To The Pointe Newsletter *Spring/Recital Edition 2017*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello and welcome to the recital addition of the **To the Pointe Newsletter** for 2016-2017. This newsletter should help you with any question you might have regarding the end of year performance.

The showcase recital "IONIC" will be performed on Friday May 12th and Saturday May 13th at the E.L. Fox Auditorium located in John F. Ross High School (21 Meyer Drive at Eramosa). There will be three performances of the show this year:

FRIDAY MAY 12th 6:00pm SATURDAY MAY 13th at 11:00am AND 5:00pm

The Pre-Ballet 2, 3, 4, RAD Primary, Pre Jazz, Jazz 1, Jazz 2, Hip Hop 1, and Tap 1 and 2 combined classes will participate in one show. RAD Grade 1, Jazz 3, Hip Hop 2 and 3, Tap 3, Musical Theatre 1 will be performing in 2 shows. The list of who is performing in which show is in this package for your records. All other classes will participate in all three shows.

We have three nights of dress rehearsals this year: **Tuesday May 9th**, **Wednesday May 10th**, **and Thursday May 11th at the theatre.** Enclosed you will find a schedule that will let you know which rehearsal your dancer is to attend. We try to make it most convenient for you, but some of the dancers might need to attend both evenings. Please bring your costume to dress rehearsal, but hair and make-up is not necessary. **Please arrive 15 minutes before "On Stage" time, we run our rehearsals on time.**

Since our youngest students who only participate in one show are perform before intermission might want to join their families to enjoy the 2nd half of the performance we have added an **AFTER-INTERMISSION** ticket for **Pre Ballet 2, 3, 4, RAD Primary, Pre Jazz, Jazz 1, Jazz 2, Hip Hop 1, and Tap 1 and 2** combined students. If they do choose to sit with their families they are not able to join the studio for curtain call at the end of the recital. After intermission tickets are restricted to ONLY dancers mentioned above and will be sold at the discounted price of \$7.00.

Tickets will be handed out at the dancer's last class before the show, but the recital seating will be general admission so you can choose your own seats. There are no sight obstructions in the E. L Fox auditorium; each seat has a terrific view of the stage. Included in this package are the ticket order forms, no need to wait in line!!

TICKET DEADLINE IS MONDAY APRIL 24th

(please return form and payment to studio in person)

Making sure that your child gets to all of their rehearsals and performances is a commitment for both parent and performer. I would like to thank-you in advance for all your efforts and know that you will be well rewarded with a memorable performance by your dancer.

I wish everyone a safe and happy spring.

Sincerely,
Briana Lynch
Artistic Director

Costumes

By the recital time in May you will have received your costume and will have them at home with you. Please make sure to keep them safe (do not allow your children to play with them at home before the recital). Each student is responsible for each part of their costume and is required to bring everything; costume, accessories, tights/socks and shoes to each rehearsal night and show. **Your costume is your responsibility – they are not replaceable.**

Photo Week - Tuesday May 2nd - Monday May 8th

Bean Film will be continuing their tenure as our official studio photographers. Photo week will be held during the dancer's regular class time the final week before the show **Tuesday May 2nd – Monday May 8th**. Everyone will be required to wear their full costume to class the last week, which gives the dancers one more chance to wear them, with proper hair and makeup. This is also a perfect opportunity for parents to ask any costume questions before the recital. Please note: Monday May 1st is regular dance classes as their photos are taken the week after – Monday May 8th. We move to the theatre for rehearsals on Tuesday.

Dress Rehearsals at E.L Fox Auditorium (John Ross High School)

Tuesday May 9th, Wednesday May 10th, and Thursday May 11th we move to the theatre for Dress Rehearsals. We do not run classes at the studio during dress rehearsal evenings as all of our teachers are at the theatre. Dancers are to wear their costumes to dress rehearsal, but do not need full hair and makeup. Do not be alarmed if your dress rehearsal times run back to back, simply wear the first costume for both rehearsals. Please arrive 15 minutes early, we run our rehearsals on time and cannot wait for late dancers. You don't want to miss your rehearsal time!

DVDs for "ICONIC"

Our amazing film director **Steve Blair** of Bean Film will be videotaping and editing the Recital DVD again this year. Included in this newsletter you will find an order form to purchase the videos. **DVDs will be** \$30.00 (Blu-ray also includes a digital copy of the recital as well). You may order as many copies as you would like, but please make sure to **write a separate cheque for your DVDs payable to Steve Blair.**

Final Dance Week for 2017-2016

We run one final week of dance classes after the shows; our final week will be Monday May 15th – Saturday May 20th. This is a wonderful way to send off the year; we have a rough cut of the show for the dancers to see and spend a special class together before summer vacation.

Information for the 2017-2018 School Year

I will begin working on the 2017-2018 dance year schedule very soon and plan to have everything ready for just after the show. A registration package with all the important information and forms and recommendation reports will be mailed out to all families just after the show in May. Please keep your eye out for it.

Registration Dates for Current Students ONLY will be announced Late April.

And Finally...

If you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to ask - the more questions you ask the better prepared we will all be! I'm available for a quick question in between classes or if you have an inquiry that will take some time I can always be reached by email at briana@guelphdance.com or by phone at (519) 822-2697.