

# TERRY MATLOCK

## DANCE

**SEPTEMBER NEWS** – Welcome to an exciting year of dance and gymnastics. We have had a very productive summer. Our Gold Team attended Nationals in June and were awarded 2

Ultimate Elite Champion Awards. We are extremely proud of our dancers. We hosted 3 workshops this summer. The first was “Technique, Turns and Leaps with U of M Dance Team Coach, (former Terry Matlock student), Valerie Potsos. The second was a “Tap Workshop” with Katherine Hepner, U of M Dance Team Member, and the third was our Competition Dance Camp, where dancers worked on perfecting technique and auditioned for our competitive teams. Team members are posted in the waiting room. I am also very pleased to announce a new member of our teaching staff, Amanda Morris. Amanda grew up in this studio and moved on to Michigan State where she has obtained a Minor in Dance. She served 2 years as President of MSU's Ballroom Dance team also serving as Head Team Captain and Choreographer. She has taught all varieties of dance to beginners and advanced. She also choreographed 3 different productions through the MSU Dance Program. I am excited to have Amanda back in the studio and can't wait to see the new material she brings with her.

**STUDENT PLACEMENT** - During the month of September, teachers are busy evaluating and placing students in the correct classes. If you have any questions or concerns about placement or other class times, please talk to your teacher in class or call me at (810) 232-6800.

**DRESS CODE** – Ballet students should wear pink or black leotards, pink tights and pink ballet slippers. Boy ballet students wear a white t-shirt, black sweat pants and black ballet shoes. For tap, students may wear any color of tights and leotards and black tap shoes. Intermediate and advanced tap dancers need to ask their teacher for color choice for tap shoes. Jazz and pom students wear any color tights and leotards and tan slip on jazz shoes. Lyrical may wear pirouette shoes. Girl gymnastics students wear a leotard with bare legs and feet. Boys can wear shorts or sweatpants with bare feet and a t-shirt.

**TUITION PAYMENTS** – One class a week is \$55.00 per month, two classes a week is \$95.00 a month, additional classes after that are \$35.00 per month. We do offer unlimited student and family rates. Tuition is due the first week of each month. A \$25.00 late fee is added to all

unpaid accounts on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Each lobby has a mailbox that you can put your check in, please write your student's name in the memo. This first week we can also accept credit card or cash payments, you can also sign up for Tuition Express to make online payments or to have your credit card automatically charged or to have a checking account deduction. The dance season is a 10 month season and we guarantee 40 lessons. Because of this the monthly rate stays the same, whether we have 3, 4 or 5 lessons in the month.

SEPTEMBER TUITON SPECIAL – A 10% discount will be offered on yearly payments thru September 30<sup>th</sup>.

MISSED CLASSES – If your student is ill, or has another commitment that require her/him to miss class, please call me for a make-up time. I do encourage students to make up missed classes so they don't feel behind.

WEATHER CONDITIONS – We rarely close the studio due to poor weather conditions as even on “snow days” the roads are often clear by the afternoon. If you are in doubt, please call (810) 232-6800 before heading out. Also please “Like Us” on Terry Matlock Dance facebook page for similar announcements and schedule changes.

CECCHETTI BALLET – We are a certified Cecchetti Ballet School and do put our students through the exam system starting at age 9. Extra practice classes will be announced shortly.

BEMOVED – The class “Bemoved” will be taught again this year by Miss Rae. The class will meet on Mondays at 7:45 and possibly Thursday at 5:30. This Dance-Fitness experience is about wakening the body, stimulating the mind and feeling the soul. This class will benefit dancers and non-dancers alike. A punch card can be purchased for this class.

RECITAL NEWS – Our Dance Recital will be at The Whiting next year on June 13, 2014.

Dress Rehearsal will also be at The Whiting on June 12, 2014. Please put these dates on your calendar.

I am looking forward to working with you and your student. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (810) 232-6800.

Dancingly yours,

Terry Matlock