

The S.P.A.C.E.

School of Performing Arts for the Community of East York

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Newsletter

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February is the shortest month, but there's no shortage of things going on at The S.P.A.C.E. to tell you about!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for **Bring A Friend Week** - and welcome to those of you who stayed! If *your* friend wants to register, it's not too late. Pick up a registration form for them, or have them call or e-mail the studio.

Some of our friends have birthdays this month! Happy Birthday to Sasha K. Dorothy R, Sofia E, Maeve K-H, Danielle K, and Mieke Y!



And now, once again, we're holding a **Food Drive Class Challenge** for the **Red Door Shelter**! Throughout the month of February, each non-perishable food item you bring in earns a point for your class, and at the end of the month, the class with the most points wins! The **Red Door Shelter** helps children & families in need in our neighbourhood, so help us send a Valentine to those who need it most.

Speaking of valentines - we also have Valentine Celebration Week

coming up this month! From February 12 to 18, we'll have special activities in class to celebrate love and friendship. Wear your valentine colours - red, white, and pink - to show your valentine spirit. There'll be a prize for the Best Dressed Valentine in each class!

You're gonna LOVE how we're kicking off Valentine Celebration Week.... we're bringing in MATT MARR! Canada's favourite male dancer from So You Think You Can Dance Canada season 4 (& Sarah's BFF!) Is coming to The SPACE **Sunday, February 12** to teach two Jazz/Contemporary classes:
Young dancers (ages 7-12) - 3:00-4:00pm
Teen/Adult (high school & up) - 4:30-5:30pm
From 4:00-4:30pm, all workshop participants are invited to an exclusive "Chat with Matt", where you can ask questions and even snap a few pics! Friends and family are all welcome; workshop fees are \$20 for students of The SPACE and \$25 for anyone not registered in classes. Places are limited, so sign up on the bulletin board today!



Share the Valentine love with your family! Family Day is Monday, February 20th, and the studio will be closed that day. Classes will run as scheduled on the 17th and 18th, and will resume February 21st.

We're also celebrating **Black History Month**. Check out the music and books by and about black artists in our lobby - biographies, plays, & more! The diverse culture we enjoy in Canada today has been enriched by these artists, and this month is a time to celebrate their contributions and achievements.

Please note: effective March 1, there will be a \$30 fee for all NSF cheques.

It's time to measure everyone for costumes for our year end show production of...wait for it...Disney's **Beauty and the Beast** June 15-17! Show times will be announced in March. Mounting a full scale musical production is a lot of fun, but does require a big commitment from everyone. In May, students will be required to attend rehearsals that may fall outside of their regular class times. In order for us to schedule those rehearsals, we need to know about any scheduling conflicts as soon as possible. If you play piano on Mondays, or start soccer in the spring, or have school choir, please e-mail Linette or bring a note with all conflicts no later than Saturday, March 10. The May rehearsal schedule will be e-mailed in late March, so that everyone can prepare well in advance for the changing schedule. All students MUST be at all rehearsals they are scheduled for. If we do NOT receive your rehearsal conflicts by March 10, we cannot work around your schedule, and you will need to ensure you can attend your rehearsals. We'll all be working together – everyone from our youngest Parents+Tots dancers to our Adult students will get the chance to shine on stage!

A fabulous show needs fabulous costumes! All students will need to purchase a costume for the show – we do our best to make sure everyone looks great at an affordable price. And it's yours to keep when the show is over! Prices are as follows:

- Creative Movement - \$60
- Beginner Students (6-8 years) - \$70
- Junior Students (9-11 years) - \$80
- Elementary/Senior Students (12 and up) - \$95
- Adult Students - please ask your teacher

Costume fees are non-refundable, and MUST be in NO LATER than Saturday, February 25. There will be a \$10 late fee for fees submitted after that date. Costumes are fitted for each student, and we keep prices down by adding trim and doing alterations ourselves. Please let Linette know if you can help!



Want more time in the spotlight? All students will be in the show with their class, and there are up to four additional parts available. You have all of February to prepare, and on **Saturday, March 10 at 3pm**, we will hold auditions for these solos, duets, or trios. Please sign up on the bulletin board with your audition piece, and ask your teacher if you have any questions!

Love to perform? You can also audition for the **COMPANY** – an elite group of students who have performed at everything from the East York Canada Day Parade to Opening Day for the Argos! Our 2011 Company auditions are Saturday, February 4 at 3pm. All students will learn a short dance number; if you're interested in featured acting or singing roles, please prepare a song or monologue. Please speak with Linette if you have questions. Because of the auditions, there is no rehearsal this month, but all Company members are encouraged to attend the Matt Marr Jazz/Contemporary Workshop February 12!

Registration has already begun for **MARCH BREAK CAMP**, and because we love you, we're extending our "**FREE T-shirt**" offer to **February 14!** Pick up registration forms and flyers for you & your friends at the studio today, and join us for a fun week of SEUSSICAL – THE MARCH BREAK CAMP! Classes run March 12-16 from 9am-3pm, with extended care available 8am-6pm. If you're aged 6-12, join us for dance, acting, and singing classes, plus a special end of the week performance show! Only \$199 for the week, and remember, register by February 14, and get a FREE T-shirt!

Guest Artists, Valentine Celebration Week, the Food Drive – LOTS going on to help you beat the February blahs! Please remember to get your costume fees in on time – when you pay for your costume you commit to being in the show and attending all rehearsals, so do let us know about any conflicts for May. See you in class!

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