

T'Dance – “SHOWTIME 2020”

Information Packet

1. DRESS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE

Dress rehearsals are held on Wednesday, May 27th, and Thursday, May 28th starting at 6:00 pm. If you perform on the Friday evening show your dress rehearsal will be on Wednesday, and if you perform on the Saturday show your dress rehearsal is on Thursday. If you perform on both nights, you need to be at both dress rehearsals. **All rehearsals are required.** All rehearsals and performances are at the Hastings City Auditorium.

2. FINALE

All students are a part of the “FINALE”, which is done at the end of the performance on both nights. At dress rehearsal, we will rehearse the FINALE first at 6:00 pm, followed by running the entire show in order. You are then free to leave rehearsal as soon as your dances have finished on stage, and your instructor has dismissed you.

3. STAGING/BLOCKING REHEARSALS

All classes are assigned a staging rehearsal time during the day the week of recital, May 26th, 27th, 1st 28th. We do not wear costumes for staging/blocking rehearsals. Please wear dance attire and bring your dance shoes for these rehearsals. The blocking rehearsals help eliminate a lot of extra time at dress rehearsals by getting the dancers used to the space on stage, formation changes, entrances and exits ahead of time and where their dressing rooms are located. A detailed schedule is included in this packet. **These rehearsals are required.**

4. DRESS REHEARSAL

- Dress rehearsals begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Dancers are to wear all complete costumes, hair and make-up. Students may watch from the auditorium during the dress rehearsal only. Dancers need to remain seated during the rehearsals, sitting with their class so that the instructors may find them when it is time for them to be on stage. During the performances, all students will be in their dressing room areas until the show is finished.
- Only parents that are accompanying the dancers are allowed in the auditorium on rehearsal night. Any exception to this rule must be arranged with Teresa ahead of time. Due to abuse of this policy in the past, and if it continues, dress rehearsals will become closed to parents in the future. **DRESS REHEARSAL IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – DO NOT BRING ANY OTHER RELATIVES OR FRIENDS WITH YOU!!**
- Combination classes will be assigned rows in the auditorium to sit together during rehearsal. Please stay seated until it is your turn to dance, and so that we can find the entire group when it is time to go to the stage.
- Please be courteous and quiet during the rehearsals. No children allowed on the front edge of the stage. Please keep the area between the stage and the first row of chairs clear! Many parents are taking photos and video, and this is a distraction to the students on stage as well.

5. PERFORMANCE NIGHT

SHOWTIME 2020 will begin at 6:00 pm. All dancers must be ready to go and in assigned dressing room areas by 5:30 pm. Doors open for seating at 5:30 pm, no reserved seating. All dancers are to enter through the southeast side door of the auditorium that will lead to the backstage area and dressing rooms. **NO PARENTS** are allowed entrance by this door and are not allowed in dressing rooms, unless signed up to help with the show.

- Other items to send with your dancers: water bottle, blanket to sit on, snacks (no chocolate or anything that might melt or stain costumes), coloring book and supplies. Please have all personal items and costumes, shoes, etc., labeled with your name. If you send an electronic device, please make sure that you have it and all other belongings with you before leaving.
- We will have a video feed set up from the performance, and a TV with movies.

- Parents are responsible to sign in/sign out their dancer before and after the performance. A parent must come to the dressing room to get their dancer after the show is over if your student is in the basement dressing room. There will be some congestion, and this will take a little time, but we want to make sure you have your child and all of their belongings. We will use the larger stairway located in the SE corner of the auditorium – down the stairs on the R side and up on the other side to keep the line moving.

6. HAIR AND MAKE UP

All dancers' hair must be pulled back into a bun (low to middle of head-not high or on top of head) for a uniform look. If you have short hair, the sides should be pulled up out of the face. Longer bangs also need to be secured back. If you need help with bun-making, we will be happy to give instructions on how to secure almost any hair with a hairnet, hairpins, twisting and hairspray! Any hairpieces and hats will be worn uniformly and will be decided on in class or at picture day. Any hairstyle different from the bun will be discussed in individual classes by their teachers and the students will know if they are to change their hair.

Please wear "stage makeup" to both rehearsals and performances. Stage makeup is wearing regular makeup a little heavier than normal. The basics are: foundation, blush, eyes (neutral colors-browns, grays), cheeks and lipstick. There is a lot of lighting that happens during the show and we want to see everyone's smiling faces! 😊

7. COSTUMES

Costumes are continuing to arrive and will be tried on and sent home with the students as soon as we have them. We should have most costumes in by the end of March with a few things arriving in April. Costumes need to be put on hangers and steamed. Misting with warm water will help to hang out the wrinkles from packaging. Most of the costume fabric cannot be ironed, due to the delicate fabric content. **Please label every item with dancer's name.** Ziploc bags work great to hold accessories and can be clipped onto the hangers with the costume.

8. DRESSING ROOMS

There are a limited number of actual "dressing rooms" at the auditorium. Names will be posted on the door of each room. If your name is not on a door you will be in the basement area. Please stay in your assigned dressing room so that you can be located when we need you on stage. A clothesbasket works great for those of you that have multiple costume changes. When you take something off, make sure it goes into your basket. Label everything with your name. Please respect everyone around you and keep your things organized (label everything!). And, please, please...clean up after yourselves and do not leave trash behind – dispose of it properly.

9. VIDEOS

Mr. Video Productions of Omaha will again be professionally videoing our SHOWTIME performances. Orders may be placed online at: mrvideo.com. They will provide flyers, which will be located at the studio office counter when received. Videos are mailed directly to your home address when completed. Absolutely **NO VIDEO CAMERAS OR RECORDING DEVICES - INCLUDING CELL PHONES**, are allowed during the performances. This is illegal and against U.S. Copyright laws. You may record during dress rehearsal ONLY. Please advise all visiting relatives and friends of this policy. Do not hold up a cell phone during the performance and block someone else's view, please enjoy watching our performance without the distraction of illegal cell phone recording.

10. PHOTOS

Costume Photos will be taken at T'Dance on April 24 & 25. This schedule is attached as a separate packet. All photos ordered at this time will be delivered during dress rehearsal.

11. TICKETS

Tickets for "SHOWTIME 2020" will be available for purchase at the T'Dance office starting on Monday, May 11th. Tickets are also sold during dress rehearsal and at the door on the night of performances. Admission is \$10.00 per ticket.

12. BACKSTAGE HELP

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need 2 moms from each combination class to help backstage in the dressing room areas. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the front door at the studio, or you may email Teresa: tdancehastings@gmail.com. We also need a few other backstage, and dressing room supervision crew. **Our suggestion is to volunteer backstage on the opposite night of when your child dances. Please consider helping this year if you have not in the past!** Any parent working backstage will receive a ticket for the performance of their choice. If working the night your child dances, you may also come to the backstage area with the class and watch from the side during the performance.

13. T-SHIRT ORDERS

Recital T-shirt orders will be taken from April 5th-14th. T-shirt information and design will be sent in a separate packet. **All orders will be online through Shirt Shack with a link sent out as soon as they have it ready, and pick up will be at T'Dance approximately 2 weeks after the order deadline.** The link for ordering will be included in the T-Shirt packet.

14. RECITAL FEE

Recital fee of \$40 per dancer was due by March 1st. Please turn in your payment as soon as possible if you have not done so.

15. THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to all our parents, grandparents and families for their support this year in your child's dance class! We appreciate each child and the individuality that comes to each class with all the students involved 😊 The dances are looking fabulous and the choreography should all be finished by the end of April. The students are also getting excited with the arrival of many of the costumes! We have had a great year of dancing and once again have seen tremendous improvement and progress in our students. There is a lot of dancing talent in Hastings, Nebraska! We are very proud of the small steps and big accomplishments that our students are making each day in class and are looking forward to "SHOWTIME 2020"!

16. FINAL OBSERVATION WEEK/FINAL WEEK OF CLASSES

The last observation week for this year is the week of April 20th, and final week of classes is the week of May 18th!

17. SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVES

Any student interested in attending a summer dance camp – please see Teresa! There are several great options for students that are wanting to attend an intensive dance experience!