



Newsletter

February 2017

Photo Week Date Change

Photo Week will be April 5th (Wednesday) to April 11th (Tuesday). Students will take group and individual photos during their regular class time. Photo week was originally scheduled April 3-8.

Spring Attendance

Beginning in February, dance teachers will be keeping track of all student absences. A student in group classes planning to participate in the end-of-the-year performance will not be allowed more than 4 absences after February 1st. Excessive absences make it difficult for a class to learn the necessary choreography (Dance), blocking and lines (Theatre) or music (Voice) for the end-of-the-year performance. A student may choose to make-up absences by taking private lessons with their instructor in order to review material covered in class.

Group Voice Begins Feb. 27

LPA's Voice Instructor, Tina Pearse, will be leading a group voice class for ages 5-9 on Mondays at 2:45-3:30 pm beginning Feb. 27. Regular tuition rates apply to this class. LPAC members will need to add the \$20 Music/Theatre/Art option to their tuition to participate in this class. If there is enough interest, we would also like to start a 10 years and up voice class from 3:30-4:15 pm. Please come by the front desk if you are interested in adding these classes.

No Food in the Dressing Rooms!

A reminder that food is not allowed in the dressing rooms. We have tables in the lobby for students and parents to comfortably eat and drink. Also, please dispose of your trash in the appropriate containers. Thank you!



2016-2017 Calendar

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September 5 – Closed for Labor Day

October 24-29 – Dress-up Fundraiser. Pay \$1 and wear your favorite costume to class.

October 31 – Closed for Harvest Festivals

November 5-6 – Greater Gulf Coast Arts Festival

November 12-18 – Costume Ordering Week (Parents Must Attend)

November 19 – Costume Payments Due

November 21-26 – Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 3 – Pensacola Youth Ballet's performance of "The Nutcracker"

December 19-December 31 – Closed for Christmas Holidays

January 2 – Classes Resume

January 30 – Late Costume Payments Due

March 13-18 – Costume Fitting Week (Parents Must Attend)

March 20-25 – Closed for Spring Break

April 5-11 – Photo Week (Parents Must Attend)

April 13 – Final Day to Turn in Program Ads

April 14-15 – Closed for Easter Holiday

May 6 – Final Day to Turn in T-shirt and Program Orders

May 29 – Closed for Memorial Day

May 30-June 5 – In-studio Rehearsals

June 6-7 – Tech at the Saenger Theatre

June 8 – Showcase Performance at the Saenger Theatre

June 9 – Production Performance at the Saenger Theatre



Love and Love Lost: An Artist's Work

Experience a night of dance exploring the many facets of love and losing love. A gala which will play like a diary of thoughts. Merciful love, abusive love, love at first sight, grief, passion, break ups, sacrificial love and redemption are just some of what the pieces ponder.

Her first full production, both choreographed and directed, Michelle Wardlaw is excited to bring you a night of her art through dance. The show features many of the LPA Staff: Mrs. Jeannie, Mr. Bobby, Miss Raven, Mrs. Annie, Miss Caeley, Miss Lexxie, Mr. Jay, Miss Bailey, Mrs. Amanda, and Mrs. Connie.

Date: Saturday, February 25th at 7 pm

Location: REX Theatre Pensacola, 18 N. Palafox St. Pensacola, FL 32502

Tickets: \$12 and can be purchased online at Brown Paper Tickets loveandlovelost.brownpapertickets.com

For questions contact Michelle Wardlaw 850-206-5229

Competition News

The LaBelle Performing Arts Company and LilPAC participated in the Dance League Competition in Orlando on Feb. 3-5. In addition to many Gold, Silver and Bronze awards, "Pennies from Heaven" was the top scoring Mini Group, "He Could Be the One" was the top scoring Junior Group, and "The Swan" was the top scoring Teen Group, top scoring dance of the competition, and also selected as "Most Entertaining." Kevin and Rose's duo "Right Hand Man" was the top scoring Teen Duo/Trio and "Shake Your Booty" received the "Most Cute" specialty award. Tess, Abigail and Noah won Scholarships for a future Dance League Workshop. Olivia, Baylen and Christina received ½

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Several of our students also attended Dance League Workshops in Lafayette, LA on Feb. 12. LilPAC was invited to work with Chris Moss who recently appeared in the movie *La La Land*. In addition, Noah earned the "What It Takes" award from Christina Grady who recently danced with Lady Gaga in the Superbowl Halftime Show.

The Dance Magic Competition was held on Feb. 11 in Mobile. LPAC and Lil PAC placed in many overall categories, including the top dance (large, small or line) for each age group. "Shake Your Booty" was the top scoring dance for ages 9 and under, "Unite" for ages 10-14, and "Greased Lightnin'" for ages 15 and over. Our solo title competitors also did very

well: Tess was 1st runner-up for Pee Wee Title, Baylen was 2nd runner-up for Elementary Title, Madison N. was 2nd runner-up for Junior Title and Corrin tied as Teen Title winner. Corrin's solo "Rose's Turn" was also the highest scoring solo of the weekend. Madison C. was Most Photogenic for ages 10 and up. Mrs. Jeannie's choreography for "Unite" and the duo "Sinking" was also recognized with specialty awards. Other specialty awards include "Most Entertaining" for "Let's Get Married," Baylen and Ella received the "Dynamite Duo" award for "Refuge," and Kevin and Rose were "Broadway Bound" for their duo "Right Hand Man." LaBelle was also honored to receive the sportsmanship award for the weekend.

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