

Academy of Performing Arts

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Dear APA Alum!

As we move into 2009, I am preparing for my 15th recital! APA opened in fall of 1993, and our first recital was 1994! You are all part of many memories for me, and hopefully each other. I'd like to take this opportunity to get back in touch, and find out what some of you are up to!

We have an awesome web site, www.apafrancis.com which a "studio mom", Kirsten Keeton, designed and keeps up for me. Kirsten would like to do a "where are they now" page, and post information from all of you, to see what you are up to now! I hope you'll visit it to see some of the recital pictures of the last couple of years, and things we've been up to since you left! I'm also on facebook (yes), where I also have many recital photos posted.

For those of you I've been totally out of touch with, Sean is now in his 2nd year at Grand Valley St Univ, and after completing his senior scrapbooks, I started on studio books to quell my new-found addiction! I have completed 3 huge scrapbooks of 15 years of APA! We are in an awesome new home; wood floors, two BIG spaces and a third "little" studio about 24' square (bigger than Studio B at the Community Center!), nice sized bathrooms and dressing room, storage, and a great downtown location! From 2 tiny studios next to the Strand Theater for 10 years (shared with Christie Freestone!), to 3 years at the Alma Community Center (now a parking lot), to 319 N. State St. Some of you will know this as the old Purple Pear, Dingers, Max & Emily's, Spurgeons, JCPenney... depending on your age and history!

I would like to invite you to our 15th Birthday Celebration recital, at Alma College Heritage Center: June 6 & 7, 2009! We have a "mini-matinee" of our little ones on Saturday at 1:00-2:00, then a full show Saturday at 3:00, and a duplicate full show Sunday at 3:00. (We switched to a Sunday matinee last year instead of Friday night show, because of the school's schedules.) I would love to have any of you attend - let me know if plan to join us! Tickets have not been a worry since we started the 1:00 Mini Matinee many years ago, and are available at the door, but I would certainly want to make sure you have tickets!

Ways to get in touch:

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I hope you'll take the time to get in touch one of the above ways, and let us know what you're up to! Then check the website to find out about each other! Also, please forward on to any APA alum you are still in contact with... other than snail-mail to parents, I don't have contact information on many of

you! Happy New Year, and hope this finds you happy, well, and with dance still in your heart!

Kathy Francis

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Alumni Questionnaire & Contact

Name:

Contact Info to share:

Graduated hs, town/year:

College(s) attended:

Major/Minor:

Graduated college:

Graduate school:

Employment:

Engaged? About them:

Married? About them:

Children? About them:

Any dance in your life after hs?:

Favorite memories of APA:

How did dance at APA affect your life:

Any other fun things to share about you: