

**Studio 149 Performance Opportunities for the 2016-2017 Dance Term** -We are excited to announce that your student has the opportunity to perform in two shows during the 2016-2017 term. (This does not include the Gala Summer Opportunity that will be available to our Summer Evening Session Students.)

Studio 149 in partnership with Promise Ministries will perform "The Nutcracker Sweets celebrating Acts 1:8: "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." This is now, an annual tradition with which we will present the Nutcracker Sweets once again with new characters and a new twist. Our Nutcracker Sweet will always celebrate the rich history of classical ballet but bring different aspects of the story to life allowing our students to play different roles and expand their dance education each term. Most importantly our focus and celebration is on our Heavenly Father as we celebrate His birth and the Christmas Season.

All of the proceeds of this performance will be donated to the Studio 149 Scholarship Fund, in addition to the Mission Outreach of Promise Ministries. Matthew 28:19-"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." It will be a church wide event with singing, dancing, and the fine dining of sweets from around the world. We will also have our VIP Tables and our Cookie Walk.

Students will also have the opportunity to perform in our Spring Gala: "Brushstrokes." I had the opportunity to take a painting class many years ago with my mother-in-law. As I focused and worked intently, concentrating on each brushstroke, the instructor would comment, "sometimes it is best to breathe and step away... look at the bigger picture not the individual strokes, mistakes, or triumphs..." When I took the time to step away from the painting, breathe, and look at it from a further distance... I could see the "bigger picture." I believe at times that we can get so focused on one thing whether it be dance, school, work, ourselves, our family, even to the hair on our head that won't lay just right, and in that, we miss the masterpiece that God has been creating around us, in us, and through us for His bigger picture.

1 Corinthians 13:12 "For now we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim "blurred" reflection (of reality as in a riddle or enigma), but then (when perfection comes) we shall see in reality and face to face! Now I know in part (imperfectly), but then I shall know and understand fully and clearly, even in the same manner as I have been fully and clearly known and understood (by God).

There are so many verses that talk about God giving gifts in the arts (including dance, voice, instrumental, fine art and craftsmanship) in the bible and I couldn't resist the idea of taking works of art on canvas to inspire choreography. We are reminded that:

1 Peter 4:10 "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." Within his Gala, I hope to utilize the many gifts of our students to shine His light and praise His name.

The Gala will also include a Basket Raffle, Art Auction and Live Art Painting. Each piece will be created by the inspiration of a canvas art piece. We will talk about the need to trust in God... to have faith, step away from the painting and see the bigger picture that triumph, trial, joy, sadness, greatness, humility and all that makes us human, creates in a much bigger masterpiece handcrafted individually for us by our Savior.

**Registration for both shows will be during our 2016-2017 Studio 149 Open House at Promise Ministries on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm-8:00 pm. Your student (if participating) will be required to have and take part in the following:**

- 1) There will be a \$70.00 - \$100.00 depending on Color Placement. (Burgundy and Forest-\$70.00, Mulberry, Buttercup, Royale, Purple, Navy, Grey-\$100.00) participation fee for each show required for each student. This will include your costume and tights for each performance. (If your student decides to participate in both shows your fee for the year will be: \$140.00 or \$200.00, which includes 2 costumes and 2 pairs of tights.) Only students who can make attendance to their weekly classes during each show season a priority should sign up. All dress rehearsals will be **MANDATORY** the week and month before the performance. All payments and registrations for performances are non-refundable. Payment for the "Nutcracker Sweets" performance will be due **Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**. Payment for the Spring Gala: "Brushstrokes" will be due the week of **November 7<sup>th</sup>**, which can be put in the payment box during your scheduled classes. **Show Performance Dates:** "The Nutcracker Sweets:" Friday (1 Performance at 6:30 pm), December 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday (2 Performances 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm), December 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday (1 Performance at 2:00 pm), December 11<sup>th</sup>. Mandatory Rehearsals on Mondays in November 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and **Mandatory Dress Rehearsals on Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm -7:00 pm.** "Brushstrokes:" Friday (1 Performance at 6:30 pm) June 2, Saturday (2 Performances 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm) June 3 and Sunday (2 Performances 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm) June 4. Mandatory Rehearsals on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> with **Mandatory Dress Rehearsals on Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup>, from 5:00-pm to 7:00 pm.**
- 2) Students and Parents must sign a Show Participation Contract. This contract is a commitment letter, so that you understand the commitment level. All students will be scheduled for a show date and show time. Some students will be dancing in more than one show. You will find out your show dates and times when the cast list is posted 3 months prior to each performance.
- 3) **Students who participate in either (or both) show(s) will be measured at the 2016-2017 Studio 149 Open House on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm-8:00 pm.**