancers.
- (11) **Our Competition Dance Teams:** Are busy! This Sat. they will participate in an event called RAW where professional dancers from L.A. and New York critiqued their dancing. This helped prepare them for their upcoming competition season.
- (12) **Auditions for next year's competition dance teams:** Will take place May 21-24. in the evenings. Details coming.

Thanks so much.

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