

June 15, 2018

*Mandelstam DANCE / iMEE* dance friends...

It is with sadness & joy that Spencer & I announce that we will no longer be leading *Mandelstam DANCE*. We thank *one & all* for your continued belief and support during our two years as the Co-Directors of *Mandelstam DANCE*. Thank you for sharing your love of ballet & movement with us and supporting all that we have set out to do at *Mandelstam DANCE* (and with *iMEE*!)

Spencer & I will be relocating to Houston, TX to become a part of the Artistic Team at the esteemed *Vitacca Dance / Vitacca Vocational School for Dance* for the 2018-19 season. Spencer has accepted the position as Vitacca's *Ballet Master* at their Woodlands location and I have accepted the position of *Professional Program Principal* of Vitacca's Montrose location. This opportunity will allow us to return to our dance family in Houston, TX, where we can continue our work with pre-professional artists.

We desire that the spirit & our vision for *Mandelstam DANCE* continue in our absence. We want programs that will cultivate, create & train well-rounded artists with love, as well as, offer welcoming open classes, master classes & workshops to the South Florida dance community at large. We're currently negotiating with prospects for new leadership to maintain the quality of our programs at *Mandelstam DANCE*. Although this transition is *not* guaranteed, we plan to remain artistic advisors to any new Director(s) and continue our relationship with SoFlo artists by continuing *iMEE*'s presentation of *soMi DANCE FEST* (master classes & performance) in January 2019 at *Mandelstam DANCE & Theater*.

Spencer & I will remain in Miami through the completion of TERM C on June 28th. We hope *one & all* are able to JOIN us for our last offerings of open classes, workshops and *blank | SLATE* sessions in South Florida! Please JOIN us for our collaboratively taught **iMEE Contemporary Workshop** on **Sunday, June 24, 11-1PM**. Come move with us!

If you are unable to attend our workshop, we invite *one & all* to please join us at *Mandelstam DANCE* on **Sunday, June 24** at **1:30PM** to say hello, chat and hug! We would love to see you all at that time.

Again, we are incredibly grateful for the support, trust and belief you have shown us, *Mandelstam DANCE & iMEE*. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to *move & groove* with you all. INFINITE GRATITUDE for making our past two years at *Mandelstam DANCE* a wonderful experience... we consider ourselves lucky that you have danced your way into our lives. Thank you for enriching our lives with your love & talents.

Infinite gratitude & love always...

Andrea & Spencer

Co-Directors, *Mandelstam DANCE / iMEE*