



A Rocky Mountain School of Dance & Performing Arts, Inc. News

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November 2009

CALENDAR

November 9-11

Sam Renzetti
Guest Artist
RMSDPA

November 12 -14

Gina Starbuck
Guest Artist
RMSDPA

November 17

APT Silhouette
Performance

November 18

"A Christmas Story"
Tickets on sale
RMSDPA

November 21-22

LA Dance Magic
Convention/Competition
Westin Hotel
Westminster

November 23-24

APT Holiday

November 25-29

Thanksgiving Break
RMSDPA Closed

FEES DUE:

Tuition Fees Due:
Pay by the 7th to avoid
\$25 late fee.

November 15

JUMP Fees Due:
Convention/Competition
(APT Required)
(PEAK & Petite
Company Optional)

November 15

Costume Fees Due:
Petite Company & PEAK

Mark Your Calendars!

December 8th & 9th
"A Rocky Mountain
Holiday Show"
RMSDPA

December 19

"A Christmas Story"
Performance
6:00 p.m.

Gates/Newman Center

Dec. 21-Jan. 3
Winter Holiday
RMSDPA Closed

A Rocky Mountain Holiday December 5 - Dress Rehearsal December 8th & 9th Show

"A Rocky Mountain Holiday" performance features Mountain, Petite Company, and PEAK students ages 3-18 who attend ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, and hip hop classes. This in-house performance will be held at RMSDPA on December 8th & 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

DRESS REHEARSAL for all Mountain, Petite Company, and PEAK students ages 3-18 will be held Saturday, December 5th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Below are the times for each group of dancers:

- 1:00 – Mtn Twinkles (ages 3-4)
- 1:30 – Mtn Starlights (ages 5-7)
- 2:00 – Mtn/Petite Company (ages 5-8)
- 2:30 – Mtn/PEAK Juniors (ages 8-11)
- 3:00 – Mtn/PEAK Teens (ages 12-18)

TUESDAY, Dec. 8th all Mtn Twinkles (ages 3 & 4) will perform in the 6:00 p.m. show and Mtn/Petite Company (ballet, tap, jazz/lyrical and hip hop) will perform in the 7:00 p.m. show.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 9th Saturday Mtn Starlights and Mtn/PEAK Juniors will perform in the 6:00 p.m. show. Mtn/PEAK Teens will perform in the 7:00 p.m. show.

Mark your calendars for this fun holiday event!!!!

"A Christmas Story" Tickets on Sale November 18 RMSDPA

Tickets for the 18th annual production of "A Christmas Story" will be on sale at RMSDPA on Wednesday, November 18th at 4:00 p.m. Seating is assigned and seats are first come first serve. Although this is an annual event, it is never exactly the same from year to year and this year is no exception. RMSDPA's "A Christmas Story" is a feeling - an inspiring moment when for an evening your life is carried away to a magical moment. The beautiful picture that your children and young adults paint will be forever woven into the tapestry of your lives. "A Christmas Story" will be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 19th at the DU Gates/Newman Center located near University and I-25. Stop by the front desk on Wednesday, November 18th after 4:00 p.m. to purchase your tickets to "A Christmas Story". Don't miss this seasons Christmas gift that RMSDPA dancers are giving to their family, friends and community.

SMUSH CONVENTION

RMSDPA proudly hosted the new **SMUSH CONVENTION** on Sat. October 10th and Sun. October 11th. This is a new convention created by our very own **Ken Jimenez**. Smush was created to bring all styles of dance together in one Convention. Dancers attend classes in an open community Master Class Series. Dancers train in a non-competitive atmosphere bringing communities together within local dance studios. **Smush** will be traveling across the country with this exciting new Convention. RMSDPA was proud to be the first studio to host this revolutionary community event!!!!

Guest choreographers included:

Jillian Myers - "So You Think You Can Dance"

Dana Wilson contemporary dancer working in commercials, music videos, a world tour with Justin Timberlake and was the assistant choreographer to Wade Robson on the new Cirque Du Soleil show.

Jackie Lautchang - a member of "So Real Cru" one of the dance crews competing in *Randy Jackson Presents America's Best Dance Crew*, featuring street dance crews.



LA Dance Magic November 21-22 Westin Hotel - Westminster

LA Dance Magic is a pre-registered convention/ competition that APT & PEAK dancers (Petite Company optional) will attend on November 21st & 22nd at the Westin Hotel in Westminster. Dancers will attend classes on Saturday and Sunday. APT dancers will perform in the LA Dance Magic competition on Saturday night. Come show your support for RMSDPA dancers by joining the audience on Saturday night. Bring your noise makers and cheer on your friends.

IT'S FREE!!!!

**RMSDPA Proudly Introduces
November Guest Artists**



Sam Renzetti will be teaching choreography at RMSDPA November 9th – 11th. Sam Renzetti, of *Xtreme Dance*, believes that it is important "...to stay humble and always prepare its members with a pre-professional solid foundation of what Hip-Hop/Jazz dancing truly is." *Xtreme Dance*, under Sam's direction, is one of the top elite Hip Hop/Jazz dance troupes in the Midwest. RMSDPA is pleased to welcome Sam back to our studio this season. Take your Hip Hop/Jazz ability to the next level when you learn from this amazing choreographer!!!



Gina Starbuck will be teaching choreography at RMSDPA November 12 – 14. She recently finished a long run with the LA company of the Broadway hit *Wicked*. Starbuck's unique sense of style and fashion earned her a full page spread in one of Japan's most prestigious magazines, *Woofin' Girl*. She has worked with many artist and her skills as a teacher and choreographer have taken her around the world. She is on faculty at many prestigious studios and dance conventions including *The Edge Performing Arts Center* and *Millenium Dance Complex*. She has appeared in a variety of television shows, films, and commercials including *Visa* - working with *Emmy Award* winning choreographer, *Mia Michaels*. In 2007, she created and founded *Art4Life* in support of the *American Cancer Society*. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to learn from one of the best choreographers in the industry!!!

**RMSDPA WELCOMED GUEST
CHOREOGRAPHER NICK BOWMAN**

Nick Bowman visited RMSDPA in October and once again wowed us with his tap Master Classes and Choreography. RMSDPA students enjoyed learning tap from a nationally acclaimed artist!!! THANKS NICK!!

**RMSDPA Dancers
Traveled to the EDGE**

Five RMSDPA dancers traveled to Los Angeles, California in October for a week long training trip at the *EDGE Performing Arts Center*. They had a great time learning from some of the nation's best instructors and choreographers. The dancers also learned life skills during this training trip, i.e., how to grocery shop for themselves, live on a budget, calculate tips at restaurants, and much more. The trip was a huge success and created memories that will last a lifetime!

COASTAL DANCE RAGE

Dancers from RMSDPA attended the *Coastal Dance Rage* Convention in October. Our dancers attended classes taught by TV's "*So You Think You Can Dance*" instructors, judges and choreographers and were also invited to a "Meet and Greet" where they received autographs and took pictures with those same instructors, judges and choreographers!!!! What an awesome opportunity for RMSDPA dancers!!!!



RMSDPA FEATURED INSTRUCTOR



Meghan Mahala

Meghan is a graduated student from RMSDPA. After growing up in the RMSDPA family, she has proven her talent in performance, technique, teaching and choreography. Her passion and musicality that Miss Meghan brings to her students shines through when they are on stage and helps many dancers find confidence in their movement. Miss Meghan fulfilled an internship position at *Paramount Studios* in Hollywood, California. While in Hollywood, Miss Meghan trained from leading artists in the industry. Miss Meghan has expanded her career into the accounting profession and is an associate at one of the area's largest accounting firms. As she travels from coast to coast providing a multitude of accounting services to her clients, she continually finds her way back to where her artistic soul and heart can best express themselves – her RMSDPA home. Please join Megan for the adult **Zumba** class held on Tuesday evenings, 7:30-8:30 p.m., at RMSDPA!!!!

Class Scholarships

- Benji Schwimmer– (Swing) **Jessica Schow** -Class Scholarship
- Bobby Newberry – (Jazz Funk) **Gia Ferrero** -Class Scholarship
- Shannon Mathers– (Lyrical) **Blayke Bayer** -Class Scholarship
- Tokyo – (Contemporary) **Cameron McMechen** -Class Scholarship
- tWich – (Hip Hop) **Elyse Massey** - Class Scholarship

Capezio Fashion Show - **Brittany Marks & Cameron McMechen** were asked (by Capezio) to model in the fashion show. They modeled Capezio dance wear and were given the items to keep.

Faculty Show:

Chasey Brownell - recognized by faculty for working hard in all her classes.

Dancers of the weekend

- Teen- 5th over all - **Cameron McMechen**
- Sr.- 2nd over all - **Erik Kaiser**-CDR & Millennium Scholarship

**RMSDPA DANCERS PERFORMED
FOOTLOOSE**

The Children's Hospital "Little Wishes Big Dreams," Gala 2009, one of Denver's Premier events, was held on October 24th. The Gala featured dinner, dancing, and silent and live auctions. Entertainment included Loggins & Messina and RMSDPA!! RMSDPA dancers were hired by Starkey Entertainment to perform at this black tie event. The dancers felt privileged to perform on the same stage as Loggins & Messina. RMSDPA dancers dressed in 80's prom attire and performed "*Footloose*".

Congratulations RMSDPA dancers!!!!

RMSDPA DANCERS IN THE NEWS

Brooke Ruybal and Brittany Anderson filmed a HONDA commercial that is now being shown on TV, the Internet and in movie theaters. Check out the commercial on youtube at the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYQPtARqLak>

**Congratulations RMSDPA students,
Brooke and Brittany!!!**