

# To The Pointe Newsletter

## *Recital Edition 2025*

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

With overwhelming excitement, I'm pleased to share the recital edition of our **To the Pointe Newsletter** for 2024-2025.

This package is designed to answer any questions you may have about the end-of-year performance. Over the next seven 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.

**"Dancing Through the Decades"** will be performed on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at the E. L. Fox Auditorium at John F. Ross High School.

**Show 1 – Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm - Juniors**

**Show 2 – Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm - Seniors**

**Show 3 – Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm - Juniors**

**Show 4 – Sunday, May 25<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 four nights of dress rehearsals this year; Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, to Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at the E. L. Fox Auditorium at John F. Ross High School. Please refer to the schedule for your call date(s) and time(s).

We strive to make it as convenient as possible for you, but some dancers may need to attend multiple evenings. Dancers will wear their costumes at dress rehearsal. 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 that tickets to the show will sell out quickly this season, and I 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 price: \$25 for adults and \$20 for children (2-12 years) + hst**

Onstage Direct has split our recital into two separate events: the Junior Show and the 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 28<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

## **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 to help supervise the change room, scan tickets, organize groups, escort dancers to the stage, and assist 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>

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Blu-ray also includes a digital copy of both the Junior and Senior shows.

## **Costumes**

Please keep them safe and refrain from allowing your children to play with them at home before the recital. Each student must bring everything: costume, accessories, tights/socks, and shoes to photo week, each dress rehearsal night, and to their show(s). **Your costume is your responsibility – they are not replaceable.**

## **Costume Alterations**

Occasionally, minor adjustments may be necessary (such as hemming pants or adjusting straps). If you need any alterations, I recommend an excellent seamstress located in the south end of the city. Her name is Lenka, and you can reach her at (519) 760-0740 or [lenka.alterations@gmail.com](mailto:lenka.alterations@gmail.com).

## **Attendance**

Attendance is crucial at this stage of the dance season. Please aim for perfect attendance as we finalize the recital pieces and refine the choreography to boost your confidence on stage. If your dancer needs to miss class, please call the studio at (519) 822-2697 or email [briana@guelphdance.com](mailto:briana@guelphdance.com) to inform us. Thank you!

## **Classes Easter Weekend – April 18<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>**

The studio is only closed on Good Friday – Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. We are open Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please ensure you attend classes as the show is fast approaching, and every minute counts.

## **Photo Week – Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Bean Film will continue as our official studio photographer. Photo week will be held during the dancer's regular class from Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, May 10<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 scheduled for Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, through Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Dancers are required to wear their costumes to dress rehearsal but do not need to apply full hair and makeup. On Dress Rehearsal nights, 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.

## **Classes running Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday dancers – your classes will run from May 20<sup>th</sup> to May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please ensure you are at the studio for one final practice before the show.

**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.