

# Recital 2020 Update

First, I would like to say that this is not the letter I was hoping for. We still have no date, guidelines or direction from the State of New Jersey as to when we can start back dance classes. Inside activities with significant safeguarding is part of Phase 3, which has not been announced yet. It is inevitable that July and August will be chaotic with slow openings and guidelines for all of the businesses in our resort town. Many parents work seasonally and/or own seasonal businesses and there are also many dancers with job obligations to fulfill.

Another huge impact on our recital is that it takes place inside. We had planned a social distancing seating arrangement in the Lower PAC, but now 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fire Works have been cancelled and outside graduations have serious guidelines... I am not so sure our plan would even be possible. With that being said my staff and I have decided that it was best to postpone the 2020 Dance Recital until this coming January 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. This will leave plenty of time to get recital ready, have a nice fall with the fun activities that all of our dancers enjoy and importantly give the seniors a chance to come home from college in November, practice and dance their last recital on stage.

As soon as we have a date on Phase 3 starting with guidelines, we will put together some optional summer camps... I am hoping sometime mid-July... Our Dance year will start back Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>. We will pick up right where we left off in March. Once the recital week is over, we will jump directly into our NEW dance year, working on dance recital routines and plan for Recital 2021 CMDC "Paving the Runway... Together"

Lastly, if you have paid for this year in full, you will be credited for the months lost. You may use this credit toward any possible summer camps or toward fall tuition. In the next couple weeks when the gym is able to open, there will be a remind message sent out for costume pick up times.

EVERYTHING is subject to change...If things are lifted sooner, schools plan online classes for the fall semester and large gatherings are allowed, I will move things up. My heart is broken, not only for the children in our studio but throughout the world. I will continue to keep everyone informed as I know... I apologize for all of the unknown, this has been extremely hard. I know that there are other options... Virtual, outdoor, small showcases, etc. but I believe in my heart that every dancer deserves a REAL Recital! Praying for better days to come, we cannot wait to hug and dance again with all of our dancers!!!

Thank you all for your continued understanding and support!

Love, Miss Destiny & Staff