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SPRINGING AHEAD

It's hard to believe we're already in the final days of March. Each day feels a little warmer and the sun shines a bit brighter. It's amazing how much busier life gets as the weather thaws. Between recital being on the horizon and knowing summer dance is coming, time has really started to fly.

Before we look too far ahead, we've had a great month of opportunities to support the studio and a number of chances are still coming. Your support, from bringing your dancers to class each week (or for some of you, each night) to

donating time and/or money at various studio events is appreciated more than I can even express. It is because of you that we are able to continue to do what we love to do – making a positive impact on our students and community by teaching quality dance classes to everyone who wishes to learn, and giving our students incredible dance experiences and opportunities!

- Sarah Goar
Artistic Director



WINE AND CANVAS EVENT COMING IN APRIL

Get your paintbrushes ready! On April 28th, we will be participating in an event at Wine & Canvas.

<http://www.wineandcanvas.com/minneapolis-mn.html>

It's our goal to have a full class of 60 participants, which would help us reach a donation of \$600. Bring your friends and family! No artistic knowledge or know-how is needed to participate. For \$35 per person, this is a great way to spend the day and, of course, support the studio. The portrait that will be painted is shown at right and was created by Miss Renee's talented brother!





EMPTY BOWLS

InMotion students will perform for SACA Food Shelf's Empty Bowls Fundraiser at Murzyn Hall in Columbia Heights on Tuesday April 17th 6-6:30pm. SACA is an incredibly important organization dedicated to stopping hunger in southern Anoka County (serving Columbia Heights, Hilltop, Fridley, and Spring Lake Park). We are so thrilled to have the opportunity to support them

in this way and have our students perform! If you are interested more in what they do, please visit their website <http://www.sacafoodshelf.org>

This is a family friendly event, so come over and support our dancers, enjoy a free bowl of soup, and only if your heart tells you, make a donation to SACA! It need not be a large donation - Just \$1 enables them to purchase 8 lbs. of food for someone who really needs it!

FEBRUARY DATE NIGHT RECAP

We all had a beastly good time during our "Beauty and the Beast" themed Date Night Saturday, February 10th. Participants decorated magic mirrors, created enchanted roses, enjoyed pizza, lemonade, and a special cupcake treat provided by Miss Kim! Of course we watched "Beauty and the Beast" on the big screen and had a dance

party complete with disco ball, hula-hoops, and music! Stay tuned for the next one!



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WANG RAMIREZ FIELD TRIP

On March 3rd, TWENTY students (including a couple parents) had the opportunity to see Company Wang Ramirez at Northrop Auditorium. This unique aerial, acrobatic, Hip Hop, Modern dance infused performance WOWED our students! Thank you to all who have donated to support our field trip fund this year!



ASK SARAH...

How are recital costumes priced?

Each year we order and distribute hundreds of costumes for recital! It is quite the job! First, teachers spend hours paging through costume catalogues and searching online for the perfect costume that will look good on their students and embody the vision of their piece. Then we measure all students, guessing at how much they will grow between December and June and allowing for that. Then the really fun part comes (insert sarcastic tone there). All of those measurements have to be compiled into our database and each student must be sized according to the size chart from the company in which the costume comes (which are NOT all the same) and cross-

referenced with what parents have recorded on their dancer's size info. sheet. Then the costumes are ordered, or sewn by Miss Kim, or collected from various stores around town. As they come in, they are sorted by class and student with tights and t-shirt included. Then they are distributed to students and if any major alterations are needed, they are sent to Miss Kim for her to work her magic. Whew! So it is not just a costume that you are paying for... it's also fabric and sewing time, it's hours and hours of planning, compiling, ordering, and sorting, and it's running around town gathering all the finishing touches. Hmm... maybe we should increase the price.... No I'm kidding!

MOST OF THE TIME THERE IS A METHOD TO THE MADNESS AND A REASON WHY WE DO THINGS THE WAY WE DO. SOMETIMES THAT REASON IS NOT ALWAYS APPARENT. DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT A POLICY THAT WE HAVE OR A REASON FOR WHY WE DO SOMETHING THE WAY WE DO IT? I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER! SEND YOUR QUESTION VIA EMAIL TO SARAH@NMOTIONDANCECENTER.COM. DON'T WORRY - YOU WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS IF YOUR QUESTION IS CHOSEN FOR THE NEWSLETTER!