



## RECITAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear parents,

Here is an important packet of information concerning the dance recital and dress rehearsal. Please look over this carefully so you will be prepared for both of these events.

**Dress Rehearsal** will be on May 16th at The Saenger Theatre. This takes quite awhile so come prepared to exercise patience. I will provide a schedule with your arrival time. I am going to start with our youngest dancers at 2:00, and progress to the older dancers throughout the afternoon. Children should be dressed in their first costume with hair and makeup done. Please make sure your child has eaten before coming to rehearsal or recital. Please do not send food with your child. They can have a water bottle (water only please). When your child has performed all dances, you are free to go.

For dress rehearsal, your child will stay with you. You will change your child and sit with them while you wait. You will receive your recital package with tights during dress rehearsal. These tights should not be used until the recital performance.

**Recital** will be May 17th. The performance will begin at 2:00 (Your child will need to arrive at 1:00)

Upon arrival you will drop your child at the back stage door with extra costumes. Please have them dressed in their first costume with their hair and makeup done. You will not be able to enter the backstage area. The theatre will open for seating 30 minutes before the performance start.

For recital, all the students will be backstage with our volunteer helpers. Helpers will line them up and walk them backstage when it is time for them to go back. Helpers will get students changed backstage when it is time for a costume change. **Parents will not be allowed backstage for recital unless there is an emergency.** This is for the safety of the dancers and we will have teachers with the preschool groups, and they will provide entertainment, snacks, and peace of mind for all of you watching.

Creative movement parents may pick up their dancers up immediately after the first act. All other dancers will need to wait until the end of the show and will pick up at the entrance to the backstage area.

**Tickets** will be on sale May 4th! Dancers are automatically allowed to enter the show. For each dancer, you will receive one free ticket that you must pick up during one of the designated days. All other tickets are \$15-\$20 (adult and children) and can be purchased ahead of time. All balances must be paid before receiving tickets to the performance.

## **Recording the Dances**

You may record the dances during dress rehearsal only. During the recital, we have a professional videographer taping the performance. A copy of the video is included in your recital fee. Video cameras will be held by the theatre if brought to the performance. Cameras will be allowed both nights, however, please no flash photography on stage. This is a distraction to the dancers and is for their safety. Please remind family members.

## **Other Info.**

### **Hair:**

Your child's hair should be worn in a bun, unless given special instructions. If costumes have hair pieces, make sure the pieces are labeled with a name somewhere and that they have a way of being attached to her hair. You can hot glue the piece to a barette. Please include bobby pins to fasten hair pieces the night of recital. Please make sure hair is sprayed well, so it will last.

### **Costumes:**

If your child has 2 or more dances, please put extra costumes in a large brown paper bag labeled with your child's name. If your child has only one dance, please prepare brown bag with an outfit to wear home.

Bags need to include the following:

- All costume pieces for other dances. Each item should be labeled with your child's name.
- Shoes for other dances. Tap shoes should have ribbons, elastic, or strings to match the color of the shoe.
- Bobby pins (for hair emergencies) and safety pins (for costumes)
- Other tights
- Outfit to wear home

### **Under garments:**

Panties are not to be worn under costumes!!!

For older girls, a flesh-colored thong can be worn if you want. Make sure bras don't show. For some costumes, a bra is not needed, for others, a strapless may have to be worn. There are a few costumes that are backless. If your costume is backless and you need a bra, they sell a backless bra at Victoria's Secret (it tapes on the sides).

### **Makeup:**

The dancers should wear stage makeup for rehearsal and recital. Stage makeup is important because it will make their faces and expressions show up better from a distance and under the stage lights.

For very young girls: blush, eye shadow, powder, and lipstick is usually enough

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For older girls and teens: foundation, blush, lipstick, eye shadow, liner, mascara, and powder

You will receive the program order, which will include tights and hair styles for each dance.

### **Release Procedures:**

This is extremely important. Our youngest dancers, including the Creative Movement and Pre-K dancers will have certain drop off and pick up procedures. All dancers will need to sign in the night of recital. This will occur at the drop off area behind the theater.

Creative Movement pick up: They will dance at the very beginning of the show. As soon as the first Act is over you may come to the backstage door to pick them up. Please do not move around during a dance. We will have numerous volunteers with them as they watch the show. At rehearsal we will show you the pick up area. It will be important to pick up in this spot because there will be security at all other doors, and no one will be allowed to enter. Please send one parent to pick up.

All others must wait until the end of their show. You may pick them up at the steps that leave the stage. This will be the only location you will be allowed to pick them up from.

### **Volunteers:**

If you would like to be a volunteer backstage, I will have a form to fill out. Also, if you know anyone who would like to help with show please let me know. It takes a pretty big crew to put on this show!

**\*\*\*If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. Our cell number is (850) 450-6919**

