

T'Dance "SHOWTIME 2021"

Information Packet

1. DRESS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE

Dress rehearsals are held on Wednesday, June 2nd, and Thursday, June 3rd starting at 6:00 pm. If you perform in the Friday evening show your dress rehearsal will be on Wednesday, and if you perform in the Saturday show your dress rehearsal is on Thursday. If you perform 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. Students are then free to leave rehearsal as soon as their dances have finished on stage, and their instructor has dismissed them.

3. STAGING/BLOCKING REHEARSALS

All classes are assigned a staging rehearsal time during the day the week of recital, June 1st, 2nd and 3rd. 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. Staging Rehearsal schedule is attached. **These rehearsals are required.**

4. DRESS REHEARSAL

- Dress rehearsal will not be open to parents, families or the public. Only those parents that have signed up to help will be allowed in the auditorium. A sign-up sheet is in the office at the studio. If you wish to help at dress rehearsal you may email Teresa. Helpers will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. There are limited spots available.
- 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 and class parents. During the performances, all students will be in their dressing room areas until the show is finished.
- Combination classes will have an assigned seating row in the auditorium to sit together with parent helpers during rehearsal.

5. PERFORMANCE NIGHT

SHOWTIME 2021 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 door that is furthest southeast on the south side 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 in the larger basement area for students to watch.
- Parents are responsible to sign in/sign out their dancer before and after the performance. If your student is in the basement, a parent must come to the dressing room to get their dancer after the show is over. 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 inside

the building, in the SE corner of the auditorium – Enter down the stairs on the R side and Exit up on the other side to keep the line moving. Do not enter from the door on the outside of the building!

6. HAIR AND MAKE UP

All dancers' hair must be pulled back into a bun - ear level or lower is a good reference point. 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 help! Almost any hair can be secured 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. (This only happens with older students that are able to do this on their own and also depends on the program order.)

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: www.mrvideo.com. Videos are mailed directly to your home address when completed. **NO VIDEO CAMERAS OR RECORDING DEVICES - INCLUDING CELL PHONES,** are allowed during the performances. This is illegal and against U.S. Copyright laws. Please advise all visiting relatives and friends of this policy. Please do not hold up a cell phone during the performance and block someone else's view, but rather enjoy watching the performance without the distraction of illegal cell phone recording.

10. PHOTOS

Costume Photos will be taken at T'Dance on April 16 & 17. (This schedule has already been emailed.) All photos ordered at time of taking will be delivered during dress rehearsals.

11. TICKETS

Tickets for "SHOWTIME 2021" will be available for purchase at the T'Dance office starting on Monday, May 17th. Tickets are also sold during dress rehearsal and at the door on the night of performances. Admission is \$10.00 per ticket.

12. T-SHIRT ORDERS

Recital T-shirt orders will be taken from April 1st-25th. T-shirt information and design will be sent in a separate packet. **All orders will be online through Shirt Shack. Pick up of orders will be at T'Dance, approximately 2 weeks after the order deadline.** The link for ordering will be included in the T-Shirt packet.

13. BACKSTAGE HELP

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need at least 2 moms from each combination class to help backstage in the dressing room areas. We would like 4 moms for the 3 & 4 year old class. There will be a sign-up sheet in the office, 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 you are working the night your child dances, you may also come to the backstage area with the class and watch from backstage during the performance.

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 during this ongoing pandemic year and for continuing to allow your child to dance! We appreciate each child and the individuality that comes to our classes 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 their costumes! We have had a great year of loving dance, progressing forward, and have seen tremendous improvement in our students. We are excited to see their talent come to life on stage soon! 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 2021"!

16. FINAL OBSERVATION WEEK/FINAL WEEK OF CLASSES

The last observation week for this year is the week of April 26th, and final week of classes is the week of May 24th!

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!

18. SUMMER DANCE SESSION - T'DANCE

Summer dance registration for T'Dance Summer Session will be held on Thursday, June 17th from 10am – 1pm. Summer classes will be held for 5 weeks starting June 21st and run through the week of July 19th.