

# To The Pointe Newsletter

## *Spring/Recital Edition 2024*

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

With overwhelming excitement, I'm happy to share the recital addition of the **To the Pointe Newsletter** for 2023-2024. We're returning to the E. L. Fox Auditorium again this season.

This package is designed to answer any questions you may have about the end-of-year performance. Over the next six weeks, I will continue to keep in touch with all dance families to ensure that you have a stress-free, fulfilling, and unforgettable recital experience.

**"Screen Time"** will be performed on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at the E. L. Fox Auditorium at John F. Ross High School.

**Show 1 – Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm - Juniors**

**Show 2 – Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm - Seniors**

**Show 3 – Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm - Juniors**

**Show 4 – Sunday, May 5<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 three nights of dress rehearsals this year: Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the E. L. Fox Auditorium at John F. Ross High School. The UGDSB has a meeting scheduled to review when we may access the theatre, and once we've heard from them on April 8<sup>th</sup>, I will release the dress rehearsal schedule.

We try to make it most convenient for you, but some dancers might need to attend multiple 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 moving 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.

**Ticket prices are the same as last season: \$25 for Adults and \$20 for Children (2-12 years)**

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](https://onstagedirect.com/theguelphacademyofdance)

**TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY, APRIL 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

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.**

## **Attendance**

Attendance at this point of the dance season is crucial—please strive for perfect attendance leading up to the show. We're busy finishing the recital pieces and cleaning the choreography so the dancers feel confident while on stage. If your dancer has to miss class, please call the studio (519) 822-2697 or email [briana@guelphdance.com](mailto:briana@guelphdance.com) to let us know the reason for the absence. Thank you.

## **Classes Easter Weekend – March 29<sup>th</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>**

The studio is only closed on Good Friday – Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. It is open on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please ensure you attend classes as the show is fast approaching, and every minute counts.

## **Volunteers – THANK YOU!**

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 – Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Bean Film will continue as our official studio photographer. Photo week will be held during the dancer's regular class THE WEEK AFTER the show – Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please wear your complete costume for photos with proper hair and light makeup.

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

Dress Rehearsals are Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. TGAD families will receive the Dress Rehearsal schedule the week of April 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Wednesday and Thursday dancers – your classes run on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please ensure you are at the studio for one final practice before the show.

## **DVDs for “Screen Time” – online sales this season**

Bean Film will videotape and edit the Recital DVD again this year. DVD sales will be done online this season: [beanfilm.com/tgad](http://beanfilm.com/tgad). Pre-sale **DVDs will cost \$35.00 and \$40.00 after May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Blu-ray also includes a digital copy of both the Junior and Senior shows.

## **Final Dance Week for 2023-2024**

We are running two final weeks of dance classes after the shows. Photo Week is Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, and our final week will be Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Gathering as a group after the show is a beautiful 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.