

To The Pointe Newsletter

Spring/Recital Edition 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With overwhelming happiness and joy, I can finally share the recital addition of the **To the Pointe Newsletter** for 2022-2023. We're excited to return to E. L. Fox Auditorium after being away for three recital seasons. Their new crew, Ron Berti and others, have been wonderful to work with, and we'll be the first recital back on their stage since 2019!

This package should help you with any questions regarding the end-of-year performance. I will continue to communicate with all dance families over the next six weeks to ensure you have an exciting, fun and memorable recital experience.

"The Spark" will be performed on Saturday, May 6th, and Sunday, May 7th, at the E. L. Fox Auditorium at John F. Ross High School.

Show 1 – Saturday, May 6th, 1:00 pm - Juniors

Show 2 – Saturday, May 6th, 5:00 pm - Seniors

Show 3 – Sunday, May 7th, 1:00 pm - Juniors

Show 4 – Sunday, May 7th, 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: Wednesday, May 3rd and Friday, May 5th, at the E. L. Fox Auditorium at John F. Ross High School. We have finalized our times with the UGDSB and will start on stage at 5:45 pm each evening. We try to make it most convenient for you, but some dancers might need to attend both evenings. Dancers will wear their costumes 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.**

TICKETS – Tickets will be sold directly through OnStage Direct. I highly anticipate tickets to the show to move quickly 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 cannot track who has not purchased tickets.

Onstage Direct has split our recital into two events – Junior Show and Senior Show. This will help ensure you purchase tickets to the proper performance.

ONSTAGE DIRECT website: onstagedirect.com/theguelphacademyofdance

TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY, APRIL 10th at 7:00 am

Ensuring your child gets to all rehearsals and performances is a commitment for both parent and performer. Thank you in advance for all your efforts, and know that your dancer will reward you with a memorable performance.

Sincerely,

Briana Lynch

Costumes

Please keep them safe and do not allow your children to play with them at home before the recital. Each student must 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.**

Tan Jazz Shoes – Jazz and Musical Theatre

For dancers in Jazz and Musical Theatre, the deadline for tan jazz shoes is **Monday, April 3rd**. I spoke with FreeStyle today, and they have ample supply. Please ensure you have your tan pair by this Saturday so your dancer(s) can break them in before the show. Here is a link to their website: <https://www.freestyle-dancewear.com/>

Classes Easter Weekend – April 7th, 8th and 10th

The studio is only closed on Good Friday – Friday, April 7th. The studio is open on Saturday, April 8th and Monday, April 10th.

Volunteers

Being a volunteer at your child's performance provides an opportunity to share the exciting 'backstage' experience. We are looking for approximately 20-25 parent volunteers who could help supervise the change room, scan tickets, organize groups, walk dancers to the stage, and with quick changes and hair. I have created a Google Doc for you to sign up. THANK YOU so much for your consideration – we couldn't run our shows without your help!

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

Photo Week – Thursday, May 5th – Wednesday, May 11th

Bean Film will be continuing its tenure as our official studio photographer. Photo week will be held during the dancer's regular class THE WEEK AFTER the show – **Monday, May 8th to Saturday, May 13th**. Please wear your full costume for photos with proper hair and light makeup.

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

On Wednesday, May 3rd and Friday, May 5th, 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.

On Dress Rehearsal nights - 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!

Classes running Thursday, May 4th

Thursday dancers – your classes are running on Thursday, May 4th. Please ensure you are at the studio for one final practice before the show.

DVDs for “The Spark”

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 cost \$30.00 and \$35.00 after the show.** Blu-ray also includes a digital copy of both the Junior and Senior shows. **All DVD cheques are payable to Steve Blair.**

Final Dance Week for 2022-2023

We are running two final weeks of dance classes after the shows, Photo Week Monday, May 8th – Saturday, May 13th and our final week will be Monday, May 15th – Saturday, May 20th. 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 or (519) 822-2697.