

THE STAR MAKERS SPOTLIGHT

STUDIO NEWSLETTER

September/October Newsletter

WELCOME BACK DANCERS AND PARENTS

Welcome Back Dancers and Dance Parents!

Fall is our favorite time of year! The temperature finally cools down, the scent of pumpkin spice fills the air, and Star Makers opens its doors to new and returning students eager to dance and learn!

As we proudly and eagerly enter our 12th season, we have spent all summer preparing and making sure that this will be our best season yet! We have enhanced our curriculum with the addition of exciting new classes. This year we are pleased to offer even more levels of **Ballet, Pre Ballet, Hip Hop and Acrobatics**. We have also added new classes such as **Modern, Baby Acro, and Feet and Flexibility** into our mix of classes.

Another new addition to our already awesome curriculum will be our exciting **Fall Master Class Series**. During our master class series, we will host some of the industry's hottest and most sought after choreographers to provide exciting in house dance workshops in a variety of disciplines. Master classes are a great way for dancers to take their training to the next level.

If there is anything we can do to further enhance your dancer's experience please let us know! At Star Makers we are committed to excellence and the growth and success of our students! We thank you for choosing Star Makers Academy of Dance and look forward to another successful year!

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE FRONT DESK

- Please be reminded that tuition is due between the 1st and the 5th of each month. **October tuition is due on Saturday, October 1st between Wednesday, October 5th. Late fee of \$20.00 will be assessed on all accounts with outstanding tuition on Thursday, October 6th.**
- Enroll in our convenient Auto debit program and **save 5% off your monthly tuition!** See Ms. Melissa at the front desk for details.
- We now proudly offer a **MILITARY DISCOUNT** to our Dance Moms and Dance Dads in uniform! **Present a valid military ID and receive 10% off your monthly tuition**



Aliyana and Lola had a blast on their first day of dance classes! They look Ms. Christi's Baby Acro Class and loved it!

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Nothing like a good stretch! Our Feet and Flex classes are simply a MUST for dancers looking to increase their range of motion, clean their lines, and strengthen their feet!

REPRESENT THE BEST STUDIO IN BOWIE- ORDER YOUR STUDIO GEAR TODAY!

Place your orders now for Star Makers Jackets and Dance Bags!

- Star Makers Jackets are \$65.00 each and come personalized with dancers name. Dance Moms and Dance Dads can order Jackets also!!
- Star Makers Dance Bags are 46.00 each with Star Makers Logo and Dancers Name.

All Jacket and Bag Orders will be due no later than Saturday October 15, 2016. Payment is due at the time the order is placed.

Be on the look out for Additional Studio Gear items for sale! Jerseys, Hats, T-Shirts, Sweatshirts will go on sale soon!

BE SURE YOUR DANCER IS IN PROPER ATTIRE FOR CLASS!

In order to help our dancers develop a proper respect for the art of dance and foster in them a sense of discipline, Star Makers Academy of Dance has adopted a strict dress code for all of its classes.

It is vital that our dancers are dressed in proper attire from head toe for each of their classes. Dancers not in proper attire may be asked to sit out of class.

Parents may check out Star Makers Website for a comprehensive list of dance attire requirements.

UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

- Our **FALL MASTER CLASS SERIES** will kick off on **Sunday October 2, 2016** with a **Special Master Tap Class with the world renowned MAUD ARNOLD!** Ages 11-Under class will be held from 1:30-2:30 and Ages 12 and class will be held from 2:30-3:30. The cost is \$25.00 for Star Makers Students and \$30.00 for Non- Star Makers Students. Contact Ms. Stephanie at starmakersdance@yahoo.com for details.
- Does your dancer need professional headshots for auditions? On **October 2, 2016** Star Makers will host a special **HEAD SHOT PHOTO SHOOT** with professional photographer MCCRAE MULTIMEDIA. The Cost is **\$35.00 per person** which includes sitting fee and a 8x10 print. Contact Ms. Stephanie at starmakersdance@yahoo.com for details and to set up your appointment
- Our first **OPEN HOUSE WEEK** will be held **October 3-8, 2016**. During Open House Week parents are **invited sit in and observe classes!** We also invite our dancers to **BRING A FRIEND TO DANCE CLASS** during Open House Week!
- **Star Makers will be OPEN for classes ON COLUMBUS DAY OCTOBER 10, 2016**
- **Star Makers will be OPEN for classes on HALLOWEEN, OCTOBER 31, 2016 we will have special activities happening around the studio.** Dancers are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to classes the week of October 24th-October 31st

SAVE THE DATE:

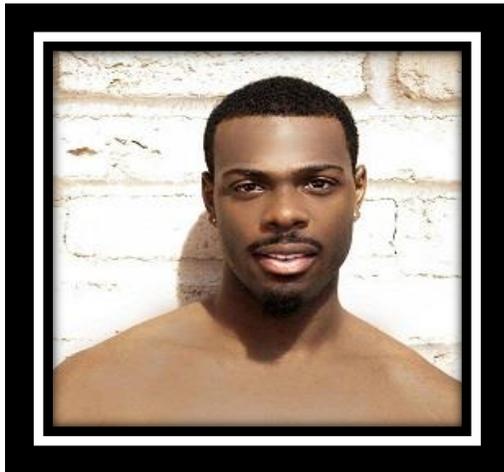
- Master Classes will also be held on October 15th and October 21st. Details coming soon.
- Thanksgiving Break- November 23-26th
- Star Makers Baby Showcase- Friday, December 16th (Baby Ballet/Tap classes and Twirly Twos Classes)
- Star Makers Winter Showcase- Saturday, December 17th

STAR MAKERS STAY CONNECTED!

-Check out the www.starmakersdancedc.com for important studio info and to LOG INTO THE PARENT PORTAL

-“Like US” on FACEBOOK for announcements, pictures, and fun!

- “Follow Us” on INSTAGRAM for video, shout outs, announcements and studio news!



"If you are going to take your time to do something, you might as well strive to be the best!"

-Mr. Deshawn



Placement is KEY! Mr. Deshawn makes sure that Adriana's hips are down and in the correct position at the barre.

Dance Quote of the Month

"I don't want people who want to dance, I want people who have to dance."

-George Balanchine

STAR MAKERS TEACHER SPOTLIGHT:

MR. DESHAWN

BALLET, CONTEMPORARY, AND MODERN TEACHER

Alonzo "Deshawn" Clemons has been involved in the arts his entire life, gaining experience in both the visual and performing arts. Alonzo began dancing at the age of 16 at the Tacoma School of The Arts, an arts magnet high school located in the downtown area of Tacoma, Washington. There, he studied modern dance technique. Outside of his school setting, he trained and performed with the Tacoma City Ballet Company and also studied in New York with the Dance Theater of Harlem. Alonzo continued his dance training at the University of Arizona, where he received his Bachelors of Fine Arts in Dance in their triple emphasis program based in Ballet, Modern, and Jazz dance techniques.

Deshawn's professional experience spans from the commercial stage all the way to the commercial world! In addition to performing in commercials for major advertising campaigns, Deshawn has also performed on stage, and was part of Washington state's prestigious Moore Theater Musical Production of "Black Nativity".

Prior to transitioning to the D.C. area, Deshawn taught and choreographed for many notable competitive dance studios in Arizona. Over the years, he has won multiple choreography awards from national dance competitions.

Deshawn teaches Ballet, Contemporary, and Modern at Star Makers Academy of Dance. His students would describe his classes as challenging yet fun! Deshawn has a great way of breaking down complex concepts into terms that his students are able to understand. As Ms. Stephanie, Star Makers Director states "While Mr. Deshawn demands a sense of discipline from his dancers, he is able to create a warm environment where students feel comfortable and confident to take on any challenge that comes their way. Star Makers students have grown tremendously under his instruction, and he is a great addition to our already amazing staff of teacher!"

COMPETITION TEAM CORNER

That CREW from TEAM STAR MAKERS is BACK AT IT AGAIN!

The Nationally Award Winning Star Makers Academy of Dance Competitive Dance Team has begun the 2016-2017 season! Our competition dancers, who trained all summer in technique classes, have already begun to learn this year's amazing choreography. A new feature this season is the **STAR MAKERS BABY TEAM**, a special team for dancers ages 4-6! We are super excited to see our "BUMBLE BEE BABIES" hit the stage for the first time this season along side their dance big brother's and big sisters!

Our 2015-2016 season ended with a BANG! In addition to winning **FIRST PLACE OVERALL HIGH SCORE** at **REVOLUTION TALENT COMPETITION**, Star Makers Academy of Dance was also honored to find out that we were the winners of the prestigious POWER RANKINGS AWARD for being the HIGHEST SCORING STUDIO in our region of states for the ENTIRE 2015-2016 SEASON for dancers ages 8 and under! This means that out of all the hundreds of competitive studios in NORTH CAROLINA, MARYLAND, AND VIRGINIA who competed in the age 8 and under category last season, Star Makers was the highest scoring of all of them, all season long! A huge shout out to our dancers, teachers and parents for making this all possible! We are so proud of you!

LOOK OUT FOR MORE TEAM STAR MAKERS NEWS!

