



Dear Teachers, Dancers and Families,

As we begin to look ahead to the 2014 competition season, I am always thinking of ways that I can make a difference through my company. I want to do things that are new and innovative that might not be offered at other events. Being the father of a young daughter, I am reminded every day that young children love to learn and enjoy sharing the excitement of new knowledge. Each day when my daughter comes home from kindergarten she is full of enthusiasm as she shares what she experienced at school that day. She is such an inspiration even at a young age. From a parent's perspective this is so rewarding and the pride that is felt brings such joy as you witness your child mature and develop.

There is a sense of importance when it comes to teaching skills and values to mold our children for the future. I want to do something for the younger dancers that we all enjoy seeing on stage performing. As I continue to make Tribute a company known for its generosity, I am changing one aspect of the entry process for families and teachers. For the 2014 season at Tribute, any Small Group, Large Group and Line that has an average age of 4 & under will now have a reduced entry fee to **\$20.00 per dancer**. I want to encourage the importance of dance at a young age by giving more of our younger dancer's opportunities to grow and learn. As we all know; starting dance at a young age is very important and the amount of self-esteem and self-confidence that young children experience from being on stage and dancing is fundamental. We also know that dance is about learning and remembering, and the more a young dancer is involved the quicker they will advance and master an art that is so gratifying.

I hope that this change will help families financially and also help promote dance to our youth. The amount of satisfaction a parent feels to see their son or daughter perform, and the joy a dance teacher feels as he or she watches their little ones dance a routine they taught is overwhelming. We look forward to the smiles and appreciation that is shared by promoting dance through our young children.

From a proud daddy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darin Troglia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Darin Troglia