

Monday 6th November 2023

Dear Students and Parents,

As you are aware we are only one month out from our End of Year Event — WOW! It has been a fast turn around this term however it is exciting to have our festive season approaching. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support and loyalty. These events are always a privilege and highlight to host.

We are looking forward to showcasing our December Show titled 'PLAY THAT AUDIO' - local dancers performing a wide variety of dance styles - Commercial Jazz, Funk, Contemporary, Hip Hop and Musical Theatre. CONGRATULATIONS to everyone that has committed to their dance team, successfully mastering all routines. Hopefully you conclude the 2023 season with new moves, co-ordination, improved fitness, mental health and overall confidence. Our faculty could not be happier with the determination and drive that everyone has shown across the past two terms.

Our End of Year Showcase will be held on **FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER & SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER at THE WAR MEMORIAL THEATRE.** EVENING Shows begin at 6.30pm with our MORNING Show at 10.30am and MATINEE Show at 2.30pm. This newsletter outlines what is required of each class and our <u>compulsory stage</u> <u>rehearsal</u> during Week Eight.

Participants of these staged shows will incur a small performance fee to support the overall operational costs of such a big event. These will apply to each individual dancer structured as \$15 for their first dance and \$10 per dance thereafter.

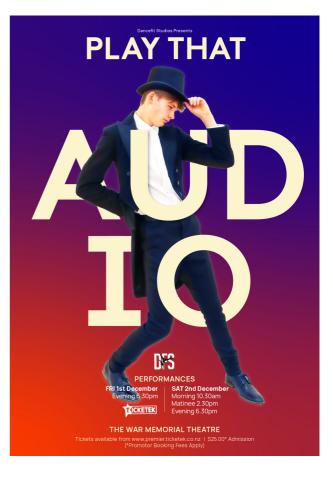
Once again - if anyone is unable to be part of this show (or stage rehearsals), please let us know <u>immediately</u> via email so final performance positions and any partner work can be rechoreographed accordingly. We prefer all communication to be documented from the parent and not verbally from the dancer. Students who have missed consecutive lessons may have to stand down on particular routines.

# CONCERT TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE from TICKETEK and/ or ISITE MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER from 9am.

Given the fast sell out rate from previous shows, there will be NO door sales so we advise you to secure these prior to the event.

Please note: Seats are allocated and clients have found it easier to navigate this ticket platform on a computer rather than a phone. You can also head to the ISITE Information Centre in Grey Street to avoid credit card fees.

A professional recording of the show will be sent to all clients post the event as a FREE downloadable copy.



Additional USB orders are also available for purchase. They are \$35 each and can be purchased directly from our website/or by well referenced bank transfer.

Anyone who is interested must place their orders by the 4th December. All orders must be pre-paid for otherwise requests will not be processed. A great keepsake for family members or households wanting a physical and well presented copy. Videography links and physical orders will be available early February.

Costumes for each dance are listed on page four to six – please avoid buying anything specially, rally round, ask friends, and check out op shops for the themed dances. Please ensure that all dancers have their hair tied up off their face, clean sneakers on for all dances (unless stated), and no jewellery is to be worn. Make up is a must on stage due to the bright lighting – you do not see any facial features without it. Stick to basics to bring out their features on stage under the lights.

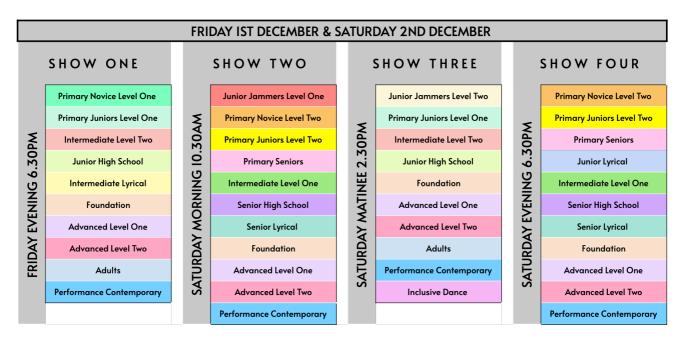
Please note our Foundation and Advanced dancers will incur additional costume hire fees for speciality garments ordered for these particular classes.

Finally, a reminder to the small group of families that still have outstanding payments owing, these need to be finalised prior to the concert day. Unfortunately due to previous unpaid accounts - <u>students with outstanding term</u> fees will lose their performing privileges and may be withdrawn from the show.

With limited backstage space, all twice-a-week classes (and Primary Novice Level Two) will be staggered across the weekend performing in two out of four shows. Dancers perform **ALL routines in both scheduled shows**. Parents are not required to purchase seats for anyone who is involved in the show itself.

Please note - Junior Jammers Level One, Junior Jammers Level Two & Primary Novice Level One will ONLY perform their one dance in one show.

Please see timetable below before purchasing tickets. Please email us to triple check anything before the event.



Our studio will be taking a well deserved summer break for two months. All enrolment info and 2024 schedules will be sent out to our existing database on the 5th January for those wishing to re-enrol for the New Year.

Enjoy the countdown everyone - Here's to the finale of 2023!



# STAGE REHEARSALS & INDUCTION @ THE WAR MEMORIAL THEATRE: WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER: PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE <u>NOT</u> DRESS REHEARSALS HOWEVER ARE COMPULSORY TO ATTEND.

- 3:30 4:45pm PRIMARY JUNIORS LEVEL 1 & PRIMARY JUNIORS LEVEL 2
- 4:45 5:00pm JUNIOR LYRICAL
- 5:00 6:15pm PRIMARY SENIORS & INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 1
- 6.15 7:30pm JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
- 7:30 8.30pm ADULT DANCE

# STAGE REHEARSALS & INDUCTION @ THE WAR MEMORIAL THEATRE: THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER: PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE <u>NOT</u> DRESS REHEARSALS HOWEVER ARE COMPULSORY TO ATTEND.

<u>3:30 – 4:15pm</u>	JUNIOR JAMMERS LEVEL 1 & JUNIOR JAMMERS LEVEL 2
<u>4:15 – 5:00pm</u>	PRIMARY NOVICE LEVEL 1 & PRIMARY NOVICE LEVEL 2
<u>5.00 – 6:15pm</u>	FOUNDATION & INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 2
<u>6:15 – 6:45pm</u>	INTERMEDIATE LYRICAL & SENIOR LYRICAL
<u>6:45 – 8:30pm</u>	ADVANCED LEVEL 1 & ADVANCED LEVEL 2 & PERFORMANCE CONTEMPORARY

# **'PERFORMANCE DAY' ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES**

- Dancers to arrive ready in their first costume with their hair and make up complete.
- Dancers are to enter through the side door of the building for direct access backstage.
- · No parents backstage or beyond this drop off point please.
- · Foyer is open for audience members to enjoy pre-show refreshments before being seated.
- Each show is approximately 2hrs long. All dancers are encouraged to wait safely inside the foyer area for collection.

# **'PERFORMANCE DAY' TIME REMINDERS**

#### Friday 1st December

SHOW ONE CAST : Arrive at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

Saturday 2nd December

SHOW TWO CAST : Arrive 10am for a 10.30am start.

SHOW THREE CAST : Arrive 2pm for a 2.30pm start.

SHOW FOUR CAST : Arrive 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

# COSTUME ETIQUETTE FOR ALL PERFORMERS:

- Please pack all of your outfits/gear in a zip up bag, neatly folded and ready for quick changes. Take a WATER bottle with you

   but please do not put it in your costume bag. No food or sugary drinks are permitted backstage of the theatre.
- All sneakers should be cleaned and in tidy condition. Hair is expected to be sleek, sprayed, up and off the dancers face at all times unless stated otherwise. <u>Absolutely NO jewellery allowed</u>.
- Makeup Stick to basic foundation, a blusher, mascara and lipstick. All dancers must arrive with make up and hair done prior.
- All Primary & Intermediate aged classes will have an allocated supervisor for support supervisors are not expected to do hair and make up.
- <u>NO Cellphones backstage</u>. We prefer dancers to engage with each other and keep focused on the task at hand as we must stay efficient throughout the shows. Any senior/adult students with a cellphone on them must keep them zipped away in their bags as they are strictly prohibited from being used in dressing rooms.

PLEASE NOTE FOUNDATION & ADVANCED TEAMS : Hair for all performances is up to the dancer. Please ensure it is sleek and secured with hair spray for multiple costume changes throughout the day. Aim for braids and stylised hair do's - <u>no basic ponytails please</u>.

# COSTUME LIST: 'PLAY THAT AUDIO' END OF YEAR SHOWS 2023

## JUNIOR JAMMERS LEVEL ONE (Thursday Class w/Anna & Eilish)

CANDY HEARTS - The theme is 'CANDY' - this one is up for interpretation! Use bright colours and choose from the variety of candy options you could dress your littlest dancer as. Suggestions are candy canes, lollipops, liquorice all-sorts, bubblegum etc to get the colour combos started. Use the local emporium stores (tutu skirts, bow ties, hair pieces etc) to collate the outfit. Sneakers need to be worn, hair up sleek and makeup on prior to arrival.

#### JUNIOR JAMMERS LEVEL TWO (Thursday Class w/Jarhna & Billie)

DOWN LIKE THAT - From the brand new Paw Patrol Movie - we are Superhero Dogs! Using the three colours black, white and brown, create a dog like costume for your dancer. If possible add a superhero cape to complete the Paw Patrol look (this will need to be pinned in place). Take base clothing items such as t-shirts and tights then add accessories, fur or creative make up. Hair up well secured with clean sneakers on please.

#### PRIMARY NOVICE LEVEL ONE (Tuesday Class w/Tessa & Billie & Eilish)

MIRACLE - From the brand new remake of the much loved musical Matilda. We are aiming to create an old fashioned school uniform/boarding house look. Dancers need a tidy white button up shirt (tucked in) paired with either a skirt, smock, tunic, shorts or pants. Try to stick to traditional dark colours like black, navy blue and greys so we have a cohesive look to portray the movie. Hair up and secured. Tidy clean sneakers as usual.

#### PRIMARY NOVICE LEVEL TWO (Tuesday Class w/Anna & Jarhna) \*TWO DANCES / TWO SHOWS\*

BORN FOR THIS - For the hip hop track of the weekend, the dancers are to dress in all black- a plain black t-shirt, singlet, shorts or tights etc. As this dance has a bit of a 'boxing' theme, add a coloured sweat band and/or wrist bands for a pop of colour (available at most emporium stores). Hair up and well secured, clean sneakers on.

KID ON CHRISTMAS - Use the colours red, green, brown and white to create a 'Christmas themed' costume. This is your dress up dance of the show so have lots of fun getting into the Christmas spirit - anything goes. Please ensure items are secure (pinned to costume) and are feasible to dance in. Sneakers to be worn please.

#### PRIMARY JUNIORS LEVEL ONE (Twice a week Year 4's)

SHIMMERING SEAS - An original song from the Disney Cruise Ships. Our dancers are portraying sailors. Using the traditional colours white and navy blue - create a sailor inspired look with blouses, t-shirts, shorts and pants. Add a pop of red (neck scarf or hair piece) to complete the uniform. You are welcome to include a sailor hat or tie. Google search 'kids sailor costume' to kick start the visual inspiration. Hair up sleek and clean sneakers please.

DO IT LIKE THIS (REMIX) - Let's dance in double denim for a hip hop 90s look . This could be baggy jean shorts, dungarees, vests, jackets etc- please stick to BLUE denim only. Use the colour black to break the outfit if needed - eg. a singlet or tee shirt. Hair up, sneakers on please.

SURPRISE - For our fun musical theatre item, you are off to a dance party - where the theme is 'Hot Pink and Yellow'. Feel free to add black as your base item - then layer the tutu skirts, tights, pants, jackets, vests, gloves, head gear etc...anything goes. 80's funky fashion is an easy theme/look to adhere to. Please ensure bike shorts are worn under skirts to support our floor work choreography. Clean sneakers, Hair up.

#### PRIMARY JUNIORS LEVEL TWO (Year 5's)

DIFFERENT WAY TO DANCE - This song takes place on a basketball court (a hit song from High School Musical) let's create a costume to match- any colour, team etc. Ask around family or school friends that may already own these basketball uniform sets. Simple black shorts to get you started is absolutely fine. Clean sneakers on, hair up.

WE WONT STOP - Get funky with fluorescent colours - keep your base colour black (tights, t-shirts, pants, singlets etc) and then add anything highlighter colour to your outfit (pinks, yellows, greens, orange). This could be another clothing item or accessories (ties, gloves, hats etc) Try for an even ratio of highlighter to black.

FREAK FLAG - From the Shrek Musical, our dancers are to dress up as any character from the hit movie/musical. A quick google of Shrek will remind you of the many characters you can choose from. Some students (as a part of the choreography) have been assigned a specific character and they will know who they are. Shoes need to be worn for this dance too - have fun creating these character costumes!

#### JUNIOR LYRICAL

GOODBYE YELLOW BRICK ROAD - Studio to provide costumes for all dancers. Dancers to provide own white or beige underwear to be worn underneath. Please ensure your hair is sleek and tidy for this performance. No shoes.

#### PRIMARY SENIORS (Year 6's)

DO SI DO - Yeeha! It's a country throw-down for this dance. Source a pair of overalls/dungarees (long or short). Studio to provide a red t-shirt for each dancer to be worn underneath. Please contact us if you cannot find any overalls - try second hand shops or friends & family. Hair up and sprayed, clean sneakers on.

DANCING IN THE STREET - Our dancers are to dress as any occupation/trade they wish. We are creating one big dance party on the street! Examples could include; a builder, a teacher, a nurse, a businessman, a farmer, the list is endless! Please ensure lace up shoes are still worn for this dance.

POLAR EXPRESS - From the 2004 Tom Hanks movie, dancers are guests waiting to board the train at Christmas time. Create an old fashioned (1950's) outfit with op shop dresses, skirts, blouses or pants - anything goes to depict the era and this special time of year. You could add additional items like white gloves, frilly socks and hair bows. Boys to wear dress pants and a collared shirt with either braces, a tie or a bow tie.

#### **INTERMEDIATE LEVEL ONE (Year 7's)**

JUMP - Create a baggy hip hop styled outfit using only the colour black. This could be pants, shorts, t-shirts, singlets etc. Studio to provide a bandanna for a pop of colour. Sleek hair, clean sneakers on.

DO IT LIKE THAT - The dance that reminded us of a tropical holiday! Find a floral, hawaiian-like shirt and match your shirt with a pair of shorts (no denim please). Please refrain from leis or hats please.

I DON'T DANCE - For our Musical Theatre dance, we are High School Musical baseball players. Dancers to provide long black tights (for the girls) or black shorts (for the boys). Studio to provide a class set of baseball t-shirts. If the boys wish to wear the shirt open, please bring a plain black tee shirt. Clean shoes to be worn please.

#### **INTERMEDIATE LEVEL TWO (Year 8's)**

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY - Calling all BARBIE Fans! Anything PINK for this dance with small pops of white to break it if needed. Think sparkles, sequins, mesh, leather, etc. This could include t-shirts, singlets, crop tops, shorts, vests, flared pants, skirts, dresses, hair accessories, hats, head bands, bows, socks.. the more over the top the better! Hair up and clean sneakers to be worn please.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAT - Studio to provide a coloured hip hop styled shirt. Dancers to provide plain black tights and a black sports bra or singlet. Clean tidy shoes on please.

BORN TO HAND JIVE - From the musical Grease! Aiming for the 1950's rock n roll look. Hunt out swing skirts and a white button up blouse. You can alternatively wear a dress if easier and wear your blouse over the top. Anything goes with colours and patterns. You could match the main colour in your skirt and add a matching ribbon to our hair or as a neck tie. Appropriate shoes on and you may like to add a short pair of white socks too.

#### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

FABULOUS - Studio to provide a class set of pink t-shirts. Dancers to provide their own long black tights or pants and a black sports bra or singlet to go underneath. Clean sneakers on and hair well secured as usual.

UPGRADE YOU - Whiteout head to toe - try to create a hip hop street look. It sounds hard using white - but it can be done! T-shirts, singlets paired with white pants/shorts/overalls etc. White jeans/pants are acceptable but please make sure you can dance in them. Look for different textures too, mesh, etc. Please check that any undergarments are not going to show through. White shoes if possible please.

EX-WIVES - From the Musical 'SIX', we are dressing as rebellious women. Please use the colour black to create a rockette punk look to suit you individually. Black bike/shorts must be worn if you are in skirts. Use all different textures like lace, leather, sheer, etc. Wear plain black sneakers if possible so the outfit is cohesive. Six lead characters to have an additional item added to their individual attire - supplied by the studio. Finn to dress as King Henry. To be discussed and supported also.

#### **INTERMEDIATE LYRICAL**

SPIRIT - Studio to provide an animal print sheer blouse. Dancers to provide plain black bike shorts and a black singlet. Please ensure your hair is sleek and tidy for this performance. Bare feet for this routine. Hair secured.

## SENIOR LYRICAL

YOU WILL BE FOUND - Studio to provide a black skirt and top for each dancer. Dancers to provide own black bike shorts. Please avoid any logos or writing if possible. Bare feet for this routine. Hair well secured.

#### **SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

ONE WOMAN ARMY - Military theme - Anything hip hop or street in the colours khaki, greens, blacks- we want to look staunch. Studio will provide a class set of army bandana's to coordinate too. Hair up and sleek! Sneakers as per usual (white if possible)

VIOLET - Studio to provide a class set of purple t-shirts. Dancers to provide their own grey track pants (ask around or check the menswear department of The Warehouse)-Tessa has half a dozen spares. Hair secured, sneakers on please.

HELLO - From the Musical "Book of Mormons" - Let's aim for geeky and conservative. Tidy black dress pants (not tights) with a white button up blouse tucked in. Pair this basic look with a dark coloured belt and black tie. Lensless glasses will be provided. Slick hair to be discussed in class. Head to the op shops and find corporate styled pants to really fit the theme. Clean sneakers please.

# ADULTS

RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW - Let's get a little funky with this one. Combine black with any animal print fabric - push the limits- use black leather for example or different textures to funk it up. Jessica Mauboy oozes pop culture with her edgy fashion styles. Channel your inner pop star and fearless feminine attire. Hair up, sneakers on and no jewellery please.

RUSH - Let's switch it to hip hop. Pair blue boyfriend style jeans (baggy if possible) with a plain white top. Add a checkered shirt tied around your waist. Hair up, sneakers on and no jewellery please.

PROUD MARY - Transform yourself into the queen herself! Opt for sequins, colour, sparkle, glitter, metallic and glam. Find an outfit you would never have the opportunity to wear otherwise. Whatever you choose, make sure it's something that you feel comfortable in and that allows you to move quickly...,it's entirely your interpretation.

#### FOUNDATION (\$25 ADDITIONAL COSTUME/LAUNDRY FEE)

WATCH THIS - Studio to provide a matching coloured set. Dancers to provide their own black crop top/sports bra and clean white sneakers. Hair up, sleek, well sprayed and secured.

BLACK SUITS COMIN' - Studio to provide a three-piece black hip hop set. Dancers to provide their own black singlet to go underneath. Keep your white sneakers on to contrast the black attire. Anna to discuss the use of shades in class.

YOU CAN'T STOP THE BEAT - Studio to provide a black leotard, black bike shorts and coloured 50's style circular skirt. Dancers to use the previous black crop top/sports bra to go underneath the leotard. If you own black bike shorts, pack these also. Please wear a tidy black canvas-like shoe (or jazz shoes if you own them) for this dance.

# ADVANCED LEVEL ONE (\$25 ADDITIONAL COSTUME HIRE/LAUNDRY FEE)

WORKIN' DAY AND NIGHT - Studio to provide a three piece newsprint blazer set. Dancers to wear studio set of Converse look-alike shoes. Dancers to bring their own low white socks. Hair up sleek.

MISSY MIX - Studio to provide a two piece hip hop set. Dancers to provide their own black sports bra and white or beige underwear. Please keep the studio set of shoes on for this routine.

MAMA MAKES THREE - Dancers to provide their own set of summer pyjamas. Let's pull together what we already have to make a cohesive looking group. Dancers to wear either white or beige underwear underneath. Bare feet for this dance please. Studio to provide accessories to embellish our sleepover attire.

## ADVANCED LEVEL TWO (\$25 ADDITIONAL COSTUME HIRE/LAUNDRY FEE)

ROCK YOUR BODY - Studio to provide Hip Hop Unity two piece set. Dancers to provide white Converse sneakers for this dance please. Sports bras and underwear must be black.

DOG DAYS - Studio to provide 70's flower power tunics for the girls and a button up shirt for Luke. Dancers to provide their own black bike shorts for underneath. Luke to provide own pants (colour to be discussed). No shoes for this dance please.

ROOM WHERE IT HAPPENED - From the Musical, Hamilton. Studio to provide ruffled 18th century style shirt, waistcoat and knee high socks. Dancers to provide plain full length black tights and black jazz shoes. Luke to provide own black dress pants and tidy black shoes.

#### PERFORMANCE CONTEMPORARY

RECOVERY - Studio to provide hospital ward pants and white t-shirts. Please ensure all underwear is white.

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