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May 2019 Newsletter

for participants in the May 11th recitals

Our dance recital is fast approaching! All of our students have been working very hard to perfect their dances and are looking forward to performing for you. The Manyet Dance recital involves a large number of participants and we undoubtedly need your assistance in helping us conduct a smooth and safe rehearsal and show. Please read this newsletter carefully. The guidelines below are extremely important and crucial for attaining a professional show. ***All dancers in this show participate in the Friday rehearsal as well as BOTH SHOWS on Saturday.***

The teachers at Manyet Dance have had a very enjoyable year and hope that your experience with us has been pleasurable. We are very proud of all of our students and wish them good luck in the recital!

Rehearsal on May 10th

Rehearsal is Friday evening, May 10th at the Highland's High School auditorium. Each class has a designated arrival time. Copies of the rehearsal schedule were sent home this past week and can be found on the Recital page on the website. Please bring this schedule with you to rehearsal. We will not practice the finale.

The students are to arrive in regular clothes with all costumes concealed in a suitcase or colored garment bag.
Be sure to put full names in all costumes and on accessories.

Upon arrival, students should go to the dressing rooms (to the left of the stage) and locate their class. All classes will be dressing in the two classrooms closest to the stage unless otherwise notified. Students dress in their first rehearsing costume and wait in the auditorium with their class for their turn to rehearse. *It is important for classes to sit in their designated area so that they may be located easily.* After finishing their first practice on stage they should then change (if needed) into their next costume **(as fast as they can)** and return to the auditorium. If it is only a shoe change, bring the necessary shoes to the auditorium with you. After each student is finished practicing all of their dances they are free to go.

Food and drink are NOT permitted in the auditorium or dressing rooms.

Rehearsal day is the day for picture taking. All students should have on full stage makeup for both the rehearsal and performance. This includes base, blush, complimentary eye shadow, mascara, eyeliner and red lipstick. Hair and makeup should be done at home. *Underpants are not to be worn under costumes unless specified by the teacher.* **Flash photography will not be permitted at the performances on May 11th as it is extremely distracting to both the dancers and the audience members.**

We again must enforce the rule that only one adult per student be permitted in the audience on rehearsal day to assist the student and take photos. **Please arrange babysitting for other siblings.** It is extremely important that the noise level in the auditorium be kept to a minimum. A noisy rehearsal means a long and frustrating one. Each young student should have **ONE** parent or adult chaperone as teachers will be extremely busy.

Recitals on May 11th

The dance recitals will begin promptly at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM on Saturday, May 11th. All seats are reserved for these performances.

Students and audience members should arrive **no earlier** than 30 minutes before the show. Their mother/female chaperone should help them get dressed for their first routine.

Dancers should come to both the rehearsal and recital dressed in regular clothes with their costume in a covered garment bag or suitcase.

All adults, excluding volunteers, will be asked to leave the dressing rooms and take their seats 10 minutes before the opening number so that we may talk to the students before the show begins. The parents/chaperones should remain in their seats during the performance. Getting in and out of seats during the performance is poor theatre etiquette and extremely annoying to those around you. The volunteers will take care of costume changes.

Males will not be permitted inside the dressing rooms.

All students are to stay in their dressing room when they are not on stage.

There is to be absolutely **NO** food or drinks permitted. Water will be sold at intermission.

After the performance, **please give us 10 minutes to transport the students from the stage to their dressing rooms.** We will not let anyone into the dressing rooms until this has been accomplished. It would also eliminate confusion if only one person came into the dressing room to pick the child up.

Parents, please supervise or help your younger children when they are putting on their tights. Rough fingernails can easily snag the tights and readily cause runners or holes.
We cannot replace or refund money on any tights with holes or runners.

Please be advised that on the day of the dance recitals, we will not be able to give refunds on tickets that were purchased in advance.

As was stated in our payment policy that was signed during the registration process, all student account balances must be paid in full before May 4th, 2019, otherwise the child will not be able to participate in the rehearsal or the show.

Recital Volunteers

The Manyet Dance recital is a large production and, therefore, requires the help of many volunteers behind the scenes. Most volunteer work is needed in the student dressing rooms to help supervise and assist the primping and costume changing. We will also need volunteers to act as ushers/intermission and backstage runners. Volunteers are to help all the students in the class they are helping with, not just their own.

If you or a female family member would like to volunteer your services, please sign up online. More information and the link to the online sign-up sheet can be found on the main page of our website.

OUR POLICY: All scheduled volunteers should register at the designated desk on recital day in order to receive free registration for the 2019/2020 dance year. Free registration is only valid if you sign in at the volunteer table at recital AND submit your registration online by by July 1st.

Volunteers will NOT be permitted to watch their children dance from the back of the auditorium (they can watch from back stage during their class dance). Volunteers should not let anyone into their dressing room after the show until all students are back in their rooms. Only registered volunteers are permitted to stay backstage with the assigned classes.

We pride ourselves on a safe, smooth-running show which cannot be done without the assistance of these volunteers. We truly appreciate their help.

Spring and Summer Classes

The Summer 1 schedule is available on the website and registration is NOW OPEN online! Classes start on May 28th and run for 4 weeks.

The Summer 2 schedule is attached and can also be found on the website. Classes start on July 8th. Online registration will open by May 21.

Summer classes are a great way to try the next level (if applicable) and to keep up with your skills. Students progress more rapidly when dancing year round.

Recital DVDs

As part of the Ready - Set - Recital bundle, all dancers receive ONE copy of the recital that they perform in. To purchase additional copies of the DVD, please download an order form on the Recital page of the website and return it with $18.00 to the Southgate studio by May 16th.

Recital DVDs can be picked up at the Southgate Office after July 9th.

2019-2020 Fall Registration

Early Fall registrations are due by July 1st, 2019, or before. These students will receive first priority when working on assigning class days/times/locations. Information about fall registration, as well as our policies and procedures, will be available on our website when **registration opens on May 31.**

BRAVO!

Congratulations to all of our Dance Troupes for their performances at the Masquerade Dance Competition.

Congratulations to our graduating seniors: Abby Paolucci, Abby Twehues, Lin DeGraaf, Peyton Fransen, and Claire Crowley. We have enjoyed watching them grow here at the studio and wish them the best of luck!

Congratulations to Grace Kramer for being nominated in Inspiring Teen Magazine as an inspiring example of depth and beauty through her dancing, school activities and volunteering. Other dancers featured in the magazine were Isabel Besse, Maggie Comer and Sophia Cooney.

FUTURE DANCE TROUPE MEMBERS

Any dancer that is 8 years old or older and is interested in trying out for Powder Puff, Junior, Senior or Elite Dance Troupe for the 2019/2020 dance season **must** attend one summer dance intensive week. You may choose to attend either June 24-28 or August 12-16. Classes are in the evening and divided by age group. More information can be found on the Dance Troupe page of the website.

Call the Southgate Office for details!

Gift certificates are available for Summer classes
AND
You can book your birthday parties at Manyet Dance!