

August 7, 2017

Dear Dancers and Parents,

Congratulations again on your success in making Company! Please read over the following commitment papers carefully. You should find the following sheets enclosed:

- Cover Letter
- Dancer Contract and Parent Agreement
- Tuition Statement
- ZPS Volunteer System Instructions
- Tentative Calendar

We are pleased to announce that we have a few different ballet projects we are focusing on this year, including *Alice in Wonderland* and *Peter and the Wolf* (which will be done in collaboration with the Holland Symphony). In addition, we will be once again tackling our benefit concert, *Uplifted*, which will be held in October this season.

We have already been in contact with some of those who are cast as leads for our projects. A final and more thorough announcement of casting will take place on the first day of camp. We are currently still in the process of thoroughly researching the many roles and variations included in these works to determine what parts would suit and push each student to grow technically and artistically. Please be humble and supportive to all dancers as you celebrate your parts. We value each and every dancer whether a soloist or a member of the corps. It takes a full company and unity to bring forth a magical, cohesive ballet! We expect every dancer to tackle her role with a good attitude and open mind and strive to portray her character through dance!

Some lead roles may require extra time outside of Company rehearsals. Solos are usually given 2-3 hours of time scheduled with the choreographer and soloist, depending on the length. If you do not wish to give up your free time to be a soloist or lead, please let Ms. Rachel and Ms. Cydney know as soon as possible. We do anticipate starting rehearsals for some solos and leads on the evenings of camp. If you are in ZDC especially, please start to consider what night during camp week that you might be available. Teachers will let you know what solos we have prepared to start and ask you to sign up for time slots between 5:30 and 8:00 pm.

We simply cannot wait to get started on this busy and exciting year! We are so proud of all of our dancers and can't wait to show them off to the community in new ways!

If you no longer wish to join the Company, please let us know before Monday, August 14. Please forward any questions to Ms. Rachel at rachel.zrecdance@gmail.com and Ms. Cydney at cydney.zrecdance@gmail.com.

See you soon!

Ms. Rachel and Ms. Cydney, Co-Artistic Directors

Company Camp Additional Details

Company Camp registration is open online or by stopping in or calling Zeeland Recreation at 748-3230. Camp dates are Mon-Fri, Aug 14-18. Please see below for exact times and location by division.

ZYDC Teal and ZYDC Silver	Mon-Thurs, 8:00 am-12:15 pm at Zeeland Rec
ZDC Teal and ZDC Silver	Mon-Thurs, 11:45 am-5:30 pm at Zeeland Rec

*On Tuesday, August 15, ZDC members will be dismissed at 4:00, on Wednesday, August 16, members will all stay until 7:00. Please pack a sack dinner for that night.

**We will be working on the parade routine from 11:00-11:45 Monday-Thursday for those ZDC members who wish to join and learn the choreography.

On Friday, the full Company will meet at 8:00 am at Zeeland Recreation. A showcase for ZYDC (Teal and Silver) families will be from 11:30-12:00 in Studio A, and a showcase for ZDC (Teal and Silver) families will be from 12:00-12:30 in Studio A with a potluck for all company members and families immediately following at Lawrence Street Park. Please bring table service and beverages for your own family members and a dish to pass according to the following:

Last names starting with A-K:	Main Dish
Last names starting with L-S:	Salad or Side Dish
Last names starting with T-Z:	Dessert

Save the date! An informational parent meeting will be held on Monday, August 14 at 8 PM in Studio A. At this time, a final calendar will be available.