

## 2024 Spring Recital - November 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!
- Designated rehearsal venue will be announced closer to time.
- 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:

- Will be announced when we secure a venue, but expect early- mid-May.
- Expect up to 3 rehearsals, including dress rehearsal, on any day of the week.
  - I will try to avoid church times on Sundays, but it will not be 100% guaranteed.
- Expect 2 “recitals” or performances.

### COSTUMES

- Prices have continued to climb. I apologize for the increase in cost!
- ONCE ORDERED, THE COSTUMES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.
- COST:
  - DANCE WITH ME / CREATIVE MOVEMENT: \$65+TAX
  - HIP HOP ONLY: \$85-90+ TAX
  - ALL OTHER CLASSES: \$75-80 + TAX
  - ADULT XL-XXL SIZES MAY INCUR A HIGHER FEE
- Dancers with more than 1 sibling at Stellar or those enrolled in multiple classes must pay 65% of costume cost up front. Remaining balance will be due by Feb 1st.

- 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 COSTS (in addition to costume, not included in above price)**

- Tights & shoes
  - Exact color / style will be given closer to time.
- Recital t-shirts, tickets.

### **RECITAL T-SHIRTS – ORDERS DUE BY MARCH 15TH, 2024**

- Recital t-shirts are *mandatory* for Dance With Me, Creative Movement, and Combo dance 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-AXL. \*Larger than AXL will incur a higher fee. We can check!
- \*\*NEW: recital t-shirt included in recital package deal. Details at the end of the packet.

### **RECITAL HAIR & APPEARANCE**

- TBD.

### **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 theater 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 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:

We will no longer offer this option.

## PROFESSIONAL RECITAL PHOTOS

There will NOT be a professional photographer set up, but we will have an informal backdrop for personal pics. We encourage you to make a photo session with a photographer of your choosing for professional photos!

## 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! .
- COST:
  - Up to \$15 per show. There may be discounted rates for small children.
  - 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.

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