

Newsletter 9.21.2020

I am so excited for the upcoming season! We have made it through some crazy times to be where we are but it will be so worth it. There are so many great things happening at the studio and I love the positivity and support being shared by the Madill PAC family! On top of the pandemic we have had some additional craziness this year in the Duluth dance community and I just want to extend a very sincere and gracious THANK YOU to all of the families who continue to support myself and the studio. Thank you for trusting me with your dancers. I am truly grateful to all of you.

It feels crazy to have to say this.. but *all of the information to follow is subject to change*. We will notify you as soon as possible if anything does happen to change.

Competitions/Conventions

Competitions

We expect that competitions will happen and they will likely have a “block” schedule. Meaning that all of Madill’s dances will go within a certain set of hours and then we would be done. In anticipation of this, it is likely that our cities competitions can be made into day trips. We will not have the schedule either way until 1-2 weeks before the competition so we do request that you keep the dates available until we know when the routines will be performing. We will let you know as soon as we know what each competition plans to do.

REQUIRED:

Pre Company - Masquerade & KAR

Company - Masquerade, Showbiz & KAR

Elite Company - Masquerade, Legacy, Showbiz & KAR

Pre Pro - Masquerade, Legacy, Showbiz, KAR, NUVO & The Dance Awards

Masquerade - Duluth/ March 5-7

Legacy - Burnsville/ April 9-11

Showbiz - Minneapolis/ April 29 - May 2

KAR - Minneapolis/ May 21-23

NUVO - Minneapolis/ February 19-21

The Dance Awards - Las Vegas/ June 26 - July 3rd

OPTIONAL:

Midwest Starz - Duluth/ March 12-14
Midwest Starz - Monticello/ April 16-18
Triple S - Duluth/ March 12-14
In10sity - Minneapolis/ May 7-9

* As you can see.. Triple S and Midwest Starz are both in Duluth on the same weekend. I have called them both to inquire if they plan to do the block schedule. If so, I will request that we are on different days at each competition so that it might be possible to attend both in the same weekend. I have added a midwest Starz Option for another date in case families wanted to opt for that option instead.

Conventions

REQUIRED:

Pre Pro - NUVO

OPTIONAL:

Jump - Minneapolis/ November 13-15
Intrigue - Minneapolis/ January 29-31
Radix - Minneapolis/ January 15-17
NUVO - Minneapolis/ February 19-21

Teams are automatically registered for the required competitions. Solo, Duets, Trios and Small Groups MUST fill out the following Form in order to be registered for the competitions. Please fill out 1 form per routine. Changes can be made if necessary later on. Please fill this form out as soon as possible: <https://forms.gle/ZBbCuJsnGwJW3vJH8>

***All additional conventions, competitions, intensives and individual opportunities that are not on this list must be approved by the studio. Please fill out this form if you attend to participate in any additional events and return to the office.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eR7sEfQYE3I5hMQxanAAjk84nENHDD2GFV8_bqt7Tf8/edit?usp=sharing

Hotel Rooms

If you would like to book rooms, please do so individually as we will not be setting up blocks this year. We are thinking that even our out of town competitions will be day trips since a majority of the competitions will be doing block schedules.

Shows/Performances

Dress Rehearsal/Competition Show

We will be presenting a competition show on February 28 and possibly using the 27th if needed as well. The location is TBD as we try to find space that will allow us in during the pandemic. We will use this as our official Dress rehearsal. This will be a requirement for all teams but extra routines can opt into performing in front of a diverse judging panel to receive feedback prior to the first competition. Extra routines will be asked to pay a \$10 entry fee per dancer per routine to cover the cost of critiques. Groups will not be charged for this. Tickets to this event will be \$5 and it will be open to the public (audience restrictions may be in place due to COVID).

Other performance opportunities will be presented as they come up.

Recital

The 22st Annual Madiill PAC recital will be held on June 5th at the DECC. The Dress rehearsal for recreation groups and other select groups will be held on the 4th. If necessary, a show may be added on the 4th to meet crowd restrictions in place at that time.

Cost

Our competition fees will be paid and recorded separately (not in jackrabbit) in order to ensure the studios security. We collect these fees for the competition in order to give the competition 1 payment. Keeping these transactions separate will guarantee that the studio does not lose money when people choose not to pay their competition fees. If you do not pay the competition fees by the due date that we set your dancer will NOT be registered for the competition. This goes for groups and extra dances. We will be collecting competition fees by cash, check or venmo. The same late policy will apply to competition fees.

Competitions	Due Dates for Entry Fees
JUMP / RADIX / Intrigue	October 12th
Masquerade / Triple S	November 2nd
Midwest / NUVO	December 1st
Showbiz	January 4th
Legacy / in10sity	February 1st
KAR / The Dance Awards	March 1st

Costumes

There will be a \$50 costume deposit per costume charged to your account October with tuition. The remainder of the costume Fees will be posted and charged in December with tuition. The costume fees will include any necessary tights, accessories, props and rhinestones.

Communication

Band App

We will be using the “Band” app to communicate as one big competition group as well as in individual team groups. Band will be the central hub for all things Madill and will allow you to access everything you need in one place. We can post videos and music, schedule events, send reminders, and rsvp all through the app. Files, maps, polls and sign up sheets are also additional features. Turning the notifications on for Band will allow you to see the Madill Specific updates. We will use “band” to update families with news during the week, calendar updates, competition updates, and reminders to look at important emails when they are sent. This replaces the need for so many emails as well that get lost in our inboxes. To join the Madill Group follow this link to get started! <https://band.us/n/a5af103757U53>

Class Schedule

The Class Schedule is certainly more strict this year in consideration of COVID. We do however have some remaining openings in the following classes. Please check your schedules if these classes interest you and sign up via the portal. Some of these are not open to public registration so if you are interested in a class and do not see it available please send an email to info@madillpac.com!

- Level 2.5/3/4 Ballet - Monday 4-5:15
- Combo 1, 2, 3 & 4 - Various Days/Times (recommended for our level 1, 2 & 3 dancers!)
- Int/Adv Combo - Tuesday 7:30-8:30 (Recommended for dancers levels 3-6)
- Level 4-6 Technique - Thursday 8-9:15
- Lyrical / Contemporary - Thursday 7- 8
- Strength & conditioning - Thursday 4-5
- Tap - Thursday 5-6

Attendance

If you are going to miss for ANY reason you MUST email attendance@madillpac.com. Please also indicate if you would like to zoom into the class you are missing or if you will be making up at a different time. We encourage the students to zoom during their normal class times when possible. If you plan to make up choreography you need to arrange a time with the teacher or TA. If you are making up a technique or ballet class you can Zoom into any time or inquire about a class that there is room for you to take in person. If you plan to zoom you MUST email before 2:00pm in order for the office to have it set up.

Important Dates / Breaks

MEA - Studio Closed October 15-18

Halloween - Studio Closed October 31

Thanksgiving - Studio Closed November 25-28
XMAS - Studio Closed December 22-27
XMAS - No class but studio Open for lessons December 28-31
New Years - Studio Closed January 1
MLK - Studio Closed January 18
Winter Break - No Class but studio Open for lessons February 15-18
Easter - Studio Closed April 2-4
Spring Break - Class ON and Studio Open April 19-23
Memorial Day - Studio Closed May 31

Snow Days / Emergency Days

Our Intention will be to utilize technology for the days we may not be able to come into the studio. We are not 100% Sure how this will look and it may differ for which day of the week it may fall on or which classes it affects. But, please be prepared to log onto Zoom if we are unable to have class in the building!

Additional Information/Opportunities

Open Studios

Open Studios will be held every Friday. Sign up now under the “Events” tab in Jackrabbit.

Master Classes

We will be offering regular master classes. The instructors will come from all over the nation with diverse backgrounds in order to bring variety and opportunity to the students. The goal of these classes will be to introduce a wide range of styles and teachers to the students to help them develop and grow faster. These classes will also focus on the ability to learn and execute choreography quickly. These classes will be randomly spread out throughout the year and will be open to the public as well.

Tumbling

Nicole will not only be holding tumbling classes during the week but she offers weekly private lessons for individuals and groups. This opportunity will help dancers reach their fullest potential as they can focus on tricks, technique and strength to expand their ability as a dancer.

Fundraising

There will be several fundraising opportunities throughout the year to allow students and their families to earn money towards their dance expenses. These events and opportunities will benefit the families who participate. There will be more detailed information to come on the individual fundraising events. If you are interested in these opportunities please ask your team mom to help you join the “Fundraising” BAND.

Extra Routines

Solos and optional comps - additional form as well

This year all extra dances must follow the following steps in order to start choreography for the 20-21 season.

1. Submit Registration Fee (outside of portal)
 - a. Your extra dance registration fee includes the registration fee for Masquerade along with the standard registration fee which covers our cost to register you for each competition and to cut and submit music.
 - Solo: \$155
 - Duet: \$85 Each
 - Trio: \$85 Each
 - Small Group: \$63 Each
2. Select Music & Submit link here: <https://forms.gle/WkHXRC1apYUzFcpXA>
3. Once these steps are complete email privatelessons@madillpac.com with your day and time preferences and the office will get back to you with your confirmed lessons. (If you would like a TA in the lesson to learn the dance and be able to help throughout the season please include that in your email)
 - a. Instructor availability can be found here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10XZNC7rkxCNWlcKGE6jyjBby2bSUI5wCKtipV49zkbc/edit?usp=sharing>

Private Technique & Cleaning Lessons

If you are looking to clean choreography or meet with a teacher to refine technique these options will be the same as they have been in the past. To schedule a private with a teacher email privatelessons@madillpac.com

Studio Rentals

To schedule studio rental time please email privatelessons@madillpac.com You must contact the office at least 48 hours in advance. Studio rentals are \$10 an hour. If a teacher needs the space they will receive priority.

Cancelation Policy: If you cancel a lesson or studio rental within 24 hours of the scheduled time, you are responsible for the full cost of the lesson or rental.

Communication

Teacher Privacy

The numbers that you have for teachers are their personal cell phones. We want to limit the amount of communication that happens on their personal phones. There are situations in which communication via these numbers is necessary and therefore appropriate to use. Jocelyn is able to be reached at 218-260-6899. This is her work number so feel free to communicate with this number as much as you need or for anything urgent.

Emails

This will help the office organize requests and ensure timely action.

Attendance ? attendance@madillpac.com

Private Lessons (choreography/cleaning/technique/tumbling) ? privatelessons@madillpac.com

Questions, Comments, Concerns, billing, etc.,? info@madillpac.com

Question, Comments, Concerns for Jocelyn ? jocelyn@madillpac.com