

TALENT FORUM TIMES



Hello Talent Forum Family,

What a fun Halloween Week! It was truly a week of fantasy. Never has Talent Forum been blessed with so many dynamic costumes and characters on our dance floors. This was a very special week with tributes to our teachers as well as some very creative themes and choreography. Even our home zoomers took part in the fun.

Parents week is coming up November 9th - 15th and we can't wait for you to see what your dancers have been up to. They have been working so hard, so be sure to tune in! Log in instructions can be found on Page 3.

Many of you know that my two favorite phrases are "It takes a village" and "The only thing you can count on is change". I could not be prouder of our *Village* and how well you have embraced every *Change* that has come our way.

More information regarding current health and safety measures can be found on page 2. We are so grateful to be able to continue offering dance on a daily basis.

Yours Truly,
Shelley



Tap Jam 2020



DATES TO REMEMBER

PARENTS WEEK

NOV 9-15

COSTUME DEPOSITS

NOV 15TH

FALL BREAK

NOV 23-29

TAP JAM 2020

DEC 11-13

WINTER BREAK

DEC 14 - JAN 9

Nov 16 - Last Day to Register for classes

We still have spots open in select classes which include:

PreBallet 3-5, Hip Hop 3-5,

Ballet/Tap 5-10, Jazz/Hip Hop 6-10,

Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, and

HipHop for 10+. Spread the word to neighbors and friends looking for a safe place for their child to dance.

Please contact Shelley 847-816-1711 to assist with class placement.

We had a fabulous plan to hold Tap Jam 2020, but the current state orders have caused us to take a different approach. No worries; to move forward, onward and upward is our dancers only option! We will begin filming at the studio in a couple weeks. Tap Jam 2020 will be available as a "Video on Demand" from Friday 12/11 - Sunday 12/13.

Footprints Tap Ensemble has a remarkable history as the second oldest Not for Profit youth tap company in the nation.

Some of our first Tap Jams were created in our studio so we look at this year as a return to our roots.

We are thrilled that our very own Hip Hop Forum Squad companies and Forum Starz will also be a part of Tap Jam. You can support Footprints, by enjoying their exceptional tap dance performances at this upcoming event. More information on how you can attend will be coming soon. Mark your Calendar!



Parking Lot: If you are parked on the opposite side of the entrance door please come to the walkway to pick up your child. It is very dangerous for them to run across the lot to your vehicle. Also, please consider the parking lot an extension of the our responsibility. We are requesting there be no unmasked gatherings in that area.

Covid Update: It gives the staff great pride to see our dancers being so respectful and kind to each other through this time of caution. It is now second nature to hand sanitize before and after classes. They continue to practice social distancing within and outside the studio. We have heard that our dancers are helping spread the word about the importance of social distancing with friends and family. With Covid numbers on the rise it is evident that they want to do their part so we can continue to dance.

We thank you for the precautions that are taken at the sign of a possible symptom by dancers switching to class via zoom.

Masks: Having a mask that fits well is very important for our dancers. A proper mask should fit securely over the nose and form to the cheeks. Some of our dancers are finding the disposable tri-fold paper masks work best for class. Please consider safety and comfort before fashion. We do have some masks available if you would like to inquire with Shelley or Fran.

Covid Contact: If we are notified about a case within your child's class, an inquiry as to any "Close Contact" is requested. We will notify the entire class of a possible exposure, and anyone determined "close contact" will be individually notified. If dancer experienced "close contact", we request a Covid test to be taken 3 or more days after contact with negative results OR for dancer to quarantine for 14 days from contact before returning to the studio. You always have the option to attend class virtually.

Close Contact has been defined by the Lake County Health Department as being unmasked and within 6ft for 15+ minutes.

We love our dancers because they...

...are as compassionate as they are talented. Dance is a healing force for the world. *Mark Yonally*

...are the spirit that shines in our soul. Our dancers have shown us that the love of dance endures all obstacles. *Miss Shelley*

...make us smile :) *Miss Lindsey*

...are Beautiful, Talented, Fun, and all very uniquely AMAZING! *Miss Alyssa*

...are so dedicated and still push themselves technically and artistically. *Miss Kalina*

...are Enthusiastic, Passionate, Hard Workers and Good Listeners. They have show us Growth, Determination, and Strength. *Miss Keely*

...are passionate and committed. Our dancers have shown us heart & perseverance. *Miss Sinead*

Injury

If injured, we welcome you to sit and watch the class in person. A lot can be learned from watching others. If you are able to participate in some way, please report your medical issues to your teacher so they may keep you from doing improper movements that might aggravate the problem.

Illness/Absent

There will be no refunds for missed classes. If you are unable to attend class in person or via zoom a link to the recording of the class will be emailed to you within 48 hrs.



Log In for Parents Week Monday Nov 9 – Sunday Nov 15th

For those watching from your car, our upgraded wifi network should allow you to connect your device from our parking lot. Choose Talent Forum-Guest and use password studio450

1. From the website at talentforum.biz click on the "My Account" tab
2. Log into your account with your email and password
3. From account Info screen in the Students section, click on View Classes
4. Click on the green "Attend Virtual Class" for the class you are ready to attend.

You will now be directed to the class. You may arrive prior to the teacher if they have not completed their previous class so please be patient.



Recital Updates

HomeScapes 2020

Our June 2020 Recital performance video compilation is still in production. Protecting our dancers by blurring names has taken quite some time. We are committed to completing this project and are excited to share the results with you.

Recitals 2021

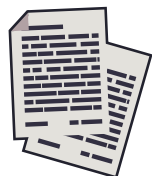
DanceScapes 2021, to be held Feb 27 & 28 will include select Intermediate-Advanced classes. The remainder of those classes, along with our younger dancers, will be scheduled for our June Recital to be held June 6-10.

Should our scheduled venues not be available, the back up plan is to build a large stage on Shelley's seven acre property in Mundelein. The planned area will allow space for a socially distanced viewing audience. We would hold both performances outdoors during the scheduled June dates.

Costume Deposits

Making sure dancers have costumes that brings their choreography to life is a very important part of the dance experience. On November 15 your account will be charged a \$54 deposit per class with the balance due on Feb 1 for the routines in the March showcase or March 1 for routines in the June Recital.

You will receive a Costume & Recital Agreement to sign and return stating that you agree to the costume deposits and balance due. This will also serve as confirmation that you are available for the show dates mentioned and that we should order costumes for your dancer.



Don't forget to turn in your
Accident Waiver/Liability Form and
Costume & Recital Agreement



Updates are indicated in **Red**

Nov 1	3rd Monthly Tuition Payment Due/Processed
Nov 9-14	Parents' Week (Monday-Saturday) via Zoom
Nov 15	Costume Deposit Charged to Account
Nov 23-29	Fall Break: No Classes (Classes Resume on Monday, November 30)
Dec 1	4th Monthly Tuition Payment Due/Processed
Dec 2	Dance Forum 2021 Tickets on sale
Dec 11-13	TAP JAM 2020 will be available as a Video on Demand (Footprints, Forum Starz, Forum Squad)
Dec 14-Jan 9	Winter Break: No Classes (Classes resume on Monday, January 11th)
Jan 1	5th Monthly Tuition Payment Due/Processed
Jan 18-23	Parents' Week (Monday-Saturday) via Zoom
Jan 29-30	DANCE FORUM 2021* (<i>Forum Dance Theatre</i>)
Feb 1	6th Monthly Tuition Payment Due/Processed
Feb 1	DanceScapes Tickets on sale
Feb 7	DanceScapes Photos at Talent Forum
Feb 27-28	DANCE SCAPES 2021* (<i>Selected classes TBD by Nov 1st</i>)
Mar 1	7th Monthly Tuition Payment Due/Processed
Mar 21-27	Spring Break: No Classes (Classes Resume on Monday, March 29)
Apr 1	8th Monthly Tuition Payment Due (Final Payment)
Apr 5-10	Parents' Week (Monday-Saturday) via Zoom
Apr 11	Recital Pictures at Talent Forum
Apr 16	FOOTPRINTS TAP ENSEMBLE Audition Workshop – 5:30 pm
Apr 17	FOOTPRINTS TAP ENSEMBLE Auditions – 3pm
May 1	Recital Tickets on sale
May 2	Recital Photos at Talent Forum
May 14	FORUM DANCE THEATRE Audition Preparatory Workshop – 6pm
May 15	FORUM DANCE THEATRE Auditions 3pm
May 16	Forum Squad Auditions
June 6-10	JUNE RECITAL * (<i>All classes that did not perform in DanceScapes</i>)

Summer Intensive

June 21st – July 1st - 2 week Dance Intensive Monday-Friday
3 Levels - Intermediate, Intermediate/Advanced & Adv/Pro

* Tap Jam, Dance Forum, DanceScapes & June Recital dates include rehearsals and performances. Specific times will be determined closer to the date.

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