

# To The Pointe Newsletter

## Spring/Recital Edition 2022

### Dear Parents and Guardians,

With overwhelming happiness and joy, I can finally share the recital addition of the **To the Pointe Newsletter** for 2021-2022. It has been a long two-year hiatus from the stage, and our dancers are ready to shine this Spring. This newsletter should help you with any question you might have regarding the end of year performance.

For 2022 – TGAD is moving theatres and will perform our 16<sup>th</sup> showcase recital in Cambridge, Ontario at the **Hamilton Family Theatre**. Due to Covid restrictions, we are only permitted 170 bodies backstage at a time this year (dancers, teachers, assistants and volunteers). To accommodate their capacity restriction, the studio was divided into THREE age groups – Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. Capacity restrictions are in place for backstage and this does not apply to the audience.

**“It’s Better When We’re Together”** will be performed on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Hamilton Family Theatre in Cambridge, ON.

- Show 1 – Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am - Juniors**
- Show 2 – Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm - Intermediates**
- Show 3 – Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm - Seniors**
- Show 4 – Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm - Intermediates**
- Show 5 – Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm - Seniors**

The list of who is performing in which show is included with this package and on our website

We have two nights of dress rehearsals this year: Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 13<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 both evenings. Dancers will wear their costume at dress rehearsal. Please note that recital hair and make-up are not necessary during dress rehearsal. **Please arrive 15 minutes before “on-stage” time, we run our rehearsals on time.**

**NEW for 2022** - Dress rehearsal is a ticketed event this season, and each dancer is permitted **ONE** family member to stay with them at the theatre on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> or Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Everyone (dancers and guardians) will require a ticket to sit in the audience during the practice time. Tickets for the dress have no charge; the theatre has to keep a head count of how many people have attended the event. More information regarding dress rehearsal tickets is on the back of this newsletter.

**TICKETS – Tickets will be sold directly through the Drayton Theatre website.** I highly anticipate our shows to sell out this season, and encourage you to purchase your tickets on the opening day of sales. The box office cannot restrict the number of tickets sold per family, and I am not able to track who has not purchased tickets.

Drayton Box Office Website: <https://draytonentertainment.com/online/article/guelph-academy>

## **TICKETS GO ON SALE THURSDAY, APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am**

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.

Sincerely,  
Briana Lynch

## 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.**

## Proof of Vaccination for anyone backstage – Drayton Entertainment Policy

As is the case with the majority of theatres across Ontario, Drayton Entertainment has mandated that all dancers, teachers, assistants and volunteers 12+ years must show proof of vaccination to be backstage. There is a 12-week window for dancers born in 2010 (dancers born before February 20<sup>th</sup>). Parents dropping dancers off backstage have a 10-minute window and do not need to show proof of vaccination – only those who will stay backstage throughout each show must show proof.

## Volunteers

Being a volunteer at your child's performance provides an opportunity to share the exciting 'backstage' experience. We are looking for 8 Parent Volunteers per show throughout the weekend. The dancers will be divided into 4 changerooms backstage, and we would like to schedule 2 Volunteers for each room. I have created a Google Doc for you to sign up. All volunteers must show proof of vaccination to stay backstage throughout the performance (Drayton Entertainment Covid Policy 2022).

**Google Doc link:** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d0tR7uL-Pu2syVG3HVuwbQxNzwYN8-oUPhvE1HS8SXQ/edit?usp=sharing>

## Photo Week – Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, May 11<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 **Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please wear your full costume for photos with proper hair and light makeup.

## Dress Rehearsals at the Hamilton Family Theatre in Cambridge, ON

On Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 13<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. Please arrive 15 minutes early, we aim to run our rehearsals on time and cannot wait for late dancers. You don't want to miss your rehearsal time!

## Dress Rehearsal Tickets

We will have a table set up in the lobby of the Hamilton Family Theatre for you to pick up your dress rehearsal tickets when you arrive. Please note – each dancer can bring **one** guardian with them to dress rehearsal. Dress rehearsal tickets are complimentary.

## DVDs for “It's Better When We're Together”

**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 Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. DVDs ordered after May 11<sup>th</sup> are \$35.00. **All DVD cheques are payable to Steve Blair.**

## Final Dance Week for 2021-2022

We are running two final weeks of dance classes after the shows, our final week will be Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> which includes the week postponed in January. Gathering as a group after the show is a wonderful way to send off the year; we have a rough cut of the recital for the dancers to see and spend two special classes together before summer vacation.

**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.