

## **eXit SPACE - SUMMER 2010 DANCE CAMP DESCRIPTIONS**

### **PRINCE and PRINCESS CAMP**

This three day camp is designed for boys and girls ages 3-6 to explore dance through creative movement, ballet, and tap. Together with their instructor the young dancers will create an enchanting forest full of creatures, trees, and colorful flowers that they themselves create. With the help of their magical wands, capes, and crowns they maneuver around and over the hidden obstacles in the forest and complete their journey to become charming Prince and Princess Dancers! All dancers are encouraged to dress in their favorite prince or princess costume. Camp begins each morning at 9:30, snacks are provided as well as juice and water. Parents should plan on picking up their young dancer at 11:45 the first two days of camp, arriving at this time to see what they dancers have created that day! On the final day of camp, the dancers cordially invite their parents to listen to their wonderful journey through the enchanted forest, and to watch them as they transform into magical Prince and Princess Dancers by singing a special song about dance and fairy tale powers! The informal third day showing begins at 11:15.

### **Dance Arts Camp**

This three day camp is designed for boys and girls ages 6-8. Children will explore ballet, jazz, hip-hop, tap, and modern dance. Students will also have the opportunity to view musicals and ballets to stimulate creativity and exploration as they, together with the instructor, create their own dance routines with costumes and imagination!! This camp is the perfect introduction to a variety of dance styles and can help your young dancer decide which dance form they would like to learn more about in our fall program. Snacks, juice, and treats are provided each day. Camp begins each morning at 9:30am, pick up time is 11:45. An informal showing of the dancer's choreography and the presentation of the variety of dance forms they have explored will be held at 11:15 on the final day of camp.

### **Hip-Hop Camp**

#### **Level I (ages 5-8)**

#### **Level II (ages 9-12)**

Summer hip hop class meets once per week for 6-weeks. Hip hop class is fun, high energy, and upbeat! Your young dancer will begin each class with a thorough warm up taught to fast, bass pumping music. Dancers learn to isolate their bodies with control, precision, and rhythm. Students will have the opportunity to choreograph their own moves and are encouraged to freestyle and just groove to the music! At the end of the six week course parents are invited to attend a 30 minute informal showing at the studio— at this time the dancers can proudly call themselves “hip hoppers” and will be ready to show off their moves and perform a short routine in unison.

### **Ballet Studies Camp**

#### **Level I (ages 6-8)**

#### **Level II (ages 9-12)**

Summer ballet class meets once per week for 6-weeks Summer is a great time for young dancers to study ballet in a short, focused, and supportive environment. As students review and learn the foundational movement and ideas of classical ballet technique, they will also have the opportunity to view historically significant classical and romantic era ballets. Together with the instructor the dancers will create costumes, choose music, and choreograph a mini ballet to be presented during the last class. This summer session is the perfect way for young dancers to enjoy and practice ballet technique while also developing choreographic skills .

### **Tap Camp I and II**

Summer tap classes meet once per week for 6-weeks. Classes are divided into two levels. Level one is designed for the beginner tap dancer. This camp is suitable for boys and girls who have had little to no experience with tap. Level two is best for dancers who have had one to two years of focused tap classes. Each camp is taught by Marlo, the artistic director of eXit SPACE and a highly enthusiastic, encouraging, and dedicated tap dancer and teacher.

Marlo will guide the dancers through a progression of rhythm studies. Camp curriculum works from a solid foundation of classical tap – students will learn and practice basic tap skills such as time-steps, shuffle, flap, ball-change and so much more. As the student progresses, syncopated rhythms, faster footwork, and more difficult progressions will be taught. Tap is great for boys and girls of all ages!

### **Creative Movement Class (ages 3-6)**

Summer creative movement class meets once per week for 6-weeks Creative Movement classes are taught by our highly trained faculty who encourage students to develop their imagination and self-expression. Each class uses props and music to help each child create and discover their own voice. At this early stage children will learn the basic structure and discipline of a dance class as they explore the fun of moving, singing, and acting! All of our Creative Movement classes are divided into ½ hour ballet and ½ hour tap. This class creates a solid foundation for children who choose to continue with dance and provides great tools for children in all areas of their development such as social interaction, school, and athletics.