

**Dance Recital(s)**  
**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**Shows at 12:30, 2:30, 3:30**  
**All shows held at N.S. College Prep, 5501 N. Kedzie**

Dear Parents,

Whether this is your first recital, or one of our seasoned professionals, please see below for answers to some of our frequently asked questions. Please do not hesitate to ask your teacher or the front desk if you have any unanswered questions. We are happy to help!

**Why does my child need to attend the dress rehearsal?**

*This is your child's opportunity to get to practice on stage as well as for you to practice their hair and make-up. Your child's class works like a team. They work best together. We also take class pictures at the dress rehearsal.*

**Can I watch the dress rehearsal?**

*During the dress rehearsal we are preparing the students for their experience onstage. We do not allow audience members during the dress rehearsal.\**

*\*We need volunteers. Please sign up at the front desk to help make your child's show(s) a success!*

**Why can't I go back-stage with my child?**

*It is for your child's safety that we only allow parent helpers\* and staff backstage. We hold a "closed" rehearsal and show to make sure we know everyone backstage.*

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**Why can't I take photos or videotape the show myself?**

*We don't allow photography or videography during the performances because we want you and your child to enjoy the day to the fullest. Photography distracts the performers on the stage (affects their safety), and the show looks much better when you watch with your eyes. We take pictures at the dress rehearsal, and we encourage you to take lots of photos at home. Un-edited*

photo CDs can be ordered at PAL or on the day of the show for \$15.00. The photo CD will include all shots taken at the rehearsal. Relax and enjoy!

### **How can I remember this special event?**

Each show is professionally videotaped by our dance videographer. You can pre-order your DVD(s) at the studio, or on the day of the show. (We recommend ordering before the show day.) Pre-paid DVDs are \$25.00 each or \$15.00 each for 2 or more. DVDs can be picked up at the studio in mid-July.

### **What if my family is involved in multiple shows?**

Each family who has immediate family members involved in multiple shows receives (2) complimentary tickets to the second show. These are complimentary tickets. If not used, they cannot be used for a credit of any kind.

### **When do I arrive/ drop off my child?**

Dress Rehearsal- ½ hour before the scheduled rehearsal time. (please see the dress rehearsal schedule)

Performances- one hour before the scheduled start of each show.

**Please do not arrive late. We run on and sometimes ahead of schedule. We are not able to re-run any pieces for the dress rehearsal or performances.**

### **Should I do my or my child's hair and make-up before we arrive?**

Performers need to arrive with their hair and make-up done before their arrival. They should bring their costume(s), tights, and all necessary dance shoes with them. **Please label all your belongings; costumes, shoes, tights, clothing, etc., and do not bring anything of significant value.**

### **Should I send my child with food?**

We recommend that all performers bring a light non-messy snack and water. (please no chocolates or chips) Please remind your children not to eat in their costume, and not to share food.

Food is only allowed backstage-NOT in the auditorium.

**When do I pick up my child from the show?**

*At the end of each performance, each student (under 18) will be signed out by their guardian. Students will be brought out by class.*

**Will there be flowers on sale?**

*Yes, beautiful floral bouquets will be available in the lobby. Great for rewarding your performer (and thanking your special teacher too).*

**When do I pick up my child if they are in multiple shows?**

*At the end of their last show.*

**Do performers need a ticket to the show(s)?**

*No. Only audience members.*

**My child is three years old and will be sitting on my lap. Do they need a ticket?**

*No, children three years old and younger do not need to purchase a ticket.*

**What show(s) is my family involved in?**

*Please see the “show assignments” section.*