

IPod Shuffle Recital Packet 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

The recital offers our students a performance opportunity that allows them to present to their families and friends the results of a year's hard work, dedication, and progress.

We are so happy to have you and your family involved in our eighth annual recital. We are very proud of all our dancers for they have worked very hard this year. Recital time is upon us and there is a lot of preparation that goes into a smooth running show. Parents please read the following packet for information about the upcoming weeks.

*Truly,
Starr Dance Studio*

Costumes

Costumes will arrive in late May/early June. All Costumes need to be tried on before they leave the studio. We cannot approve exchanges once they've gone home. Most costumes will need to have minor alterations. Since costumes only come in small, medium, or large manufacturers will leave them incomplete so they can be adjusted to the dancer's body type. Sometimes they will need to have the pants or sleeves hemmed or straps will need to be tacked in place. If your costume is a little too big or some parts are not attached; do not worry, this is normal, they just need alterations. If there are serious problems, please see the front desk and we will see what we can do to correct it.

Costume Care

When you receive your costume, hang them in your bathroom one day while you take a shower so that the steam from the shower will steam the wrinkles out. If part of the costume has a tutu on it, hang the costume upside down so that the steam will steam the tutu upward. Place the costumes in a garment bag with your child's name on the outside. Pack accessories in a clear plastic bag with your child's name on the bag and on each item. Hats should be stored in a hatbox or similar container to prevent damage. Please do not wash costumes in your washing machine; dry-clean them only (after the recital). **** IMPORTANT **** Please write your child's name on their shoes, tights, hair supply bag, and costume and in all of the individual costume pieces. Every year items are lost during dress rehearsals and the show.

Tights

Tight Colors are posted in the lobby. To ensure that there are no discrepancies in color and style, all students are required to have the same tights. Tights are available at the studio only. Tights orders are due in April and when they arrive, they will be handed out during class. Be sure to purchase the correct style. (Note: Having a second pair of tights on hand offers students and parents a great sense of security.) Tights are non-returnable or refundable.

Undergarments

Absolutely no underwear should be worn with your costumes. Your tights serve as your undergarments. If your costume has a shelf liner in it then a bra should not be worn. If no shelf is provided then a nude strapless can be used. The dance stores make a special line of nude

and seamless undergarments. If we see, a bra or underwear lines at dress rehearsal or the show the dancer cannot perform until the undergarments are removed.

Hair and Makeup

These are an important part of making a group of dancers look universal. All dancers even our youngest ones will need to wear some makeup. Makeup is very important while on the stage. Makeup helps define a dancer's face under the bright lights. Without makeup the dancer will look washed out and very pale. We understand parent's concern about young children wearing so much makeup. Stage makeup is only to help see your child's face while on stage.

All Students need to wear a gray and/or silver eye shadow, black eyeliner, and mascara. The eyeliner should be worn on the top and bottom lid. Students should wear dark blush that defines cheeks and a burgundy or maroon colored lipstick for the lips.

Hairstyles are sent home in May. All hair should look finished with no fly-a-ways and slicked back. For ponytails, use an abundance of gel and hairspray. If your hair can move, you probably haven't used enough products. If your hair is down, flat iron or curl it so it looks nice. Again, no fly-a-ways if you have bangs pull them back and slick them down.

Picture Day

Picture day is Sunday, June 13, at Starr Dance Studio. Mitchell Studio is our photographer this year. They have done seven of our recitals and we are glad to have them back. Please see the attached sheet for your specific call times. Picture purchase is optional but we ask that everyone attend the group pictures so they can be included in the class photo even if they are not purchasing an individual picture packet.

Make checks out to Mitchell Studio's and place checks in your picture envelope. Picture envelopes will be passed out in early June. You will give your picture envelope directly to a Mitchell's representative on picture day. Pictures are mailed 6-8 weeks after picture day.

Tickets

Tickets go on sale at the studio on May 22. To avoid a large crowd, we hold a lottery during class, stating a time you can start purchasing your tickets. Tickets cost \$10.00 per Adult and \$5.00 per Child (10 & under). Tickets will be on sale until sold-out. If tickets are still available "at the door", they can be purchased for \$12.00. If you lose your tickets, you will have to purchase new ones.

If you cannot make it to ticket day, you may fill out an absentee ticket form. Your tickets will be drawn on ticket day in the order they were received. Tickets must be paid for when you turn in your absentee ticket form. In an effort to create an organized atmosphere, each member of the family must have a seat. No children will be allowed to sit on a parent's lap. If younger siblings would be uncomfortable remaining seated for two to three hours, other arrangements should be made for them.

All studio accounts must be paid in full before any family member may purchase recital tickets.

Recital Volunteer Information

Starr Dance relies on the assistance of many dedicated volunteers to provide a high-quality performance experience for your children. Your child is a direct beneficiary of this volunteer effort, so we hope that you will become an enthusiastic member of our volunteer pool. Most jobs require limited commitment at a specific time during the dress rehearsal and/or recital. There are many positions available for men as well as women, which makes it reasonable for families to assume their volunteer responsibility. We encourage every family to become involved with our volunteer program and welcome any contribution you are willing to make.

A volunteer form is included in this handbook. All volunteers will be contacted by phone to go over job details and information. The recital weekend is a hectic experience; all volunteers must work in a cooperative manner at all times. Our backstage managers work very hard to put an efficient system in place, and we ask that all volunteers rely on their experience and follow their instructions.

All volunteers will receive an identification badge at the dress rehearsal, which must be worn in the theater at all times.

Class Moms

Class mothers are needed for each class to supervise the dancers. Class moms must assure that each child in her care is safe and accounted for. They are responsible for making sure that each child is in the proper costume, has the proper accessories and shoes, and is backstage at the appropriate time. They are also responsible for seeing that all children return to their appointed dressing area after their performance.

***** We need at least one parent volunteer from each class.*****

You can split shifts – One person works the first act the other works the second act.

If there are too many volunteers for one class, some may be asked to work with children from another class. During their class' performances, room mothers leave the students at the stage door with the stage manager and watch the dance from the reserved seats in the auditorium. Only dancers will be allowed in the wings.

Dress Rehearsal

Dress Rehearsal will be held Saturday, June 19, at Joliet West High School Auditorium. Please see the attached sheet for your specific call times.

Dress rehearsal is an important part of show preparation and a prerequisite to a positive experience for our dancers. Participation in the dress rehearsal is mandatory. The dress rehearsal allows the students to become familiar with the auditorium surroundings and feel comfortable with their performance, costume(s), and being onstage. Lighting, music cues, set changes, and all other logistics for an organized and professional performance are rehearsed so that the students make the best impression possible.

We try to run an organized and timely dress rehearsal; your help with the process will guarantee a smooth production. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to curtain time ready to dance. We do our best to keep rehearsals running on time. Sometimes a class might need a little extra help and sometimes classes are done early. Students should wait in the auditorium with their parents until they are called backstage. Dress Rehearsal is a long day so please

bring activities for your dancer... and don't forget lots of water. Dancers may leave after they are done performing. It is a good idea for parents to stay in the audience so your dancer can be picked up in a timely manner.

Please remember dress rehearsal is a time to work out the kinks of a show. This is the time that music is adjusted, props are placed, and all the extras are done for a smooth show. Anything can happen in live entertainment!

Students need to dance in costume with hair and makeup done. Hair and make-up should be worn as you plan to wear it for the recital. This is to ensure a unified look on recital day.

Recital

Show One: Is Saturday, June 19 at Joliet West High School Auditorium, the show will begin at 7:00 pm. The doors to the auditorium will not open until 6:30 pm.

Show Two: Is Monday, June 21 at Joliet West High School Auditorium, the show will begin at 6:00 pm. The door to the auditorium will not open until 5:30

Our students have shown great dedication and have worked very hard to make an entertaining and memorable evening for you. It takes a lot of courage to get up on stage in front of a huge audience. The students would greatly appreciate your cooperation in being a warm and responsive audience. To insure that everyone has a great time, we ask that you observe the following polices:

Recital Arrival

Please make sure you drop your dancer off 20 minutes before show time. Parents or guardians should bring the students to the check in table, where they will be checked in and placed under the supervision of their class mom(s).

Please, make sure every dancer goes to the bathroom before you check him or her in.

Even if they say they do not have to, take them anyway Parents are not allowed in the dressing rooms once the children have been checked in Students will remain backstage for the entire performance. Please do not attempt to pick up your child during the performance, if picked up early they will be dismissed from the dance program.

There are no men allowed in the girls dressing areas at anytime

Recital Dismissal

After the finale, one family member will be let into the drop off area to collect your dancer. Please be patient, to control crowding, we ask that only one parent picks up. Planning a meeting spot in the main lobby with, the rest of your family for hugs, and congratulations is a great idea. Keep in mind that everything we do is to ensure the safety of your child.

Video and Photography

Parents or guardians may videotape or shoot photographs of their children at the dress rehearsal only. For the safety of the dancers and comfort of the audience, videotaping of the show is not allowed and no flash photography. Please be responsible for everyone that you bring. Anyone with a video camera or a flash camera will need to leave the auditorium and

return it to his or her car. No LCD screen cameras or phones are permitted at the show. We have heard many complaints from our studio parents about digital cameras and phones. In the darkened theater the screen becomes very bright, please do not use them. DVD's of the show are available by order.

Auditorium Rules

No eating, drinking, or smoking is allowed in the auditorium. Stay seated during the show. No exiting or entering during the show especially while dancers are on stage.

Please Be Courteous. Remember the rules are in place for the whole studio, family and, their guests; we have to be fair to all.

Common Courtesy and Rules

Flash Photography is strictly prohibited - Please Do not blind the dancer's so they can't dance.

No lit LCD screens during the show – we want to enjoy the dancers onstage not the sea of colorful lights in the auditorium.

No video cameras - No LCD's, videotape at dress rehearsal or buy the DVD

No talking while performers are onstage. – Common Courtesy

After the show begins, please stay seated until intermission. – If you get up you could be ruining another family's memory. You don't know who you're standing in front of, so please stay seated.

No entering or exiting the auditorium after the show begins – Again, don't ruin another families chance to see their child perform.

Students must stay backstage during the show – This is for safety, we need to know where your dancer is at all times.

Your applause is greatly appreciated by all the dancers

Backstage

Family members and friends don't belong backstage or in the dressing rooms during rehearsals or the recital. The same applies during intermission and after the show. There is a lot of backstage activity in a limited space, and dressing rooms are a private area. Please remind your family and guests to be respectful of these areas. Those who wish to greet a performer after the show or present flowers should do so in the lobby areas. For our dancers' comfort there are no men allowed in the dressing rooms.

Props

All props are the property of Starr Dance Studio and are to be returned to the backstage prop area after the performance. Props include such items as pom-poms, canes, parasols, beach balls, etc.

Joliet West High School Auditorium

Joliet West High School is located at 401 N. Larkin Ave. Joliet, IL 60435. If you need additional, directions please see the front desk.

Common Questions

Q: How many people can we bring?

A: Tickets are on a first-come-first-serve basis. You can purchase as many as you need until tickets are sold out.

Q: If I can't make it on Ticket Day can I still purchase tickets?

A: Yes, Tickets will be available at the front desk or you can turn in an absentee ticket order and we will pull tickets for you.

Q: How early should dancers arrive?

A: 20 minutes before the show starts.

Q: When do the doors open?

A: School doors will open a half hour before the show begins and we will begin seating in the auditorium 20 minutes before show time.

Q: Is there assigned seating?

A: Saturday's Show is General Admission and Monday's Show has assigned seating.

Q: A friend/relative uses a wheelchair or walker is their special seating?

A: Yes, when you purchase your tickets please let us know, we have seating especially for them. When you arrive the day of the show, please see a volunteer at the door to show you to your seats.

Q: After my child is done performing, can we bring them back to the audience to watch the rest of the show?

A: No

Q: What color tights do we need and how is hair suppose to be done?

A: See the attached Sheet

Q: Can we videotape?

A: During Dress Rehearsal. Please have respect for those around you and stay seated while taping. DVD's are also available for purchase.

Q: Why can't we take flash pictures?

A: You can take as many pictures as you would like at dress rehearsal or without your flash the day of the show.

Q: Should dancers wear make-up for pictures?

A: You don't have to but most dancers do wear a little. (Adult daytime makeup).

Q: Does my child have to attend Picture Day?

A: We like to have all dancers in the class picture but purchase is optional.

Q: Does my child have to attend Dress Rehearsal?

A: Yes or they may not be able to participate in the recital.

Additional Questions

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