



## Welcome Back!

Welcome Families to another wonderful year at Warmland Dance. We are so excited to be dancing with you this season, it is going to be our best one yet - I can feel it!

## What we've been up to...

Our summer dance classes and camps were a huge success, thank you to all who participated. I have invested in a professional education program focused on developing systems and business growth resources for dance studios, so we as an organization can continue to focus on what we love, what drives us, and what feeds our souls. As we continue to welcome many new and returning families, we look forward to providing not only exceptional performing arts education, but also excellent customer service within our exemplary studio culture, second to none. We welcome you with open hearts, and we look forward to getting back to dance!

## All-Star Team

In 2020, I set out to find the very best instructors in their respective fields to join the Warmland faculty, and I did *not* settle for less. If I may brag for a moment, we now have the finest professional international faculty gathered right here at Warmland Dance. These exceptional artists and teachers come from diverse backgrounds, with the highest qualifications and professional experience the world over. As we continue to grow, you can expect this high level of quality from the Warmland Dance faculty. Please welcome back for the 2022/23 dance season: Miss Leah Burley, Miss Adriana Digiovanni, Miss Anna Dickey, Sohee Hong, Marisa Jackson and Lynn Weaver. Learn more about our amazingly talented faculty at [www.warmlanddance.ca/faculty](http://www.warmlanddance.ca/faculty).

## NEW Young Leaders Program

### *Apprentice – Assistant – Professional Development – New Teacher – Faculty*

We are proud to offer opportunities for young leaders to learn and grow in our community. 2022 marks the beginning of our “Young Leaders Program”, allowing advanced students 14 years and older to apply to become an **apprentice** at Warmland Dance. Once a student has completed a one-year apprenticeship, they may apply as a **teaching assistant** to our faculty. Experienced assistants may be invited to apply for a teacher training program or other **professional development** opportunity, with the support of Warmland Dance. Qualified individuals may apply for posted **new teacher** positions, where they will receive mentorship and ongoing professional development. New teachers work toward becoming part of the world-class **faculty** at Warmland Dance.

Advanced students interested in more information about available apprenticeships please contact Leah:  
[warmlanddance@gmail.com](mailto:warmlanddance@gmail.com)

## NEW Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Warmland Dance will be welcoming a parent advisory council to the studio community this year! If you love to plan fun events, fundraise, make decisions regarding purchases to support the studio and our students, and be involved in a beautiful community, consider joining our PAC. The first Warmland PAC annual general meeting (AGM) will be held at the downtown studio **Thursday September 22, 6-7pm**. Here, all Warmland families are invited to elect our new executive council. The executive consists of a chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, and up to 5 members at large. The purpose of the PAC will be:

- to promote the performing arts education and welfare of students
- to encourage parent involvement in the studio
- to advise the artistic director/owner and faculty of all matters related to the studio
- to promote the interests of Warmland Dance in the greater community
- to provide additional leadership
- to contribute to a sense of fellowship and belonging within the studio and greater arts community



- to provide parent education, teacher professional development, and a forum for discussion of educational issues
- to assist parents in obtaining information and communicating with the artistic director and faculty about their child's progress or other concerns
- to organize and support activities and opportunities for students and parents
- to provide financial support for the goals of this council, as determined by the membership

We hope to see you there, and appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with you, our community of parents.

### **Triple Threat Dance Convention Information**

Warmland Dance will be participating in Triple Threat Dance Convention held on Saturday and Sunday November 26 & 27 at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver. We will travel with parent chaperones by BC Ferries on **Friday November 25** from Nanaimo, and will stay until the end of the convention on **Sunday the 27**, returning the same evening, ferry times TBD. Warmland students receive the special studio rate for the convention, and a reduced hotel rate at the Westin Bayshore as well. Parents/family members are welcome to attend as observers, and must purchase an observer pass for the event. This convention is open to all dancers ages 7 and up. If you are interested in learning more, or would like a registration package, please contact Morgan at our front desk, or by email: [admin@warmlanddance.ca](mailto:admin@warmlanddance.ca)

### **Classes for ALL!**

As we enter our 9<sup>th</sup> year in the Valley, we are so thrilled to be offering a wide range of classes: From our award-winning pre-kinder dance programs, fun-focused rec classes, pre-company (intermediate and advanced classes), to our competitive youth company, we have so much to offer to dancers of any age and ability. We are very proud to host one of the largest (and loveliest) communities of ADULT dancers from a variety of backgrounds who love to get together to share the art of movement. Contact our administrator, Morgan Malakoe: [admin@warmlanddance.ca](mailto:admin@warmlanddance.ca), today to find out about our FREE 7-DAY CLASS PASS.

Please reach out with any back-to-dance questions you may have. We would be happy to assist you!

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With gratitude,

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