

## March Newsletter 2017



### Feature Student: Hazel, daughter of Amelia Budd

Here is what Amelia had to say about Hazel's experience of the Grinch. Thank you Amelia for sharing your story.

"Hazel is two. Even two months later, she's still talking about the Sitka Cirque production of The Grinch. She's in tot gymnastics, so I think it was magic for her to see the space transformed for the show and she loved the aerial and gymnastic performances. She also knew a lot of kids and adults in the show, so it was exciting for her to see everyone in the \amazing costumes. She still requests to read the Dr. Seuss Grinch book almost everyday. She was convinced the Grinch was scary, but now she always says, "The Grinch's heart grew, he's nice." She can't wait for the superhero show this spring. Maybe a little aerialist in training!"

Keep your eyes out for this young performer. In a few years maybe we'll see her in the Grinch.

### Reminders

***Please remember to have your hair in a ponytail for class. With all the dry weather students get crazy charges of static electricity on the fabric and this is what happens...***

### Holidays

Spring break is the only holiday that we will be taking this session. No classes will be held March 13-19th. We will be holding classes as usual on all half days, early release, as well as in-service days from school.

***Guest Teacher Kerri Jonquil Coming to Sitka Cirque June 5th-12th to teach Silks & Lyra. Mark Your Calendars!***

### Troupe Updates

Adults - Costumes are on there way and the choreography is looking great so far!

Youth - Reminder April 1st is our costume making day. I am looking into buying some fun decorative stuff for the kids unitards. We may not be able to get everything that was listed on the kid's costume sheets. Here is what I'm planning on buying.

- Feathers, felt, permanent markers for drawing on fabric, and fabric paint in a variety of colors. If there is still money in the budget I'll look at sequins and other trim.
- For April 1st we'll need people with sewing machines, scissors and costume making experience to come down and help us. If you have decorative stuff to donate please let me know so I don't buy it.



## April Showcase Has been Moved

Our Student Show Case, planned for April, has been moved to August. This year we decided to move the spring showcase to the end of summer. We apologize for the confusion, but it feels less rushed to hold the performance in August. We didn't have enough people available to perform in April, and with the super hero show in May, two big shows close together tends to lead to frazzled performers, and a less enjoyable production. Here is our plan for next year's student showcases:

- End of Summer Showcase in August
- December Showcase for the holidays

## Summer Camp & Class Schedule Coming Soon



### Parent Presentation Sat April 22nd 4-6pm for Preschool—Middle School Students

Please let me know if you and or your child **can not** make our parent presentation day. All aerial & gymnastics students aged preschool, youth, and middle school students will be presenting choreography and skills they have been working on throughout the year. After the presentations, parents will have time to talk to aerial & gymnastics teachers about class progression. At this time teachers will be talking to parents of students that are ready to move up for the summer session.

### New Equipment

Our new suspensulum has arrived! We will be using this rig over the summer on nice days to practice outside, as well as for performances at places that don't have safe rig points. The suspensulum will allow us to take aerial to unlikely places. I envision small pop up performances in the woods, a camp out up harbor mountain and performances at the 4th of July Parade. It also allows us to perform at the HCH and Sitka Fine Arts Campus, two places without rig point.

## Upcoming performances

We have a lot of demonstrations & performances coming up. Please be sure to mark your calendars.

- Kasey & Katy will be performing a doubles lyra piece at the Ramshackle Cabaret, March 16-17th at Centennial Hall.
- Youth level 4 will be performing a double lyra piece at the monthly grind sat march 18.
- Sitka Cirque will be performing at the Chinese New Year celebration March 25 at Mt. Edgecombe High School at 7pm.
- Middle school Cirque & Gymnastics students will be performing for the schools morning assembly Aril 24 or 25th at 8:30am.
- April 22 Parent Presentation day for all Preschool—Middle School students and families. 4-6pm at the cirque studios.
- Sitka Cirque will be performing for the Rotary Club April 25 at Centennial Hall.
- Sitka Cirque will be presenting their new Super Hero Production May 20 & 21st at the Cirque Studio