



# NEWSLETTER

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**T**he DG2 is so proud and appreciate the Pre-School and Children's teaching team.

Each of our wonderful team members are long time, very dedicated and very talented at both providing great lessons and preparing little dancers for performance. It takes an incredibly skilled person to develop our youngest dancers into confident shiny stars and that's exactly the kind of teachers we have at the DG2!



Pictured Left: Teacher Kelsi Thomas has been a DG2 dancer for over 12 years. She and her sister started dancing at DG2 when she was 6 years old, and from the very beginning, it was obvious that Kelsi would be a star! Kelsi danced and grew up at the DG2 through high school, left us in 2014 to attend college, but returned a year later to once again stand out on stage with her gorgeous red hair.

With her soft yet confident dance style, it was obvious why Miss Lucy asked Kelsi to join the teaching staff. Kelsi says, "Being part of the DG2 family has given me many memories that I will cherish for a lifetime. However, if I had to choose a favorite, it would be the opportunity to dance in Disney World with the Broadway 'Newsies' when I was a Student Teacher in 2011". No one can argue that Kelsi's knack of understanding our little dancers is a special gift and her gentle yet disciplined attitude makes her a DG2 favorite!

The team leader is Teacher/Choreographer Erica Quintero (pictured center). Erica is one of DG2's success stories and would be the first to tell you about it. In 2004 when she started as a little 7 year old, she was by far the shyest student Miss Lucy had ever worked with.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuition Due & Dedicated Dancer Forms Due	May 1st
Rehearsals Start at DG2	May 1st
Recital Fee(s) Due	May 18th
Memorial Day- <b>NO CLASSES</b>	May 29th
Picture Week	May 30th - June 3th
Dress Rehearsal	June 21st & 22nd
It's Showtime 2015 Show Dates	June 23th & 24th

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It took many years before Erica would talk or even look at Miss Lucy. Going through the program as a Jr. Student teacher, then a Student Teacher into becoming a Teacher only to rise to the top as the Teaching Team leader and choreographer, was an admirable challenge and accomplishment! Erica works very closely on a weekly basis with Miss Lucy when developing choreography and lesson plans for the most important age group of students, our 3 – 8 year olds. Her “princess” looks and dance skills make her an inspiration for all young dancers, both in the classroom and on stage. Erica has the ability to beautifully execute tap, jazz, ballet, pointe and partner work herself, as well as keeping the attention of our youngest dancers during classes. To quote Erica; “The DG2 is seriously a get away from the crazy stuff that happens in life. I am thankful for how much I have grown as a dancer and as a person, just from making this place ‘home’. I have so many memories from shows and rehearsals which I will forever cherish in my heart!” Miss Lucy is so glad that she invited Erica to be a Jr Student Teacher many years ago! Look what can happen!

Pictured on the right is Teacher Amber Gabaree, another DG2 amazing dancer and teacher. Amber’s skills at assessing a situation and jumping to the rescue are just one aspect of her many assets at the DG2. Throw in true dedication plus a natural sense of integrity and responsibility, and that will give you exactly what DG2 loves about Amber. Amber and both her younger sisters are very active at DG2 and very involved in every event outside of the classroom. Growing up at DG2 through the Jr Student Teacher and Student Teacher programs, Amber became the Student Teacher Advisor in 2013, and a Teacher in 2014, plus continues to assist with the Student Teacher Program.

Amber believes in the Student Teacher Program and claims that going through the different experiences, events and bonding trips are what contributes to the development of an accountable, reliable and responsible young adult. Amber says that being a DG2 teacher is by far her favorite memory. She says, “I love spreading my passion of dance with others and helping them thrive in what they love to do. My favorite time of the DG2 dance year is the rehearsals. I love watching the show come together piece by piece.” Dancing for over 12 years, Amber is proud to say that DG2 is her second home.

### LOOK LIKE A DANCER ...WEAR DANCEWEAR TO REHERSALS



**The Countdown Begins!** Showtime is drawing near and CLASSES ARE LOOKING GREAT! The production number, “Lesson of Nature,” is simply awesome. The DG2 choreographers and teachers have outdone themselves. The props and special effects are going to be breath-taking! Our audience is will be amazed!!

Show nights are Friday and Saturday, June 23rd & 24th. All June rehearsals, dress re-hearsals and performances will be at the Mesa Verde Performing Arts Center, located at 7600 Lauppe Lane, just off Inter-state 80 and Antelope Road in Citrus Heights. We would like to encourage our younger dancers who are not in the production number to come see the older dancers and their teachers perform in the “Lesson of Nature” dress rehearsal on Thursday, June 22nd. It’s so exciting to see the production number in full costume and with all the special effects. Otherwise, they do not get the opportunity, since dancers are not allowed into the audience during show nights.

### **RECITAL FEES/TICKETS**

There is a recital fee of **\$65** for each participant performing on-stage. This fee covers the cost of the theater, security, and insurance. With each paid recital fee you will receive 4 show tickets.

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Recital fees are due **May 18th** and will be withdrawn out of AutoPay accounts automatically. Additional show tickets can be purchased for **\$16** each if you would like to invite more family and friends. Trust us when we say they won't want to miss this one! Proceeds benefit the Sutter Hospital Child Life Program.

### TICKETS

Tickets will be available for pickup and/or purchase during rehearsals starting Wed. June 7th.

### COSTUMES

Costumes are coming in! They will be available for pickup in the old DG2 studio. Your teachers will let you know when your costumes are ready!

### PICTURE WEEK

Tues, May 30 - Sat, June 3  
@ the DG2 studio.

Dancers should come to the studio at their regular class day and time.

Our photographer, Doug, asks all the dancers to arrive with costumes on and ready to have their pictures taken. For those dancers who have a jazz/tap combination class, please come dressed in your jazz costume. After pictures are taken in your jazz costume, you will change into your tap costume for your second photo.

**PLEASE NOTE: MONDAY Picture schedule TBA!!**

**NO FRIDAY OR SATURDAY CLASSES BEGINNING  
MAY 5th & 6th**

(Rehearsals begin week of May 1st)

Please check the rehearsal schedule carefully to find your rehearsal day and time!

**PICTURE WEEK:**

Tuesday, May 30th - Saturday, June 3rd



## **PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - MAY Week 1-2**

We know that it can be frustrating or even confusing to have rehearsal times and days change. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Rehearsals are always loud, messy and full of commotion. Extra bodies only get in the way. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING SIBLINGS OR FRIENDS TO REHEARSALS.** They will get to see you perform on-stage in the show. Please make sure that all cell phones are on vibrate or in silent mode. Since seating space is extremely limited at rehearsals held at the DG2 Studio, we recommend that dancers be dropped off. For those parents who do stay, please keep voices to a minimum during rehearsals.

It is important and expected that all of our dancers wear **DANCEWEAR** to rehearsals. No "pajama pants," denim shorts or streetwear, please. Dancers are special and should look like dancers. If you'd like to order DG2 dancewear, order forms will be available at rehearsals. All DG2 forms are also available online at **www.dancegallery2.com**.

Dancers wearing DG2 dancewear at rehearsals may be photographed, and random photos will be used in the "It's Showtime 2016" program.

**\*\*NOTE: Future rehearsal schedules will come to your email & mail box.**



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Doug McLemore is the owner/director of EFX Photography and Post Production. He is our photographer for Picture Week at the DG2. He developed the knack of how to position, pose and photograph dancers of all ages. Whether or not you plan to purchase show photos, we urge you to allow your dancer to stand in his/her earned position in the group photo as part of our DG2 team! It will become part of our amazing history and wonderful be able to look back and remember who performed in our 26th dance season! Picture week is Tuesday May 30th through Saturday June 3. Please come to your regular class day and time for picture week!

\*Monday - Dancers-picture dates TBA



As a camera man who specializes in filming dancers, Doug uses 5 HD cameras to capture 5 different angles. This allows Doug and his film crew to create a show DVD out of this world! Don't miss out on this opportunity to have your dancer on film in a professionally filmed and edited DVD. You will not be disappointed.



Building the Set



Proudly wear your DG2!



**NO CLASSES ON MEMORIAL DAY  
MONDAY, MAY 29th**

*The DG2 office will be closed.*

**Keep up the good work  
and keep practicing!!**

*The DG2 Staff*