



Florida  
Dance  
Conservatory

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Dear FDC Families,

It is with great excitement we invite you to participate in a very special event at Florida Dance Conservatory. Our annual Pasta Dinner, Dance & Auction is fast approaching. This event highlights our youngest dancers from Tot Combo, in what is their first on stage performance, students in our Musical Theater and Hip Hop class, as well as our after school dance program at St. Ann Catholic School. FDC's Youth Ensemble will perform a tap dance from their performance at Disney Springs and a dance learned in a Disney World Performance workshop. Finally select dancers from the Youth Ensemble are given the opportunity to step into the role of "choreographer" and create an original work. For the past eight years, we have had the pleasure of hosting the annual Pasta Dinner to benefit FDC. Tuition only covers annual operating costs, so the money we raise at our Pasta Dinner helps us improve our school to better service the needs of our families. In previous years we have been able to create our third dance studio, upgrade the flooring in our lobby, applied fresh paint through out and updated the sound systems and the speakers in in all of the studios.

In order to allow our organization to continue to grow and function as a pre-professional school, we rely on donations from our patrons. (Tuition only covers the basic functions of FDC such as rent, utilities and teacher salaries.) Florida Dance Conservatory is a fiscally sponsored project by Fractured Atlas. Fractured Atlas is a 501c3 non-profit arts service organization that allows us to receive tax- deductible donations, grants, etc. Fractured Atlas works as an umbrella company to Florida Dance Conservatory so that we do not have to incur the costs and tasks of running a non-profit organization.

Here's how you can be involved:

1. We are asking all families in FDC to donate a themed basket of their choice or consider pairing up with other families to contribute items for selected baskets for our Silent Auction. Silent auction basket ideas can be found online or you may check out a list posted in the studio. The basket can be donated by you, your employer, a friend, or obtained from a favorite business. Any and all items would be greatly appreciated! The more items we have, the more money we raise. Plus you could go home with some really cool items! Please drop off items at the studio by May 5<sup>th</sup>. A donation form is attached and may be obtained from our website ([www.fdcwpb.com](http://www.fdcwpb.com)).
2. Please consider signing up to donate items needed for the actual dinner. Table coverings, appetizers, desserts, drinks, flatware etc., or your time helping set up, clean up or serve food. Check the bulletin board!
3. Be a class leader. Help organize and collect items from the families in your child's dance class.
4. Support by attending and cheering on other FDC students! It is a great time to for the entire family to socialize and show their support!
5. Participate in the Ballet/Dance themed Art contest. Create a unique work of art for the Auction.
6. If you haven't already, mark your calendar now for **Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>** and plan to attend this fun family event! The Pasta Dinner will be held at St. Ann Banquet Hall, downtown West Palm Beach. Cocktails at 5pm and Performance at 6pm. Advance tickets purchased by May 5<sup>th</sup> are \$10. After May 5<sup>th</sup> and at the door tickets are \$15. We encourage you to bring friends and family and don't forget, your checkbook for the Auction!

Thank you in advance for your support of this fun and important event. Together we can make a difference!

Sincerely,

Heather Lescaille and Tina Martin