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Dear Dance Alliance Parents and Students,

First, we would like to say THANK YOU for being with us this last season! We have had an amazing year of dance with all of our DA dancers and families. In the late 1980's, we were young dancers that were dancing and working with a youth dance company that was actually doing joint shows and events with Dance Alliance Repertory Company. After a few years of college and dancing professionally, Lisa began teaching at Dance Alliance in 1994. Adam came on board in 2000 when they both became the Dance Alliance Repertory Company Artistic Directors and then, as many of you know, purchased Dance Alliance in June of 2004. As we frequently reminisce about our many decades of involvement in this community and of course, with Dance Alliance, we are extremely excited to move into our 20th season as owners of Dance Alliance. We are extremely grateful for the life-long relationships and friendships that have evolved since the late 1980's and it truly warms our hearts to see the children and grandchildren of many former Dance Alliance dancers walking through our doors every season. With all that said, clearly we are here to stay, and can't wait to spend a couple more decades continuing to spread our love for dance through Saline and all the generations of future dancers to come! Again, thank you for being a part of our lives and Dance Alliance. Here's to an amazing 2023-2024 dance season here at Dance Alliance!

We have a very busy May and June with many of our dancers and we look forward to an incredible official start to a new season beginning on September 5, 2023. The Dance Alliance Fall 2023 Schedule will basically be the same this season to keep things simple and not stressful for our DA families. Of course, if dancers need to do some schedule changes, that is completely understandable and acceptable. All of our DA teachers will be instructing so that the dancers in classes will be moving forward and continuing to grow with this new season.

If you do not know much about us or our dance backgrounds, we have enclosed our biographies to give you a little glimpse of who we are and where we have been. We hope to take the best from all of our dance and teaching experiences and bring it to all of you at Dance Alliance. We would like you to know that we plan to continue to bring the students the most professional dance training, the most qualified staff, and the latest styles of dance that the industry has to offer. We want the dance experience for our students to be a positive, fun and rewarding one. We feel that regardless of abilities and future intentions, each student should be given exceptional training in the most professional atmosphere possible. Attached/enclosed, you will find the Fall Registration Form with a listing of classes that are being offered, the Fall 2022 Sample DA Class Schedule, the DARC Audition Form, various Workshop/Intensive/Camp forms and the Dance Alliance Policies. As in the past, registration for fall classes requires a \$5.00 nonrefundable deposit per class to hold your dancer's place. Pre-Registration/Registration for fall classes will begin now and can be taken care of via email, mail, phone or dropped off during all our hours in June. Your signed registration form and per class deposit may be emailed, turned in at the studio or mailed to: Dance Alliance, P.O. Box 1628, Brighton, MI 48116. If sending via mail, please let us know... email, text and/or phone call so that we make sure we receive and get your dancer(s) in their classes. We want to make sure that DA dancers and families are getting the classes they wish and that classes are not canceled due to lack of enrollment. Please state on the registration form what type of dance (ballet, tap, jazz, etc.) your dancer is interested in and what previous dance experience your dancer has had to help make placements as well. As mentioned above, your dancer will be placed in class(es) according to their classes from last season as well as their age and previous dance training. Class placement is not guaranteed if we do not receive your form and deposit(s) by the beginning of the dance season. Confirmation of your registration, class placement, and a tuition statement including any credit(s) that you may have from last season, will be emailed to you as soon as your registration is processed. As we get our new website up and running, there will be a registration option, Paypal option, Parent Portal and more. We will keep you informed as this gets completed through the coming month.

We have truly enjoyed every year with our Dance Alliance dancers and families and we look forward to continuing to share our love for dance and all that it has to offer with all of you in the many seasons to come. Thank you for being a part of our lives and thank you for trusting us with all of your amazing dancers. As parents ourselves to two young men with many athletic and academic aspirations, we completely understand all that goes into everyday life and we hope that we can offer your dancers and the whole family many fun moments, amazing memories, basic life lessons and, of course, some incredible dance training. We can't wait to start our 20th season with all of you! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

*Adam & Lisa*

### **Dates for 2023/2024 Dance Season**

- \* *Dance Alliance Open House: Monday-Thursday, August 28 - 31, 2023, 4:00pm-8:00pm.*
- \* *Nutcracker Auditions: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 (Look for the Nutcracker Audition Registration Form at DA, use the QR Code to access forms, on the DA website & in the packet received @ recital)*
- \* *Dance Alliance first day of classes for Fall Semester: Tuesday, September 5, 2023*
- \* *Annual Saline Holiday Parade: Saturday, December 2, 2023. Parade will include Int. Kickline and Adv. Kickline dancers. Rehearsals begin the end of September in their kickline classes.*
- \* *26th Annual Nutcracker: Dance Alliance's production of The Nutcracker will be held at the Saline High School Auditorium on the weekend listed below. We have this date reserved and wait for a confirmation from Saline Community Education. Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 16th and performances on Saturday, December 16th at 7pm and Sunday, December 17th at 2pm.*
- \* *25th Anniversary DARC Showcase: Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 6:30pm. Requested date. Not approved by Saline Comm. Ed. until late summer.*
- \* *DA Spring Concerts: Friday, May 17, 2024 @ 7:30pm; Saturday, May 18, 2024 @ 1:00pm; Sunday, May 19, 2024 @ 1:00pm & 4:00pm. Not approved by Saline Comm. Ed. until late summer.*

Please scan the QR Code with your smart phone to access DA forms and information. Scan and when taken to Dropbox, click on "Or continue to website" and that will take you to all the forms.

