**September 2019 Newsletter**

Happy Labor Day RAVE Families!

It’s officially back to dance time. We are so excited to see so many returning families and get to know so many new families as well. So you are in the know and prepared for the start of the season this Tuesday, here’s some introductory reminders and info.

**Tuition**

We are working to get all tuition fees plugged into our online system. Once they are in please make sure your $35 registration fee and first month’s tuition are paid by the first class. You can do this by check, cash or card in studio, or by card online through the parent portal on our website. If you log in and don’t see your fee yet, it will be in there by Tuesday.

**Payment Policies**

1. Each monthly payment is due before the 1st of each month. Late payments will incur a 10% late fee each week it is late until a payment is submitted. NSF checks incur a $30 service fee.
2. RAVE will not issue refunds for any reason. If a student has missed a class for illness or personal matters, she/he may request a makeup class. Please speak with the student's instructor to arrange a makeup class. Makeup classes will only be allotted for excused absences and only if the schedule/instructor has an open slot available.
3. If you are interested in an automatic draft, please see Elizabeth at the desk

**Studio Policies**

Below you will find our standard studio policies. Please read through them to make sure you are in the know of our standard protocol.

1. Only RAVE students and staff are allowed beyond the lobby and into the studio space.
2. Parents and students are to remain quiet and respectful in the lobby or outside. Our waiting area is small, so we request waiting outside if possible. The instructor and students can hear discussions in the lobby. RAVE staff reserves the right to ask any disruptive individuals to exit the lobby.
3. If the desk attendant is away, we ask anyone needing to speak with a staff member to wait patiently in the lobby. Someone will speak with you at their earliest availability. We ask individuals not to interrupt a class.
4. If a student has missed several classes for unexcused reasons, their instructor reserves the right to remove them from any performance pieces they are involved in. (Homework will not be considered an excused absence, as a student is responsible for completing their schoolwork before or after class.) Students who miss important class material are expected to make up what they have missed by seeking help from a teacher or fellow classmate.
5. Parents/guardians should notify RAVE faculty if a student will be tardy or absent from a class. We ask that the parent or guardian notify at least 30 minutes prior to class time by phone or e-mail if possible, so the student's instructor can plan accordingly. You can call (225) 235-0149 or e-mail raveperformingarts@gmail.com
6. Our schedule at RAVE may be subject to adjustments or changes. Notice of any adjustments or changes will be given as soon as possible so families can plan accordingly.
7. Please make sure your most used e-mail is listed in your parent portal. We are a paperless company and send out all communication via e-mail and on the website. Please make sure you are getting our monthly e-mails. If you don’t think you are, please notify us at the desk.
8. No gum or food of any kind will be permitted in the studio space. Any student staying past 3 hrs in the studio at a time may have a mess-free, allergen conscious snack in the lobby or outside. No drink other than water is permitted for students.
9. We request parents/guardians/students to make their instructors aware of any and all health concerns that could be of issue in class: such as injuries, allergies, and medical disabilities.
10. We request students to bring their own water, we do not provide water at the studio.
11. Students are expected to use the restroom before coming to class, so that class is not interrupted by frequent bathroom trips.
12. Students will not be permitted to check their phone during class. If there is a family emergency, please contact the studio.
13. Our studio's mission is to create a quality educational training center for the arts.  If a student is disruptive in class, or does not follow the rules or dress code, an instructor reserves the right to take disciplinary action or ask the student to sit out/leave class as disruptions and lack of respect for our faculty and our studio create a negative learning environment for the rest of the student body.
14. RAVE is a limited liability corporation, and the studio and its faculty cannot be held liable for any injury or incident that occurs on the premise. We do our best to make this a safe environment and prevent injury.
15. More studio policies can be found online at [www.raveperformingartsco.com](http://www.raveperformingartsco.com)

**New This Year!**

Both of our lobbies have gotten a bit of a renovation. We will now be streaming both studio rooms on two TV’s in the lobby of Studio B for families who stick around during class. Families are NO LONGER allowed to wait in Studio A. In fact, the chairs have been removed. If you need to stick around during class, you may wait in B where you can watch class while you wait, or explore our improved studio STORE 😊 As a reminder, anyone in the lobby must keep a low speaking volume as the teacher and students can still hear you in the studio space.

**Attire**

Many new families have been asking about attire. When you visit our website [www.raveperformingartsco.com](http://www.raveperformingartsco.com) you can click the Dress Code page under the About Us section where you can find a detailed document with pictures of what is needed for each class per level. Just click the button at the bottom of the Dress Code page for the picture document.

**Orders**

If you recently placed an order for shoes or dancewear through us, they are in. You can pick them up in the office of Studio B when you attend your first class.

**Get Social!**

We will have a banner out the first week of dance for students to take Picts in front of if they choose. Feel free to pose and share on Facebook and Instagram. Don’t forget to tag us! @raveperformingartsco

**Competition and Performance Team**

Congrats to the new members of our Team Program, who auditioned this summer!

**New to Team**

Gabby Kelly, Ashlynn DeArmond, Clara Campbell, Piper Simpson, and Hannah Kracht

**Returning to Team**

Ava Ash, Courtlynn DeArmond, Sara Frances McLin, Presley Trahan, Makaila Vallere, Addie McLin, Jolie Patin, Isabella Thompon, Lily May, Sydney Washington, Taylor Easley, Lauriel Johnson, Emilee Brumfield, Gabrielle Thibodaux, Kendall Breaud and Madolyn Brumfield.

We are so excited for these young ladies to represent us at local events, parades and competitions.

**Auditions for The Nutcracker**

Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre is holding the annual audition for The Nutcracker: A Tale from the Bayou. You can find the info below.

Experience the magic of

The*Nutcracker – A Tale from the Bayou*

as a member of the Cast!

Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre will cast local children, ages 8 to 12, as lambs, cherubs, mice, cooks, toy soldiers and party children in this treasured holiday production.

**Auditions:**

**Sunday, September 29th, 2019**

12:00-12:45 p.m. Boys 8 years\* and up

12:45-1:15 p.m. Girls 8 years\* old

1:30-2:15 p.m. Girls 9 years old

2:30-3:30 p.m. Girls 10 years old

3:30-4:00 p.m. Girls 11-12

\*Children must be 8 years old by December 31, 2019.

Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled audition time.  Wear a leotard, tights, ballet slippers and know your current height and weight.

At Dancers’ Workshop, 10745 Linkwood Court, Baton Rouge, LA 70810 (225) 767-5814.

**Performance Dates:**

**Saturday, December 14th, 2019 & Sunday, December 15th, 2019**

At the Raising Cane’s River Center Arena, Saint Louis Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**Faculty Spotlight – Giulia Fedeli-Barker**

Meet the new Level 3 Ballet and Contemporary Teacher, Mrs. Giulia!

Giulia Fedeli grew up in Padova, Italy and has been dancing since the age of 5. She graduated from the Ballet Academy of the Teatro Carcano in Milan and later graduated with honors from the esteemed Certificate Program of The Ailey School. While at Ailey she also performed with the Alvin Ailey Student Performance Group.  After graduation, she worked with Francesca Harper, performing in New York City and Venice, Italy. Giulia has danced with the Rome, Italy based "Danza Prospettiva" - ARSlab Production for 6 years, touring in the United States, France, Germany, Bulgaria and Italy. After spending one year in Shanghai, China, teaching ballet and modern, she relocated to Baton Rouge with her husband, where she teaches, choreographs and performs. We are so excited for Mrs. Giulia to join us at RAVE!

We are thrilled to have all of you with us this season for our 5th anniversary. We cannot wait for this incredible new year to kick off.

See you all this week!

If you have any question, don’t hesitate to ask. Feel free to e-mail us anytime at raveperformingarts@gmail.com

Sincerely,

*Sincerely,*

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