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SHOW LETTER #4

REMINDERS

At this time all families will have received a Performance Handbook. You should have also received Security, Volunteer and DVD forms and a costume invoice.

Please return:

Volunteer Forms no later than May 8th

Costume invoices no later than May 18th

Security Forms no later than May 18th

DVD Forms no later than June 25th

The following is a list of important dates. If you have not already marked them on your calendars please do so:

1. Technical Rehearsal – Sunday, May 28th (for dancers performing in all 5 shows, grade 1 ballet 1st year, and grade 2 modern) -Schedule attached
2. Junior Dress Rehearsal – Monday, May 29th
3. Dress Rehearsal for all Dancers who are in all 5 Shows AND grade 1 ballet 1st year, and grade 2 modern – Tuesday, May 30th
4. Performance Nights – Wed, May 31st , Thursday, June 1st, Friday, June 2nd, Saturday, June 3rd (matinee on June 3rd as well)
5. Costume Check takes place beginning May 18th in regular classes –please refer to show letter #3
6. Mandatory rehearsals for dances that are made up of combined classes are now beginning. Please check your schedule and ask if you are not sure!

ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER YOU WILL FIND DETAILS FOR THE TECHNICAL REHEARSAL, DRESS REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE NIGHTS. JUNIORS WILL ALSO RECEIVE UPDATED INFORMATION SHEETS FOR THEIR CLASS.

****** PLEASE NOTE******

May long weekend: Classes will run as usual: Fri. May 19th, Sat. May 20th and Mon. May 22nd · ALL STUDENTS SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND. These are also costume check dates!

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TECHNICAL REHEARSAL

Sunday, May 28TH, 2017

Dancers are asked to **arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of their time slot** (ie. Arrive at 12:00pm if your time slot is 12:15-2:00). Once they have completed all of their dances they are free to leave. The rehearsal is to place the dancers in the correct positions on stage and to help them understand their entrances and exits. Parents are welcome to stay at the theatre on this day, or to return at the end of their allotted time. **THE REHEARSAL IS CLOSED TO SPECTATORS.**

NO COSTUMES OR MAKEUP ARE NEEDED FOR TECHNICAL REHEARSAL. DANCERS SHOULD WEAR REGULAR UNIFORM WITH HAIR IN A BUN OR PONYTAIL. PLEASE COME LOOKING NEAT AND TIDY - NO RIPPED TIGHTS!!

WE WILL ATTEMPT TO KEEP THINGS MOVING AS QUICKLY AND SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE. ANY DELAYS WILL BE ONLY TO HELP PREPARE THE DANCERS AND TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE COMFORTABLE ON STAGE. PLEASE BE PATIENT – THIS ALSO APPLIES TO OUR DRESS REHEARSAL!

Before leaving, dancers must sign out with security

12:15-2:00 TIME SLOT	SONG
GRADE 2 MODERN	COUNTRY BOY
GRADE 1 BALLET 1ST YEAR	SWINGIN' ON A STAR
GRADE 1 BALLET 2ND YEAR	THE SUN HAS GOT HIS HAT ON
GRADE 3 MODERN	JUMP
GRADE 2 TAP	HEAT MISER
GRADE 2 BALLET	IF THE RAIN'S GOT TO FALL
GRADE 4 MODERN	HOT HOT HOT
GRADE 4 HIP HOP	UP UP AND AWAY

1:30 - 3:30 TIME SLOT	SONG
GRADE 3 BALLET	LONELY GOATHERD
GRADE 5 MODERN	DISCO INFERNO
GRADE 5 HIP HOP	BRING THE FIRE
GRADE 3 TAP	SURFIN USA
GRADE 6 MODERN	I FEEL THE EARTH MOVE
GRADE 6 HIP HOP	TRIBAL DANCE
GRADE 4/5 TAP	HIT THE ROAD JACK
JUNIOR ACTING	

2: 45 - 4:15 TIME SLOT	SONG
MUSICAL THEATRE	SINGING IN THE RAIN
SPIRIT MOVES	GOD OF WONDERS
GRADE 4/IF 1ST YEAR BALLET	ELEMENTS
INTER FOUNDATION MODERN	HOW FAR I'LL GO
IF/INTER HIP HOP	I LIKE TO MOVE IT
GRADE 6 TAP	ORANGE COLOURED SKY
INTER MODERN	COLOURS OF THE WIND
INTER FOUNDATION 2ND YEAR BALLET	NEVERLAND
PURE GRACE	LOVE CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS

4:30-6:30 TIME SLOT	SONG
ADV 1 MODERN 1ST YEAR	THE RIVER
INTER BALLET	WIND BENEATH MY WINGS
INTER/ADV TAP	GREAT BALLS OF FIRE
ADV 2 MODERN	DEFYING GRAVITY
ADV BALLET	ANOTHER DAY OF SUN
ADV 1 MODERN	THE CLIMB
ADV HIP HOP	ELEMENT REMIX
ADULT JAZZ AND TAP	RIVER DEEP MOUNTAIN HIGH
SENIOR ACTING	

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JUNIOR DRESS REHEARSAL
Monday, May 29th , 2017

All dancers should arrive at 5:30 p.m. and enter through the Stage Door at the back of the theatre, near the swimming pool entrance. Please note the following:

- Please do not send more than one parent with your dancer if possible.
- Dancers should be out of costume when arriving AND leaving the theatre.
- **Dancers should come with hair and makeup done, if possible.** Your hairstyle is listed on your Junior Information Sheet. Volunteers will also be at the theatre to help with hair and makeup if you are unable to do this at home.
- **If you send a snack make sure that it is NUT FREE and not messy – no chocolate or red juices please.**
- **Dancers must be signed out with Security volunteers before going home.**
- **THE REHEARSAL IS CLOSED TO SPECTATORS**

UPON ARRIVAL:

Proceed to the dressing area/room posted on your Junior Information Sheet. Dancers should change into costumes and organize any other costumes they may be changing into during the Show.

Once all dancers are dressed, they will be organized by their senior class helpers (listed on your information sheet). At this point and time we will ask all parents who are not volunteering to head upstairs to the lobby of the theatre. This will help to keep the backstage area clear and organized and will help us to keep your dancer safe and happy without large crowds of parents. Tables and chairs will be set up for you to wait in the lobby.

Once dancers have completed their rehearsal, a volunteer “runner” will make an announcement to inform you that you may pick up your dancer from the backstage area. (ex. “the Saturday nursery ballet class with Miss Natasha, Miss Sophie and Miss Elizabeth is now finished”). Dancers will be kept together with parent volunteers and student assistants until parents come down to pick them up.

We aim to keep the dress rehearsal running as quickly as possible. Any delays are simply to ensure that all children feel comfortable and happy dancing on stage! This will be the first time on stage for many of our dancers. Please be patient!

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DRESS REHEARSAL
Tuesday, May 30th 2017

All dancers should arrive at 5:30 p.m. and enter through the Stage Door at the back of the theatre, near the swimming pool entrance. Please note the following:

- Please do not send more than one parent with your dancer if possible.
- Dancers should be out of costume when arriving AND leaving the theatre.
- **Dancers should come with hair and makeup done, if possible (a list of hairstyles will be given out at Costume Check)**
- Dressing rooms are labeled with the appropriate age groups
- Upon arrival dancers should change into costumes and organize any other costumes they may be changing into during the Show.
- Dancers with Quick Changes should take their costumes to the quick change area listed on their tags.
- Once dressed, dancers should find other dancers from their classes and stay together. Quiet games and activities may also be sent with your dancer - the Studio provides colouring, other activities
- **If you send a snack make sure that it is NUT FREE and not messy – no chocolate or red juices please.**
- **At the end of the night, Dancers must be signed out with Security.**
- **THE REHEARSAL IS CLOSED TO SPECTATORS**

The Finale is rehearsed first and will begin at 6:30. At this point and time we will ask that all parents, who are not volunteering, clear the backstage area. Parents may wait upstairs in the lobby of the theatre (tables and chairs will be set up), or may choose to leave the theatre and return later. (Approximate finish times are listed below). **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAY BACKSTAGE DURING REHEARSAL – YOU MUST VOLUNTEER TO HELP.**

APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES:

DANCERS IN NUMBERS 1-10	7:30PM
DANCERS IN NUMBERS 11-18	8:00PM
DANCERS IN NUMBERS 18-24	8:30PM
DANCERS IN NUMBERS 25-30	9:20PM
DANCERS IN NUMBERS 31-37	9:40PM
DANCERS IN NUMBERS 38-42	10:00PM

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THESE TIMES ARE ONLY APPROXIMATE AND ARE BASED ON EACH DANCE BEING AN AVERAGE OF 3 MINUTES EACH. **Dancers must be out of costume before leaving the theatre and must be signed out with Security.**

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PERFORMANCE NIGHTS
Wed. May 31st through Sat. June 3rd

Evening Performances: Dancers in the 1st half of the Performance should arrive at the theatre at 5:30 p.m. (Doors will not be open prior to this). Dancers in the 2nd half of the Performance should arrive at 7p.m. If you have a quick change in the 2nd 1/2, please be sure it has been placed in quick change by 6:45pm.

Saturday, Matinee: Dancers in the 1st half should arrive at 11:30 a.m. and dancers in the 2nd half should arrive at 1pm.

*REMINDER – children who dance in the 1st half only – may purchase a ticket to watch the 2nd half. Children who dance in the 2nd only – may NOT watch the 1st half, as they will need time to prepare to go onstage.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE SAME GUIDELINES GIVEN FOR THE DRESS REHEARSAL.

Parents who are not volunteering will be asked to leave the backstage area at 6:30pm (12:30pm for Matinee), when we begin to organize the dancers in class groups. **THE LOBBY WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR WAITING DURING SHOW TIMES.** Please come back to pick up your dancer at the approximate pick up times listed below, or at the end of the show if your dancer is participating in the finale (please refer to the handbook for finale details). **THE THEATRE MUST BE CLEARED PROMPTLY BETWEEN SHOWS ON JUNE 3rd- PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR PICK UP!**

AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

IF YOU ARE WATCHING THE PERFORMANCE, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THE THEATRE UNTIL INTERMISSION. IT IS VERY DISTRACTING FOR THE DANCERS ON STAGE AS WELL AS OTHER AUDIENCE MEMBERS. **Parents, if possible, please stay until the end of the Performance to support ALL of the Dancers.** Your children will be looked after backstage and can be left with us until the end of the show on the night that you are watching.

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