



## Term 4 Newsletter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the start of another fun and busy term! The team at Stepping Out Studios hopes that you have settled back well into Term 4 and we send a very warm welcome to the many other new students who have joined Stepping Out Studios for this Term.

We would like to welcome Miss Chelsea Coleborne to the Stepping Out Studios team. Miss Chelsea joined the Stepping Out family in July as Senior Dance Teacher/Manager and will be introducing competition work to the students of Stepping Out Studios for 2016 and further developing the Studio's dance programme. Miss Chelsea has had extensive experience in the CSTD syllabus and has been teaching and choreographing competition work for the past 12 years.

Please give Miss Chelsea a very warm welcome - she looks forward to getting to know all of you! In the interim please do not hesitate to contact Miss Chelsea ([chelsea@stepping-out.com.sg](mailto:chelsea@stepping-out.com.sg)) if you have any questions regarding private coaching and competitions for your child.

Stepping Out Studios has also launched some exciting new classes this Term. Twirling Twos, Little Stars (ballet and jazz), Junior Jazz and Intermediate Jazz. Be sure to check them out on the website and let the admin staff know if you are interested in coming in for a trial! Don't forget our 'Bring a Friend' \$20 discount vouchers too!

### December Classes.

With Term 4 finishing on the 24th November, we have decided to extend regular classes for another two weeks beyond this date. These classes are optional and will be charged per class. We will also be holding December workshops for those students who will be remaining in Singapore for the December holidays, details to follow.

For those of you who are new to the studio, Stepping Out Studios will hold an annual concert for the students to show off their talent and hard work over the past year! We are looking at having the annual concert in the early months of 2016. Rehearsals will commence this term so please ensure your child is attending every class if they wish to partake in the annual concert.

We have some general reminders and several exciting things happening this Term. Please see the following pages for details and remember to update your diaries!

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### **10<sup>th</sup> October - Above 40 Performance**

The Stepping Out Crew has been invited to attend the Above 40 Performance. 'da:ns festival brings together four established choreographers from Singapore to return to their first love - dancing on stage'. This only applies to the Crew that have already purchased tickets.

**Date:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Time:** 8.30pm - 9.30pm

**Venue:** Esplanade Theatre Studio

**Details:** Those students who have already purchased tickets, please make your own way to the venue or alternatively meet at Stepping Out Studios for a departure to Esplanade Theatres by 7pm sharp.

### **17<sup>th</sup> October - Surprise Flashmob Performance**

Stepping out Studios invites all students, parents, and friends to be a part of the 'Surprise' Flashmob Performance as part of the Got to Move project. This is going to be a fun and exciting event and we would love everyone to be a part of it! More details to come.

**Date:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October

**Time:** 6pm

**Venue:** City Square Mall, Level 1, City Green Entrance

**Details:** Please refer to the Whatsapp message for further details and check with our admin staff for updates regarding this event.

### **18<sup>th</sup> October - SG50 Performance**

Stepping Out students will be performing for the South East Clean and Green SG50 Carnival.

**Date:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

**Time:** 5.00pm and 5.45pm

**Venue:** OneKM Shopping Mall @ Atrium, 11 Tanjong Katong Road

**Details:** Rehearsals are well underway for this event and the students are working very hard towards this performance. Please ensure that your child continues to attend every rehearsal from now until the event for a smooth delivery of the performance. Please ensure everyone performing wears their Stepping Out Studios jacket. Please refer to the SG50 newsletter for additional information.

### **18<sup>th</sup> October - Open House**

**Date:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

**Time:** 10.30am to 3.45pm

**Venue:** Stepping Out Studios

**Details:** Stepping Out Studios will be collaborating with Got To Move, the National Arts Council's new annual dance platform. In the month of October 2015, Got to Move is offering free island-wide dance workshops, master classes, dance programmes and activities for everyone to experience dance! Stepping Out Studios will be contributing to the platform by conducting free dance classes for children on 18<sup>th</sup> October and for adults from 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Stepping Out Studios on the week of our Open House. Please bring your friends for a Sunday full of dance and don't forget to register at reception for these free dance classes by 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### **November, CSTD Examinations**

Preparations are well under way for those students who have been selected to participate in the November CSTD Examinations. Please ensure your child is attending every lesson, to ensure they are prepared and confident for their exam day. You will be notified of the date and time of the CSTD examinations in the next few weeks.

## General Reminders

### 1. Make-up Classes

It has been brought to our attention that there seems to be confusion over the procedure for make-up classes. To clarify: there will be **no** refund for missed classes. Make-up classes will expire 30 days (within the allocated term) from the date of the student's absence and each student is permitted to only **two** make-up lessons per term, providing there are classes available at the child's current level or lower.

### 2. Uniform

Students should take pride in their appearance. This is part of the discipline of being a dancer. Our uniform is specifically designed so that the teacher can see the body and make necessary corrections whilst dancing. Other unsuitable clothing obscures the body and may hide mistakes. Parents, please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform to class. Please ask our staff if you are unsure of the correct uniform.

For girls, hair must be neatly and securely tied for all classes and worn in a bun for classical ballet. At no time may the hair be worn down.

Students who are not dressed appropriately for class will not be permitted to dance but will observe instead.

### 3. Website / Noticeboard

Please do remember to check our website and the studio noticeboard regularly. Our website contains all necessary information regarding the term schedule and the noticeboard will have weekly reminders. This information will always be up to date.

Wishing everyone a successful Term 4!

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to email us at [info@stepping-out.com.sg](mailto:info@stepping-out.com.sg)

Yours in Dance,

The Stepping Out Team