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NEWSLETTER

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The year's production number, "Lessons of Nature," is a very special tribute to the 26-year history of the Dance Gallery 2. The DG2 students have performed so many production numbers through the years, but the one that our long time choreographers have requested over and over again is "Lesson of Nature." It was seen on stage 17 years ago and wowed our DG2 families back then. Our teachers and dancers are heading in that same direction and have turned the story into another DG2 hit! The music is especially beautiful and the choreographers have once again created a production number that allows the dancers to perform the tale to our audience. Even though the piece has already once been produced, choreographed and performed, the amazing DG2 teachers and choreographers have put their on twist



The Dance Gallery 2 has always had an incredible group of young men and women that performed as a "partnering team" onstage, and has even included the U.S. Marines. The tradition began in the year 2000 and has taken the dancing couples to many different and amazing experiences, including Disney parades and showcases, Make-a-Wish Foundation performances, and numerous television appearances throughout the years.

This year will be no exception because the DG2's Monday night partnering class is in full swing! Our partnering director, Steven Hayes, is a 21-year veteran at the DG2 and was one of our originals! The partnering class is all about lifts, drops, dips and spins while executing awesome moves to exciting music. We are always looking for more gentlemen to take part on our partnering team. Please e-mail Steven at Steven@dancegallery2.com for more information!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuition Due	April 1st
Spring Break - No Classes	April 10th-15th
Picture Week	May 30th - June 3rd
Dress Rehearsal	June 21st & 22nd
It's Showtime 2017 Show Dates	June 23rd & 24th
Recital Fee Due	May 18th

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on their pieces. The 2000 version of "Lesson of Nature" was originally choreographed by Miss Lucy when most of our current teachers were her students! It's very special to all of the teaching staff to be able to bring a DG2 favorite alive once again!

Even though the script has already been created and the set and props already designed, there is still much work to be done. It's quite a task to take the drawings from paper to live on the stage. Everything is done in an effort to ensure that our DG2 dancers have an excellent set to work with and an outstanding unforgettable experience.



This year, one of the original artist/set builders, Roy Peltier, is returning to us from Minneapolis to repeat his work on the scenic mountain set, the same set he worked on 17 years ago. Roy, is better known to the DG2 backstage crew as "Uncle Roy", and aside from being Miss Lucy's brother, he is also one of our spotlight techs. Uncle Roy will be coming to the DG2 during

It takes the DG2 staff weeks to organize and sort through the hundreds of costumes to prepare them for our dancers. Lisette, our office manager, has the huge task of unpacking all the costume boxes as they arrive. Any volunteer parents that would like to help Lisette, please e-mail her at lisette@dancegallery2.com.

the Spring Break to paint and finish the set. He also comes every year to run a spotlight, which is something he has been doing since he was a very young when Miss Lucy owned and directed dance schools in Minnesota (from 1969-1981). Uncle Roy is a very talented artist and he and Doug have worked on many DG2 shows together till he moved back to Minnesota some years ago. Our long time teachers are thrilled that Uncle Roy has agreed to return to work on the set for our 26th DG2 show.

As always, proceeds will benefit the Sutter Memorial Children's Center, which offers assistance to families whose children are seriously or terminally ill. The DG2 delights in continuing its 25-year tradition of supporting this worthwhile organization.

Just like the professionals, it's going to take lots of dedication from our dancers to coordinate the haze, fog, robotic lights, costumes, props and set changes in with the choreography! But the results are going to be spectacular! Get ready! The show is going to be the best yet!!!

Note: Please wear dance wear to rehearsals and classes. That's what dancers do!

REMINDER! Our dress rehearsals will be on Wednesday & Thursday, June 21st & 22nd, and show nights will be Friday & Saturday, June 23rd and 24th at the Mesa Verde Performing Arts Center. Rehearsals schedules will be coming



soon! Please continue to check your email for the latest DG2 newsletters and information.

COSTUMES ARE COMING!! Costumes and accessories have already been shipped and are starting to arrive at the DG2! Please note: Before costumes can be picked up, account balances must be current.



At a chance meeting while in Los Angeles attending the Nickelodeon "Kids Choice Awards", DG2 dancer, Kawai Lincoln, was able to meet Abby Lee Miller. Abby Lee, the host of the reality television show, "Dance Moms", invited Kawai to attend a class at the famous Abby Lee Dance Company LA. Kawai who has graced our own DG2 stage and been dancing with us since age 9, did such an impressive job in the class that Abby Lee asked for another meeting. At this time, Kawai and her family are planning out another jaunt back to L.A. for that opportunity and all of us at the DG2 wish her a successful trip!



Teacher Feature:

The Dance Gallery 2 is so proud to recognize our teacher/choreographer, Ashley Rudolph. There are many reasons why Ashley is so special to us. Not only is she one of the DG2 favorite teachers, but she is also the only one who can claim being in the very first 3 year old baby ballet class of the DG2! In 1992 Ashley made her stage debut in the first recital DG2 ever put on at Sierra College dancing in "Me and My Teddy Bear". Ashley was hooked at that very young age and has been dancing ever since, making DG2 her home studio.

Most of us can remember following Ashley for weeks as she went through the process of auditioning for the Sacramento Kings Cheerleaders in 2014. Each week of the "try outs", we watched her progress through the elimination process of over 200 young ladies battling with their dance skills to become a member of the famous cheerleading team. After several rounds of elimination, and making it all the way to the final round, all of us at the DG2 were so proud of our Ashley. Determined to make the team, Ashley kept working and conditioning so she

IMPORTANT REMINDER

We are proud to be able to present many DG2 dancers with 3-year and 5-year trophies, 7-year plaques, and 10-year recognition at our June show. Be sure to let us know who you are and how many years you have dedicated. Please return the dedicated dancer form by **May 21st** (see the attached dedicated dancer form or pick one up at the DG2 studio).

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could be eligible for the 2015 try outs. But something even better came along in her life by way of the exciting news that she would be become a "mom". In November 2015, little Peyton was born and Ashley and her fiance', Josiah, couldn't have been happier! Pretty exciting for the DG2 family, too!

Ashley is currently working with the elementary through high school age students. She says that she loves teaching dance because it allows her to show what she's learned through the years at DG2 and pass on to her own students. She really enjoys the relationship she has with her students and loves seeing the outcome of what they've

learned at the end of dance season in our June show.

"What I like about DG2 is that we have a strong family connection between the staff and with our students and families", Ashley said. "It's awesome not having a competitive feel in our dance studio. We all work together as a team and cheer for each other. It gives me a lot of joy and happiness being part of the DG2." And the DG2 is lucky to have her!! We're looking forward to seeing Ashley's little Peyton dancing in the 3 year old baby ballet class and repeating DG2 history!

The Dance Gallery 2 Student Teachers

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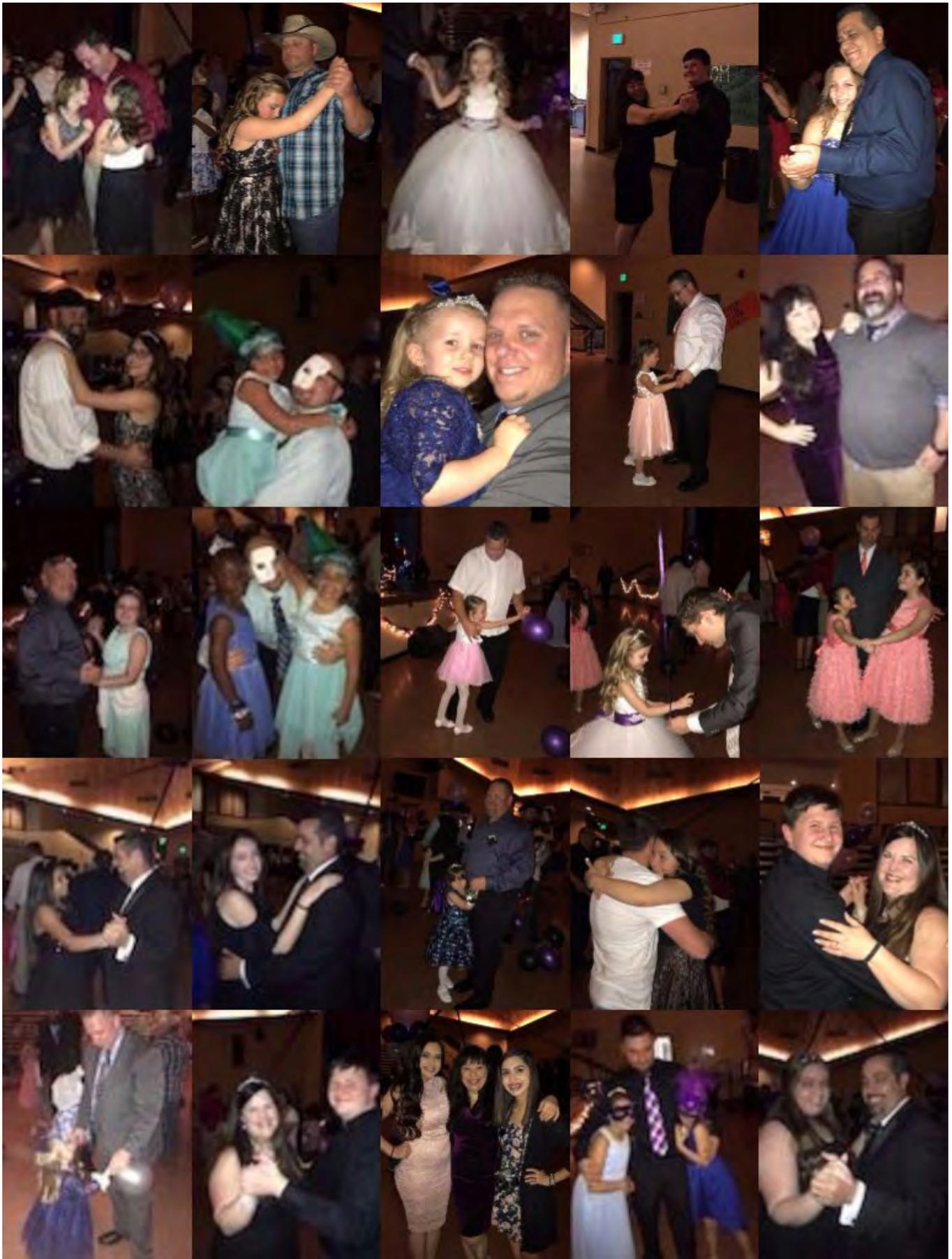


Dads & Daughters Royal Ball 2017



**It was a magical evening & everyone had a great time.
MORE PICTURES ON PAGE 5!!!**

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Dedicated Dancer Form

Name: _____ Phone : _____ Class Day: _____ Class Time: _____

I have been a Dance Gallery Dancer for: (Please check one box)

3 years

7 years

10 Years

5 years

8 years

11+ Years

6 years

9 years

15 Years