

Monday, May 9, 2022

## **Dear Parents and Guardians,**

Here we go – it's recital week! After 735 days, we are overjoyed to be moving back to a theatre and showcasing our dancers. I hope that you are as excited about the big recital as I am. We couldn't be prouder of our students; they have done a phenomenal job preparing for the production. This letter should answer any loose ends, but if you still have questions, please let me know.

All the very best and see you at the theatre,

**Briana Lynch**

*Artistic Director and VERY Proud Teacher*

### **DRESS REHEARSAL ~ Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Dress Rehearsal is run at the [The Hamilton Family Theatre](http://www.thehamiltonfamilytheatre.com) in Cambridge, ON. Please arrive **15 minutes early** – we run our rehearsals on time. Dancers should wear their costume, but full hair/make-up is not required. The dress rehearsal schedule is posted on our website: <http://guelphdance.com/recitals/>

### **DRESS REHEARSAL TICKETS**

Danielle Betts and Megan Humphrey will be set up in the lobby of the theatre, and will hand out the dress rehearsal tickets when you arrive. Each dancer may bring **one** parent or guardian with them to watch dress rehearsal. Once your dancer is finished performing on stage, you can watch as much of the dress rehearsal as you would like. Families do not have to leave immediately.

### **NO CLASSES RUNNING DURING DRESS REHEARSAL AND SHOWS**

We do not run dance classes when we have dress rehearsals or shows (no classes May 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>). Classes will resume back at the studio after the shows – Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **FOOD AT DRESS REHEARSAL**

Dancers can bring food to eat while they are waiting for their stage time. There are tables and chairs in the lobby. Please note – no food or drink is permitted inside the audience seating area.

### **PROOF OF VACCINATION AT DRESS REHEARSALS**

All dancers 12 + must show their proof of full vaccination and photo ID at dress rehearsal to perform onstage or be in the backstage area. Health cards are permitted for those dancers who do not have a driver's license. Please do not forget this crucial piece of identification. Parents who are sitting in the audience are not required to show vaccination information. This pertains to the performers, faculty, assistants and volunteers only.

### **MASKS AT DRESS REHEARSALS**

All dancers - please bring a mask to dress rehearsal. All dancers are required to wear one when they are in the backstage area. Masks are removed (if you wish) when the dancers are on stage. Audience members are not required to wear a mask, but the theatre strongly encourages them.

## **“IT’S BETTER WHEN WE’RE TOGETHER”**

### **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Dancers, Audience, Assistants and Volunteers – please use the **main theatre entrance**.

Dancers should arrive a half hour (30 minutes) before their show begins.

### **“IT’S BETTER WHEN WE’RE TOGETHER” SHOWTIMES:**

Saturday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> ~ Show 1 = dancers and audience at 10:30 am	Show begins at 11:00 am
Saturday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> ~ Show 2 = dancers and audience at 1:30 pm	Show begins at 2:00 pm
Saturday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> ~ Show 3 = dancers and audience at 4:30 pm	Show begins at 5:00 pm
Sunday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> ~ Show 4 = dancers and audience at 1:30 pm	Show begins at 2:00 pm
Sunday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> ~ Show 5 = dancers and audience at 4:30 pm	Show begins at 5:00 pm

### **SHOW RUN TIME – LENGTH OF EACH SHOW**

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Show 1 = 55 minutes (approximately) + curtain call

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Show 2 = 58 minutes (approximately) + curtain call

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Show 3 = 87 minutes (approximately) + curtain call

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Show 4 = 58 minutes (approximately) + curtain call

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Show 5 = 87 minutes (approximately) + curtain call and graduate goodbyes

### **PICK UP TIMES IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE SHOW**

If you are dropping off and picking up your dancer please use this chart as a guide for timing:

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Show 2 = 3:15 pm pick up time

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Show 3 = 6:45pm pick up time

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Show 4 = 3:15 pm pick up time

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Show 5 = 7:00 pm pick up time

I will confirm where you should meet your dancer once I have heard back from my contact at the theatre.

### **PARKING**

There is parking at the theater, and two parking lots close by on Grand Ave. South (approximately four blocks away from the theatre.)

### **CHANGE ROOMS**

Junior and Intermediate families, please ensure that each child is accompanied to the changerooms by **one** adult. Seniors may have one parent escort them to the changeroom, but this is not mandatory. One parent or guardian is given a 10-minute window to escort your dancer backstage and help them get settled. Once they are changed, you can find your seats in the theatre unless you are volunteering backstage. Parents who are escorting their dancer backstage are not required to show proof of vaccination – only if you are volunteering and staying backstage throughout the performance.

## **WHERE TO GET READY AND WHAT TO BRING TO THE SHOW**

Dancers should get ready at home (hair and makeup) and wear their costume to the theatre. The changerooms do not provide privacy when changing and bathrooms may not be used to get dressed. If your dancer is in more than one piece, make sure that you bring all the items they will need for their other dances. We also encourage dancers to bring a small blanket to sit on when they are in the changeroom area, there are not enough chairs for everyone. Don't forget a Ziplock bag and a mask.

## **PROOF OF VACCINATION AT THE SHOW**

All dancers 12 + must show their proof of full vaccination and photo ID at the theatre to perform onstage or be in the backstage area. Health cards are permitted for those dancers who do not have a driver's license. Please do not forget this crucial piece of identification. Audience members are not required to show proof of vaccination.

## **MASKS AT THE SHOW**

All dancers - please bring a mask to the show. You will be required to wear it when you are in the backstage area. Parents, make sure that you send a Ziplock bag with your dancer's name on it. They will place their mask in the bag before they perform and then will put it back on when they are finished dancing. Audience members are not required to wear a mask, but the theatre strongly encourages them.

## **FLOWERS**

In the past, we have had a company selling flowers in the lobby of our theatre. Unfortunately, we are not permitted to have outside sales at the Cambridge theatre. We will not have flowers available for sale at the theatre.

## **NO FOOD IN CHANGEROOMS**

The shows are shorter this season, and dancers will not need to eat backstage. Please send a water bottle with your dancer. I would like to thank-you in advance for your co-operation.

## **TIPS FOR YOUNGER STUDENTS**

- Make sure they eat before they arrive, so they are not hungry while they wait
- Bring something to play with – dolls, puzzles, books, crayons
- Younger groups will have their own volunteer who oversees them
- Bring a blanket to sit on while they are waiting

## **VOLUNTEERS**

**Thank-you again so very much to the parents who are volunteering throughout the show, we could not do this without your generosity.** I will send you a personal email with instructions tomorrow. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please arrive 45 minutes before the start of the show to be ready for all the fun to begin!! Thank-you again.

As always – if you have any questions, please ask! Your question will help me clarify the details with our dance community.