

## 2023 Spring Recital - MARCH PACKET

### GENERAL NOTES

- PLEASE READ PACKET CLOSELY 2-3 TIMES!
- MRS. NATALIA MEANS BUSINESS ON ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS!
  - The drill sergeant comes out at the recital. **The rules are law!**
- COMMUNICATION IS KEY!
  - Check email/junk daily, social media, and text alerts.
    - If you are not receiving these things, let us know!!
  - Things can change due to unforeseen circumstances between this packet and the next.
- All themes, costumes, music, and recital-related things will be decided by Stellar Dance Center.
  - We will make age-appropriate choices, I assure you.
- **DO NOT BE LATE!!!** “On time” means DRESSED with CORRECT shoes, hair, etc at the listed times. Ready to dance at your scheduled time, not pulling up in the parking lot at your scheduled time. Arrange help ahead of time if you have multiple children to take care of, arrange back-up transportation, etc. If you miss rehearsals, your child does NOT participate!
- All rehearsals & performances will be at the Glema Mahr.
- If you have family members who are helping you in any way, please make sure they are also aware of the rules.
- **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RECITAL.** It is NOT mandatory. However, if you choose to do it, all these requirements and expectations must be followed.

### DATES:

- INFORMAL REHEARSALS:
  - SUNDAY, MAY 7TH 1-6PM
  - MONDAY, MAY 8TH 3:30-8PM
  - Your child will NOT be rehearsing this entire time, you simply need to clear your schedules for the above times. Once the schedule is made, each class will have 30 min-1 hour rehearsal time.
- DRESS REHEARSAL:
  - THURSDAY, MAY 11TH:
  - Time TBD, block off 4:30-8PM.
- RECITAL:
  - SATURDAY, MAY 13TH
  - There will be a 1PM and 6PM show. Dancers who participate must participate in both shows.
- Exact details with arrival times will be distributed closer to time.

### COSTUMES

- COST:

- Costumes will range in price from \$55-80.
  - Typically, younger classes have cheaper costumes and older classes and hip hop classes have more expensive costumes.
  - You will be invoiced for your child's class costumes in December.
  - You can NOT be refunded after the order has been placed. You may still get the costumes, but do not expect money back if you back out. Many companies do not allow refunds, only exchanges.
  - If your child has more than one costumes OR you have more than one child enrolled, 65% of your costume cost is due in December. After that, the remaining balance must be paid by the end of January 2023.
- Costumes will be distributed after all students have tried on, exchanges made, and after all April tuition balances have been paid. You will NOT get your costume if you have outstanding balances with the studio.
- Take care of all accessories! We can't order individual items if lost.
- MALE DANCERS NEED TO SEE MRS. NATALIA FOR ALL COSTUMING. IT IS NOT THE SAME AS THE GIRLS!

**OTHER MANDATORY DANCEWEAR (in addition to costume, not included in above price)**

- Ballet, Combo's, Creative Movement, & Dance With Me: tights & ballet slippers in *ballet pink*.
- Jazz, Acro, Musical Theater & Dance Team Prep: tights & slip-on jazz shoes in your skin tone.
- Hip Hop, Combo's, Creative Movement, & Dance With Me: mostly black tennis shoes, black socks.
- You do NOT have to order these items brand new if you already have them.
- We have a limited stock of these items. Order what you need online or ask us for help well in advance!
- Please do NOT buy panty hose. Panty hose and tights are NOT the same!

**RECITAL T-SHIRTS – ORDERS DUE BY MID-MARCH**

- Recital t-shirts are *mandatory* for Ballet/Hip Hop Combo's, Dance With Me, & Creative Movement participants.
  - Recital t-shirts, black leggings, & mostly black tennis shoe will be the "costume" for their hip hop number.
- T-shirts are optional for everyone else.
- Adults may also place an order.
- COST - \$15 plus tax (\$15.90). **Payment is due up front.**
- Recital t-shirts come in YXS-YXL, AS-A2X. \*Larger than 2X may incur a higher fee. We can check!

**RECITAL HAIR & APPEARANCE**

- TBD closer to time!

**OTHER APPEARANCE DETAILS**

- Rhinestone earrings may be worn. NO OTHER JEWELRY ALLOWED!

- Performance rhinestone earrings are usually available at Sally's.
- Makeup is OK, but nothing crazy unless otherwise directed.
- No panties worn under tights (older students may wear NUDE undies who are performing multiple dances, but we should NOT see your undies onstage!!)
- All undergarments should match outer layers of costume or be hidden. No bra straps showing, crazy color undergarments, etc.
- Strings in ballet shoes should be knotted, cut to an inch in length, & tucked in.
- Hip Hop Shoes: no specific style or brand, just mostly black! *If you are buying something new, a high top style always looks good with the outfits selected.*
- NO LONG FINGERNAILS, even before we perform. Long fingernails are not good to practice in at the studio! They are distracting, but also potential to scratch each other during rehearsals!
- No nail polish, except clear or French manicure. Crazy colors will be removed backstage.

### **BACKSTAGE EXPECTATIONS**

- No one backstage, except volunteer parents, after drop-off. 5 minute limit – get in & out quickly!
  - Prepare young participants for this separation!
  - (1) Dance With Me female parent/guardian will be required to stay backstage with their child.
- Children may bring entertainment that will NOT alter appearance of the costume.
  - Not responsible for lost items!
  - We provide crayons and coloring books backstage.
- Room assignments will be posted closer to recital time, on the website.
- Organize costume attire in a garment bag so that volunteers can easily help change your child.
  - Older ones should practice at home how to keep their things organized in their bags.
  - Write your child's name in everything: costumes, shoes, tights, t-shirts, etc.
- ALL STUDENTS HAVE TO BE SIGNED OUT **BY AN ADULT** FROM ALL REHEARSALS & SHOWS.
- Girls have to get used to changing in front of each other. Please prepare them! There is limited privacy.
- Male participants will be backstage, but will have a separate waiting & changing area away from the female participants.
- **NO OTHER MALES BACKSTAGE. We have teenage girls backstage changing!! LET DADS OR GRANDDADS KNOW WE WILL NOT ALLOW THEM ACCESS BACKSTAGE!** We always have an angry man or two by the backstage door.

### **PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

- We require backstage “dance moms.” Beware....it is organized chaos.
- ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED AT THE DRESS REHEARSAL AND BOTH RECITAL PERFORMANCES!

- Volunteers will be needed to help: changing students' costumes, hair, potty breaks if needed, keeping everyone quiet backstage, escorting children to and from the stage, etc.
- You may be assigned to a room that is not your child's, based on how many volunteers we get. You have to be willing to help anyone!
- You do not have to buy a recital ticket, since you will not occupy a seat.
  - You may watch your child on the wings of the stage or stand on the sides in the audience.
- Volunteers will receive a free recital t-shirt. Let us know if you want it for you or for your child!
- Let us know if you are willing to help ASAP :)

## **RECITAL RULES**

- **Everyone participating in the recital must attend ALL the Glema Mahr practices. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- BE ON TIME (early) & PRESENT.
  - Every year, students get cut from the recital for failure to show up when they are supposed to.
- All rehearsals are closed. Only dancers, teachers, and **one guardian**/student allowed in the audience!
  - If you have other children who are NOT participants, they are NOT allowed in the auditorium. We apologize for the inconvenience.
  - If in the audience, absolutely no distractions or noise.
    - Silence cell phones, no phone calls taken inside the rehearsals, no loud conversations.
- No food or drink (except water) may be consumed while in costumes.
- No food or drink in the auditorium. Water may be consumed in other rehearsal areas.
- **Please make sure your child eats before rehearsals & the recital performances.**
- Spectators must give their full attention and respect to ALL performers!
- **PLEASE RESPECT GLEMA MAHR FACILITY & SDC VOLUNTEER STAFF!** Follow instructions, monitor children so they are not damaging exhibits in the hall, etc.
- **All outstanding balances MUST be paid by mid April. If unpaid, your child will not be allowed to participate in the recital.**
- FAILURE TO FOLLOW RULES MAY RESULT IN BEING ASKED TO LEAVE OR DISMISSING CHILD FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE RECITAL.

## **PERSONAL PHOTO & VIDEO**

- No videos taken during rehearsals.
- Any personal photography/videography may NOT interfere with audience viewing (including, but not limited to: raising up equipment over head, standing up, etc) If you must do these things to get the shot you want, please move to the back/side of the audience BEFORE the dances begin, so that everyone can view the dances clearly.
  - NO LARGE TABLETS (iPads, Notebooks, etc)!
  - NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY!

## **RECITAL DVD'S:**

TBD

## **PROFESSIONAL RECITAL PHOTOS**

TBD

## **TICKETS**

- **You may not refund your tickets after purchasing them. Please buy only what you need!**
- DO NOT LOSE TICKETS! You will have to buy new ones.
- Anyone occupying a seat must buy a ticket! No matter the age.
  - Small children may sit in your lap.
  - If you don't think they will sit in your lap the entire 2 hour show, then you must purchase a ticket for that child.
- General Seating
  - Do not save seats! If you want to sit with friends & family together, arrive together!
  - If there are spaces in seating, Glema or Stellar staff/volunteers may ask you to scoot.
- COST:
  - Matinee Showing: \$10
  - Evening Showing: \$15
  - YES, if you want to watch both shows, you must purchase tickets for both shows!
- TICKET SALE TIMES:
  - Tickets will go on sale at the studio during class hours the last two weeks prior to class.
  - You can also get tickets at the Glema during dress rehearsals and before each recital performance.
    - Note: Ticket Sales will cease once the show starts! Arrive EARLY!

**MORE INFO REGARDING INFORMAL REHEARSALS, DRESS REHEARSAL AND RECITAL DAY  
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED CLOSER TO TIME!**