

Showtime 2024 Information Packet

1. DRESS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE

Dress rehearsals are held on Wednesday, May 29th, and Thursday, May 30th, 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 will have an assigned staging rehearsal time during the day on either Tuesday-May 28th, Wednesday-May 29th, or Thursday-May 30th. Costumes are not worn for staging/blocking rehearsals. Please wear dance attire and bring your dance shoes for staging. These 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. The Staging Rehearsal schedule is attached. **These rehearsals are required.**

4. DRESS REHEARSAL

- Dress rehearsal is not 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 posted in front of the office window at the studio, or you may email Teresa. Limited spots are available. Parents helping need to arrive by 5:00pm.
- 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.
- Classes will have assigned seating during rehearsal in the auditorium to sit with parent helpers.
- During the performances, all students will be in their assigned dressing room areas until the show is finished.

5. COSTUMES

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.

6. HAIR AND MAKE UP

All dancers' hair must be pulled back into a bun - ear level is the 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 can do this on their own and depends on the program order.) Please wear "stage makeup" to both rehearsals and performances. Stage makeup is 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. PERFORMANCE NIGHT

SHOWTIME 2024 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, etc. Please have all personal items and costumes, shoes, etc., labeled with your name. If you send any type of tablet or electronic device, please make sure that you have it, and all other belongings with you before leaving.
- We provide a video feed/TV live from the performance, and a TV with movies in the larger basement area for students to watch.
- Parents are responsible to check in/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 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 opposite side to keep the line moving. Do not enter from the door on the outside of the building!

8. DRESSING ROOMS

There are a limited number of "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 19 & 20. (This schedule has already been emailed.) All photos ordered at time of taking will be delivered during dress rehearsals.

11. TICKETS

Tickets for "SHOWTIME 2024" will be available for purchase at the T'Dance office starting on Monday, May 6th. Tickets will be sold in the lobby during dress rehearsal and at the door on the night of performances. Admission is \$15.00 per ticket.

12. T-SHIRT ORDERS

Recital T-shirt orders will be taken from March 25th-April 8th. Orders are all placed online, and this link has already been emailed out. Orders will be ready and available at T'Dance approximately 2 weeks after order closes.

<https://stores.inksoft.com/tdance24/shop/home>

13. BACKSTAGE HELP

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need at least 2 moms from each combination class to help backstage during the performances in the dressing room areas. The sign-up sheet is in front of the office window, 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 the side of the stage while they perform. Parents helping need to arrive by 5:00pm.

14. RECITAL FEE

Recital fee of \$50 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 and for continuing to allow us to teach 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 most choreography is already finished! The dancers are also getting excited with the arrival of their costumes and when they know they have finished a dance! 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 2024"!

16. FINAL OBSERVATION WEEK/FINAL WEEK OF CLASSES

The last observation week for this year is the week of April 22-25.

17. SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVES

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

18. T'DANCE SUMMER DANCE SESSION

Registration: Monday-June 17th, 11am-1pm and 5-7:30pm at T'Dance. Classes will be held for 4 weeks beginning the week of July 8th. Please see website for full summer class schedule and pricing.

Final List of Important Dates 2024

- **T-Shirt Orders due – April 8**
- **Costume Photos – April 19 & 20**
- **Observation Week – April 22 – 25**
- **Tickets go on sale – May 6**
- **Staging Rehearsals – May 28,29,30**
- **Dress Rehearsals – May 29 & 30**
- **Showtime 2024 – May 31 & June 1**
- **Summer Registration – June 17**