

To The Pointe Newsletter

Spring/Recital Edition 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello and welcome to the recital addition of the **To the Pointe Newsletter** for 2017-2018. This newsletter should help you with any question you might have regarding the end of year performance.

The showcase recital “**All you need is LOVE**” will be performed on **Friday May 11th and Saturday May 12th 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 11th 6:00pm
SATURDAY MAY 12th 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 classes will participate in one show. RAD Grade 1, Jazz 3, Hip Hop 2 and 3, Tap 2/3, and Musical Theatre 1 will be performing in 2 shows. All other classes will participate in all three shows. The list of who is performing in which show is included with this package.

We have three nights of dress rehearsals this year: **Tuesday May 8th, Wednesday May an 9th, and Thursday May 10th at the theatre**. Enclosed is 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 multiple evenings. Please bring your costume to dress rehearsal. Please note that recital hair and make-up are 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 perform before intermission might we provide the option for them to join their families to enjoy the 2nd half of the performance. There is an **AFTER-INTERMISSION ticket for Pre Ballet 2, 3, 4, RAD Primary, Pre Jazz, Jazz 1, Jazz 2, Hip Hop 1, and Tap 1 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.

You will find your ticket order form included with this package. Simply fill it out and return with payment to the studio. The shows do sell out quickly, I would not recommend waiting until the ticket deadline if you require tickets for a specific show. **TICKETS ARE HANDED OUT DURING PHOTO WEEK.**

TICKET DEADLINE IS THURSDAY APRIL 19th

(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

Costumes will be handed out beginning Friday March 23rd. Please make sure to keep them safe and 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 1st– Monday May 7th

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 1st – Monday May 7th**. Please wear your full costume for photos with proper hair and light makeup. This is also a perfect opportunity for parents to ask any costume questions before the recital. Please note: Monday April 30th is a regular dance class as their photos are taken the week after – Monday May 7th. We move to the theatre for rehearsals on Tuesday May 8th.

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

Tuesday May 8th, Wednesday May 9th, and Thursday May 10th we move to the theatre for Dress Rehearsals. Classes do not run at the studio during dress rehearsals. 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!

All you need is LOVE t-shirts

For the first time, TGAD has designed a unique t-shirt representing the theme of our 2018 recital, "All you need is LOVE", as a way to **fundraise for the Canadian Mental Health Association**. The t-shirts showcase the artwork from the recital poster and will have a small studio logo on the back. We are raising funds in support of Mental Health; with all proceeds donated to the Guelph chapter of CMHA. We believe in a community, and a world where everyone can speak, be heard, feel supported and encouraged. No one should feel alone... All you need is LOVE. T-shirts will be in children's, unisex, and ladies' sizes. **Total per shirt is \$17.00 (includes tax) and the shirt orders are due by Friday April 13th**. The order form is included with this package.

DVDs for All you need is LOVE

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 2017-2018

We run one final week of dance classes after the shows; our final week will be Monday May 14th – Saturday May 19th. 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 2018-2019 School Year

I will begin working on the 2018-2019 dance year shortly and plan to have everything posted on our website Monday May 28th. A registration package with all the important information and forms and recommendation reports will be mailed out to all families, please keep your eye out for it.

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! briana@guelphdance.com or (519) 822-2697.