

# To The Pointe Newsletter

## *Spring/Recital Edition 2019*

### **Dear Parents and Guardians,**

Hello and welcome to the recital addition of the **To the Pointe Newsletter** for 2018-2019. This newsletter should help you with any question you might have regarding the end of year performance.

The showcase recital “**I Wish...**” will be performed on **Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am AND 5:00pm**

The list of who is performing in which show is included with this package.

We have three nights of dress rehearsals again this year: **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**

We are offering our youngest students who only participate in one show and are guaranteed to perform before intermission an option to join their families to enjoy the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the performance. There is an after-intermission ticket available to **Pre Ballet 2, 3, 4, RAD Primary, Pre Jazz, Jazz 1, Jazz 2, Hip Hop 1, and Tap 1/2 students**. After-intermission tickets restricted to **ONLY** the classes mentioned above.

**NEW FOR 2019 – we’re selling tickets online.** I have found a fantastic online ticket company, **ONSTAGE DIRECT**, and you will now have the opportunity to choose your seats at the time of purchase. There is no need to line up an hour before the show to get the best seats. I hope that this will make the recital weekend even more enjoyable for all. Print your tickets at home, or save your tickets to your smartphone. Tickets are non-refundable.

ONSTAGE DIRECT website: [onstagedirect.com/theguelphacademyofdance](http://onstagedirect.com/theguelphacademyofdance)

**TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

I wish everyone a safe and happy spring.

Sincerely,  
**Briana Lynch**  
*Artistic Director*

## Costumes

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 required to bring everything; costume, accessories, tights/socks and shoes to photo a week, each dress rehearsal night, and their show(s). **Your costume is your responsibility – they are not replaceable.**

### Photo Week – Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

Bean Film will be continuing their tenure as our official studio photographers. Photo week will be held during the dancer's regular class the final week before the show **Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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 29<sup>th</sup> is a regular dance class as their photos are taken the week after – Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. We move to the theatre for rehearsals on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** 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; 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!

### “I Wish...” t-shirts

After such a successful fundraiser last year, Guelph Print has designed another fantastic t-shirt representing the theme of our 2019 recital, “I Wish...” and all proceeds will be donated to **Sick Kids Hospital**. The t-shirts will be in white this season and will showcase the artwork from the recital poster, a collaboration of our students wishes. **I Wish...that every child has access to the best medical care Canada has to offer.** The recital t-shirts will be in children's, unisex, and ladies' sizes. **Total per shirt is \$20.00 (includes tax) and the shirt orders are due by Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.** The order form is included with this package.

### DVDs for “I Wish”

**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. **Pre-Sale DVDs will be \$30.00** (Blu-ray also includes a digital copy of the recital as well). The final day for pre-sale DVDs is Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. DVDs ordered after May 6<sup>th</sup> are \$35.00. **All DVD cheques are payable to Steve Blair.**

### Final Dance Week for 2018-2019

We run one final week of dance classes after the shows; our final week will be Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 2019-2020 School Year

I will begin working on the 2019-2020 dance year shortly and plan to have everything posted on our website on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. If all the stars align, and my wish comes true – we'll have a brand-new way of offering registration to our TGAD families for the upcoming season. More details to come in the following months. I wish... I can make re-registration easier!!

**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](mailto:briana@guelphdance.com) or (519) 822-2697.