

## Dance Xplosion 2012 - Fall Visiting & Costume Measuring Week

### 1. Recital /Rehearsal Dates & Theme

*Dates...* Memorial Day Weekend - May 24, May 25 and/or May 26

*Theme...* "Inspirations"

Please check the website and/or studio walls to determine which date(s) your child will be performing on AND the exact times that you will need to be at Hays Performing Arts Center for your dancer's rehearsal (if applicable) and recital. We will go over event information in detail at our Spring Visiting Day/Costume pick-up week April 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*Frequently visit the "Recital" link on the Dance Xplosion website for updates.

### 2. Rehearsal Attendance is Mandatory

Shows E & F have a dress rehearsal. Shows A, B, C & D do not have a rehearsal.

If your dancer's performance has a dress rehearsal then attendance is mandatory! Performance will not be allowed without attendance at the rehearsal. For rehearsal, you are allowed to leave HAYS PAC immediately after your dancer rehearses their routine(s). During the actual recitals on Sunday, dancers must stay backstage the full show for their safety and for the organization of the show, etc.

### 3. Recital Fees to Expect

Full Costume Balance – Due by December 10<sup>th</sup> as costumes will be ordered at this time

Costumes cannot be ordered without full payment, no returns or exchanges

Recital Performance Fee – Due by March 10<sup>th</sup>

\$40 for 1st student in a family / \$20 for each additional student in a family

No ticket purchase is required and there is no max. # of guests you may bring

### 4. 100% Commitment

If you say "yes" to performing in recital then you must *fully* commit. Attendance is of utmost importance in order to have a successful recital experience. By committing to perform in recital you are making a promise to yourself, your teacher and your classmates. If you miss more than 3-4 times in the spring it is up to the Director's discretion whether you will be allowed to perform in recital.

Private lessons can be paid for to catch-up *BUT* private lessons do not help you learn dance formations, how to dance as a group, etc. Costumes fees will not be refunded.

### 5. Spring Visiting Week & Costume Distribution Week

During regular classes the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup> you will observe the first-half of your child's class and the second half will be devoted to costume distribution and reviewing important recital details. 1 adult per student is invited to attend. After Spring Break, in March, we will begin volunteer sign-up for "backstage parents" (info on backstage parent responsibilities to be provided in the spring). If you choose not to attend costume distribution week your child will be responsible for signing out all of their costumes and accessories. If they are too young to sign out their costume/accessories then a DXP staff member will sign them out. DXP cannot order replacements for any piece signed out.

### 6. Measuring Properly (teacher demonstrates)... Height, Weight, Girth, Waist, Hips, Inseam, Bust

Read the "measurement guidelines" noted on the measurement form. Costumes cannot be returned or exchanged. We can recommend a wonderful seamstress if alterations are needed. When measuring we collect a precise measurement AND a measurement adding 1-2inches, allowing for growth.

**7. Fill in Measurement Forms (forms distributed by teacher) – 1 form per class**

- 1) Fill in “Student Information” section
- 2) Fill in “Recital Participation” section - Select “yes”, “no to this class only” or “no to all recital”
- 3) The teacher will tell you what costume company and dance style to fill in on the form
- 4) Measure and use charts to determine your child’s costume size and if applicable, their tights size  
*\*weight simply needs to be a close estimation. Scales are available at the front desk if needed*

NOTE: If your costume company is Revolution, no Extra Small Child costumes will be ordered. Based on past experiences they run too small! If your child’s measurements fit perfectly into XSChild go with Small Child so you do not chance the costume being too small.

- 5) Sign and date the form then turn in to the teacher

### **Frequently Asked Questions ???**

1. *What if I think my child might be scared to go on stage?*

Base your decision to perform on money, date conflicts, etc. Young students will get more comfortable with class and performing over time. In late Spring we’ll start inviting parents into class to watch parts of recital dances so students are better prepared to have an audience. In the end, if your child is still saying “no” and refuses to perform during recital you will have a fun Halloween or dress-up costume for next year. 😊

2. *Why are we measuring and paying for costumes in November/December when recitals are in May?*

Many of the costumes take months to arrive so we must order now to guarantee their arrival by recital.

3. *Will I be able to video or photograph my child’s recital performance in May?*

No. We sign a contract with a professional videographer which prohibits outside videotaping. This also helps dancers and the audience, as lights from cameras and people standing up to get a good shot are very distracting to the dancers and to other audience members. We provide a fun ‘red carpet’ photo opportunity in the lobby.

4. *Will my dancer receive an award for her/his performance?*

Yes. We provide each dancer with a trophy in the lobby after their performance. The 2-3 year old Creative Dance students receive their medals on stage immediately following their performance.

5. *If I pay for my costume now can I get a refund or credit if I change my mind?*

Refunds or credits can ONLY be provided if the Dance Xplosion desk is notified in person on or before December 10<sup>th</sup>. After this date costume orders will be placed and no refunds/credits can be provided because DXP cannot get refunds/credits from the costume companies.

6. *How will my child change costumes backstage if I’m not backstage?*

Your child will change with the help of multiple “backstage moms.” Sign-up for these positions will begin in the Spring. For the safety of our students, only “backstage moms” are allowed in the dressing rooms during rehearsals/recitals. For all young combo classes we have selected one color of tights and one hairstyle so backstage moms do not have to change these. *NOTE:* Boys will have a dressing area and a “backstage dad.”

7. *When and where can I purchase recital DVD’s, t-shirts, flowers?*

The recital DVD’s, t-shirts and flowers are optional. Info about them will be posted online and in the studio mid-Spring. We will also discuss these in detail at the Spring Visiting Week, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>.