We hope you are all getting excited for our annual spring concert, which is right around the corner! Our spring concert will consist of three separate shows – Junior Matinee, Senior Concert, and a Full/Combined Concert. See below for breakdown of which classes are in which concerts.

- Saturday, May 19^{th,} 1:00pm Junior Matinee
- Saturday, May 19^{th,} 7:00pm Senior Concert
- Sunday, May 20^{th,} 1:00pm Full/Combined Concert with intermission & raffle

<u>TICKETS!</u> -are general admission, and will be \$12.00 each- on sale next week 8/7-8/11 at our studio and the following week at dress rehearsal (at the Strand Theater). We will also be selling any remaining tickets at the Strand Theater box office prior to each of the 3 performances on 5/19 and 5/20. Tickets are required for anyone sitting in the audience. If your child happens to be in only one piece and it's in the first half on Sunday, for example, you would need to purchase her a ticket if you wanted her to sit with you for the second half. Otherwise, dancers remain in their assigned dressing rooms throughout the concerts.

<u>HAPPY ADS!</u> – last call to place a Happy Ad or a business ad in the performance program booklet. Local businesses are able to reach a mostly local audience not only during that weekend, but beyond, as many bring a program home as a keepsake. Also, some families will place a personal message of congratulations or good luck to their dancer(s.) The students love the surprise of seeing their name (and sometimes their photo,) and feel extra special during an already special weekend! Please see Kim or Melissa right away for any further info. **% page ads are only \$25**, and help cover the cost of the program booklets. Stop in or call 518-793-9201.

<u>TIGHTS!</u> – Please make sure your dancers have the correct tights for performances.

*ALL BALLET STUDENTS should have the Bloch Endura footed tights in BALLET PINK – children's are #T0921G and the adult style is #T0920L.

*ALL TAP, MUSICAL THEATER, and BEGINNER JAZZSTUDENTS should have the Capezio Ultra Soft footed tights in LIGHT SUNTAN, also known as LSN – children's are #1915C and adults are #1915.

*Melissa's Advanced Jazz class should see her for correct tights.

*Creative Movement students do not wear any tights.

We have someof these at the studio for sale. Also, Saratoga Dance, Etc. on Church St. in Saratoga carries these, as does www.discountdance.com .Call us to check if we have your child's size (and avoid a trip to Saratoga.)

<u>RAFFLE!</u> – last call for raffle donations! Tickets will be for sale at each of the 3 performances for the raffle held during the intermission of Sunday's concert. You do not need to be present to win. We have some nice prizes, but could definitely use a few more. Perhaps some of you may own a business

orwould be willing to approach a friend's business for a gift certificate or basket of products. Just let us know a.s.a.p. so we can get the donor info in the program. Thanks!!! There will be a 50/50, too!!

<u>DRESS REHEARSALS</u>—there will be no classes held at the studio the week of May 14. Instead, each class will be rehearsing in full costume and makeup at the Strand Theater at 210 Main Street in Hudson Falls. The schedule of rehearsals will follow.

- *Please arrive about 20 minutes before your scheduled time, in order to have a chance to dress, etc.
- *<u>Do Not Wear Costumes to theater</u>. Bring on a hanger in a garment bag. Don't forget accessories.
- *Bring dance bag with proper tights, dance shoes, hairbrush and makeup. We have some hairpins, hairspray, spray water bottles to smooth flyaway hair, q-tips, safety pins, etc. in each dressing room.
- *<u>Hair</u> unless told otherwise, please have dancer's hair <u>in neat, classical bun</u>. Girls should have blush, red or a dark pink lipstick, some eye makeup. Older girls may wear false eyelashes.
- *For multiple rehearsals, dancers may bring hearthemselves!
- *You may take photographs during rehearsals, including group shots. NOT DURING PERFORMANCES!
- *The Saturday concerts will be professionally videotaped by Ray Zanta, and will be available for purchase. These DVDs are treasured keepsakes. Pre-order yours now at the studio! **Absolutely NO videotaping of performances** this includes use of cell phones, too! Thank you.

<u>VOLUNTEERS</u> – we still need more volunteers for the concert. In need of Ushers and Dressing Room Chaperones for Sunday's performance, plus more refreshment helpers for each show. We also need baked goods for performances and small bottles of water. Please bring the water to the theater during dress rehearsal week. Baked goods may be brought into the theater on Friday, May 18th, or Saturday, May 19. Please bring as many as possible. The audiences truly enjoy the refreshments! For the adults: there will be wine available

Please bear with us, as we will be in a different theater this year. There will be some kinks to work out, so we appreciate your patience and understanding. Call us with any questions! On with the show!