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Showcase 2010 Information

Dress Rehearsal: Friday June 18th, 2010

Showcase 2010: Saturday June 19th, 2010

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that plans are already underway for our Showcase 2010! We are very excited to announce that our recital this year will be at Lemont High School! We hope everyone is as excited as we are... We are looking forward to a great show!

Because it takes 12-16 weeks to receive costumes from our suppliers, we must order costumes by February 10th, 2010. Costume deposits, are due in to the studio no later than **January 30th, 2010**. Costume costs range between \$45-75.00. We do our best to keep the costs of the costumes as reasonable as possible. **Costume deposits are \$45.00 per costume.** Check with your teacher to determine the number of costumes you will need. This year our **Pre-Ballet, Ballet and Tap I, Ballet and Tap IA , and Intro to Jazz/Hip Hop costumes will be \$59.95 including tights needed for each costume.** The **balance on costumes will be due by March 27th, 2010**. You may pay for the entire cost of your costume upfront if you wish.

Since each order is made for the individual studio, there are **NO REFUNDS** once the order has been placed. Please keep in mind that while we do our best to choose the correct size for your child, however these are not custom made costumes so some slight alterations might have to be made. Also, if you choose not to be in Showcase 2010 after the costumes are already ordered, you will be responsible for the balance of the costume fees. Please be aware that starting **February 15th** if your student misses **3 or more classes they will not be allowed to participate in the Showcase! We understand conflicts for Graduations, wedding, Confirmations etc. If you know you will have a conflict or an extenuating situation please see one of us so we can work it out.** Again, costume balances will still be your responsibility.

SHOWCASE 2010 IS OPTIONAL. If you do not want your child to participate in the show please let us know as soon as possible. **If we do not have a permission slip signed we will not order a costume for your child.**

All of the information you will need is listed below:

PLACE: Lemont High School-800 Porter St, Lemont, Illinois 60439

TIME: 10:00am

DATE: SATURDAY JUNE 19th, 2010

DRESS REHEARSAL: FRIDAY JUNE 18th, 2010 8:30am-12:00pm (for Part I of the Showcase)

TAP ■ JAZZ ■ BALLET ■ JAZZ INTRO ■ PRE-BALLET ■ POINTE

NEW THIS YEAR: This year we will be breaking the recital down in 2 parts. Our Showcase will start at 10:00am and run approx **2 hours plus intermission**. This will be all of our classes and a few of our Company numbers. At 1:00 we will have the second part of our showcase with a presentation of our Center Stage Dance Company numbers. Your ticket will include both parts of the Showcase.

Any of our regular class dancers will be free to leave at the end of Part I of the Showcase.

We are breaking the showcase into 2 parts to alleviate the length of the show and help with our younger dancers. We hope that everyone will take advantage of the ticket price and stay for all or part of our Company Showcase.

We will be combining some classes for their recital dances. The teachers will let each class know which classes will be combined.

DRESS REHEARSAL WILL BE ON FRIDAY JUNE 18th (8:30am-12:00 for Part I of the Showcase). From 12:30-3:00 we will be doing Part II of the Showcase This will take place at *LEMONT HIGH SCHOOL*.

IN STUDIO REHEARSALS WILL BE: MONDAY June 14th, 2010 FROM 4:00-8:00P.M. From 4:00-5:30 we will be doing Act I of the Showcase 5:30-6:00 Dinner Break and 6:00-8:00 Act II of the Showcase. On Tuesday June 15th from 4:00-8:00 we will be doing Part II of the Showcase (Our Company Dancers) A DETAILED schedule will be sent home closer to the recital. On Wednesday June 16th we will have rehearsal from 4:00-8:00pm at Lemont High School. We will be blocking the finale on the stage for Part I of the Showcase, marking the stage for our younger dancers and running some of the larger numbers. Again a detailed schedule will be sent home closer to the recital. Also we will be using dance buddies for our younger dancers and also our company members will be helping out in the dressing room for Part I of our Showcase. Their dance buddy will be responsible for them in the dressing room during the show. We will be using adult monitors in each dressing room. These rehearsals are **MANDATORY!!!!** These dates have been posted since August. Please schedule conflicts around these times. If your child is not at the in studio rehearsals or Dress Rehearsal they will not perform on Saturday.

TIGHTS AND SHOES: You will be receiving **specific tight and shoe** information for each class as soon as costumes are ordered. All dancers will need the correct tights and shoes to compliment their costume. For your convenience this year we can order shoes and tights for your dancer. If you would like us to order shoes and or tights we will be sending home an order form with a deadline of **MAY 1st, 2010**. Because of the bulk of our order we can get shoes and tights at a discounted price. **We will be having a shoe exchange after spring break to help with shoe expenses this year.** If you have shoes you would like to donate please drop them off at the studio.

TICKETS: Tickets will go on sale **Saturday May 15th at 9:00a.m.** Each family will be able to purchase a maximum of **8** tickets initially. After all families have purchased tickets, the balance of the tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Ticket prices will be \$16.00 each. Please do NOT ask for pre-sales or ask other families to purchase your tickets on that day. These requests will not be honored. There is plenty of handicapped seating available. Please let us know before the beginning of ticket sales if you have a need for wheelchair accessible seating.

HAIR: HAIR SHOULD BE IN A BUN OR FRENCH BRAIDED! IF YOUR CHILD HAS BANGS THEY MUST BE CURLED AND SPRAYED. You do not have to get your child's hair professionally done; however if you have questions please ask and one of our company dancers will be glad to assist you.

MAKE-UP: ALL DANCERS NEED TO WEAR MAKE-UP ON STAGE! UNDER STAGE LIGHTS THE DANCERS FACES WASH OUT IF THEY DO NOT HAVE MAKE-UP ON. Younger dancers should wear: Blue eyeshadow, mascara, blush and red lipstick. Light colors (peach, pink and brown eyeshadow) do not show up on stage. OLDER dancers: Blue eyeshadow, liner, foundation, blush and red lipstick. If you have questions about make-up please ask.

VIDEOTAPES: Videotapes of Showcase 2010 will be available to purchase. **VIDEOTAPING IS NOT ALLOWED DURING THE PERFORMANCES** FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR DANCERS. Flash pictures are also not allowed the day of the recital. You may videotape and take pictures at Dress Rehearsal. A separate video order form will be sent home at a later date.

CLASS ATTENDANCE: Class attendance is **VERY IMPORTANT** along with practice at home. Please encourage your student to practice every day. This helps to make the recital the best it can be and give the students the confidence to perform well. Again, remember starting February 15th if your student misses 3 classes they will not be able to participate.

PICTURES: If you are interested in having professional pictures taken of your dancer please let us know. Picture Day is Sunday June 6th, 2010. Separate info will be sent home in May. We would like a picture of each class even if you are not ordering. ***Again pictures are optional.***

We hope that we have answered most of your questions. For those of you who have not been involved in one of our productions, we know you will be pleased with the quality of the show. We are very proud of our dancers and strive to make them the best they can be!

Please sign the permission slips below and return them along with your costume deposits.

_____ ***Has my permission*** to perform in Showcase 2010 to be held on Saturday, June 19th, 2010 at Lemont High School. Enclosed are my costume deposits in the amount of \$_____ (\$45.00 per costume) for _____ costumes. I understand that there are **NO REFUNDS** once the order is placed and that the balance is due on or before March 27th, 2010. Please use my credit card for my costume deposits_____. Please Initial. I also understand that if my child misses 3 classes he/she will not be allowed to participate.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

_____ **WILL NOT** be participating in Showcase 2010.

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SIGNATURE** _____

FYI: SPRING BREAK WILL BE MARCH 28TH-APRIL 4TH, 2010. CLASSES RESUME ON Monday APRIL 5TH, 2010. Thank you for your cooperation! Please return the above permission slips no later than January 30th, 2010. Please mark your calendars for the above dates.