

June Newsletter

Important Dates:

- 6/29 Performing Company Send-off Showcase!
- 7/3-7/9 PC at American Dance Awards in Providence
- 7/18 NESD&T Summer Session begins
- 7/24-7/29 Summer Intensive Week & PC Audition

Mary Poppins Photos and Video

Families that attended our Picture Day should have recently received an email containing the link to view their child's gallery. We are so pleased with these gorgeous captures and know you will be too! The photographer requests that you "favorite" the 2 images: 'favorite' or 'star' the two included digitals you'd like and I will send those files to you. Parents that had multiple children please favorite the two images in each child's gallery and I will send those files to you. Please do so by August 31st 2023. There are also packages you can find under 'Info' or if you just click on an image - if you want more than your two included images, the whole gallery, or prints, canvases, buttons, etc. Additionally, our production company is still hard at work finalizing the video edits but we will certainly send that to all as soon as we have it this summer!



YOU'RE INVITED
NESD&T Performing Company Nationals Send-Off Showcase

JUNE 29 5-7PM
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DONATIONS TO THE NESD BOOSTER CLUB WELCOME!

You're Invited to our Company Send-off Showcase!

Thinking about auditioning for the competition team in the future? Please join us on Thursday, June 29th for one final opportunity to see our Performing Company members do their dance from this season before we leave for nationals on July 2nd! You will also be able to catch them live on <https://americandanceawards.com/register/> to cheer them on virtually throughout the week! We'd like to extend a special congratulations to two of our advanced students, Gwen Bedard and Mollie Winer as they compete for the title of America's Teen Dancer of the Year on July 6th and are wishing all of our dancers the best of luck!

Summer Classes, Camps & Intensive

The Importance of Summer Study

Summer vacation months provide an invaluable opportunity to grow as a dancer while enjoying a more relaxed schedule. Without the stress of academic homework, we find that students approach their technique classes at the studio with a renewed sense of focus and detail. New classes also mean new friends to meet and learn alongside! We hope our students will also try a new style this season since classes are starting fresh and teachers are excited to introduce them to something new! Explore options here:

Who Should attend the Intensive Week?

Any dancer ages **6.5 or older with 2+ years of study** should consider attending our week-long summer dance intensive from July 24th - July 29th! While we do aim to challenge the students in order for them to experience growth and improvement (it wouldn't be called an Intensive if we didn't, after all!) We are dedicated to meeting each child where they are and encouraging their unique set of talents and gifts. We're thrilled to welcome several award-winning guest teachers to share their knowledge and talents with students at NESD&T and round out a dynamic schedule that also includes our incredible staff your children know and love. On Saturday, July 29th there will be a showcase to share with you some of what they learn! Additionally, this week-long experience serves as the first audition for the new 2023-24 Performing Company for those interested in learning a solo and duet or trio for the next competition season! Registration is open until July 12th and we hope to see your dancer there - if you have any questions please email nesdoffice@gmail.com.

Upcoming Opportunities

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| <i>July Mini Camp - Winnie the Pooh (ages 3-6)</i> | <i>July 12th - still open!</i> |
| <i>July Intensive Week (Ages 6+)</i> | <i>July 12th - still open!</i> |
| <i>Summer Session Technique Classes (ages 3+)</i> | <i>July 12th - still open!</i> |
| <i>August Mini Camp - Neverland (ages 3-6)</i> | <i>July 12th - 2 spots left!</i> |
| <i>Fall 23 - Spring 24 Classes (all ages!)</i> | <i>Sept. 2nd - Now open!</i> |

Fall 2022 - Spring 2023 Class Offerings!

NESD teaching staff personalized recommended class schedules for each of our dancers earlier this month. If you did not pick up your envelope please do so soon to review your options for the fall!

Fall registration is now open and you can find the "23/24 Full schedule" below each training track on our website: <https://www.newenglandschoolofdance.com/>

Frequently Asked Questions

Should my child spend more than one or two years in any given class level?

In short, yes, most students will spend more than a year or two in any given class level at NESD. First and foremost, please know that it does not benefit a dance student to move on from any level before they have a strong foundational understanding of most of that curriculum; doing so can set them up to face great difficulty (and even injury) at the higher levels. While rate of progress does depend on the individual child, we take into account the following factors when considering whether or not a child would benefit from progressing to the next class:

- Growth Mindset and ability to apply constructive corrections
- Classroom etiquette, maturity and positivity
- Technical growth consistent with developmental expectations (based on our curriculum provided by American Ballet Theater and NESD Staff)
- Commitment, effort and evident improvement across class foundations in each genre
- Presentation (proper dress code and hair)

Our teaching staff is highly trained and always evaluating our students' placement and progress. Teachers will observe students closely within the first three weeks of classes and contact you in the event that a different

level or class is recommended.

How do I go about signing up for next year?

Please use this checklist as a reference while preparing for another fantastic year:

- Review your personalized schedule of recommended classes (you should have received this in the studio but can contact the office if you did not).
- Log into your Studio Director account via our website:
<https://app.thestudiodirector.com/newenglandschoolofdance/portal.sd?page=Login>
- Review the NESD Performing company information and contact Company Manager, Kelly O'Brien at nesdcompanymanager@gmail.com
- Register for the required Summer Session offerings if you will audition for our performing company and/or Nutcracker on September 9th to continue training throughout the summer.
- Select and register for your complete Fall class schedule as soon as possible - *If adjustments such as enrolling in a new performing company ballet class need to be made following the audition, our office staff will take care of that for you.
- Save The Date for our open houses in August from 5-7 PM on 8/15 and from 12-2 PM on 8/19 to learn more about the upcoming season, see dress code options and discuss your future dance plans!
- Stretch & condition daily over summer vacation to stay limber and avoid injuries!
- Review your dress code and get excited about another amazing year of dance training, growth and fun beginning on **September 5th!**
- Contact nesdoffice@gmail.com with any outstanding questions

We thank you for being a valued member of the NESD community and hope to see you this summer!



NESD&T students having some fun at the final week of Mary Poppins cast parties!