

IMPORTANT DRESS REHEARSAL AND RECITAL INFORMATION – PLEASE READ!!!!

Location of both Dress Rehearsal and Recital – **Irish Cultural Center (200 New Boston Dr, Canton)** – drive straight down through the Industrial Park; there will be a big arch that says “Irish Cultural Center”. Keep driving and bear to the Right at the fork. You will see the parking lot and the green walking bridge where you will enter.

Dress Rehearsal Times on Sunday, June 13th: - PLEASE TRY AND ARRIVE ½ HOUR TO DRESS REHEARSAL

Monday, June 14th show - 11:00am (should run approximately 2 hours)

Wednesday, June 16th show – 1:30pm (should run approximately 2 hours)

Tuesday, June 15th show - 4:00pm (should run about 2 ½ hours)

**** There will be no Dress Rehearsal for the Thursday night show.**

** We will run Dress Rehearsals in order of the recitals. We will run the Finale at the beginning of dress rehearsal. Once your dancer has finished their last dance at Dress Rehearsal, you can leave or dancers can come into the audience to watch.

**Please check in at the front table when you arrive with your dancer; you will be directed where to go. Some dancers will go directly to the Dressing Rooms (older) and some will go into the tent area; we will have the helpers meet them there. After they have finished their last dance there will be a pickup area for you to meet them.

**** THIS IS A FULL-DRESS REHEARSAL WITH HAIR AND MAKE-UP. PLEASE ARRIVE WITH YOUR FIRST COSTUME ON AND ALL HAIR AND MAKE-UP DONE.**

** I suggest if they have an old pair of tights (same color as they will wear for recital), please wear those for dress rehearsal so they do not ruin their new ones for the recital. All Dancers should have already received tights with their costume and hair directions.

Mini-movers/ Pre-school Dancers – should come with a Ziploc bag with their name on it and with their ballet shoes in it. You can change them into their tap shoes right at drop off and take their regular shoes with you so they will only have the one pair of ballet shoes in the bag. This is where they will also put their masks before they go outside on stage (see information on mask guidelines further on).

Kinderdance & Up Dancers – should bring either a laundry basket or a rolling suitcase to put all of their items in when they are changing. ** Some older dancers already have rac ‘n rolls. Costumes can be on hangers still as we have racks in the dressing room (there are also tables in the dressing rooms). The baskets or suitcases are to throw everything in when they are doing their crazy changes so that nothing gets lost and will all be in one place. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THEIR BASKET OR SUITCASE HAS THEIR NAMES CLEARLY MARKED.**

MAKE SURE ALL DANCE SHOES ARE MARKED WITH THEIR NAMES.

**** We will have plenty of hairspray, bobby pins, safety pins in the dressing rooms.**

****IF YOU ARE SIGNED UP FOR PICTURES, WE WILL ASSIGN YOU AN APPROXIMATE TIME FOR THEM (SOME WILL BE SET BEFORE DRESS REHEARSAL BEGINS AND SOME WILL GO AFTER YOUR DANCER’S LAST DANCE). We will send an email out later this week regarding picture times.**

MASK POLICY

The mask policy at rehearsal and recital will be the same that we are following at the studio now. Outside masks are not required by anyone. Therefore, dancers do not have to wear them on stage when dancing or waiting outside to go on stage. When they are inside dressing rooms all unvaccinated dancers need to have their masks on. Please have the Ziploc bag (one was given with their masks we handed out) with their name on it so they can put their mask in the bag before they head outside.

**** Audience Members do not need to be masked outside, but should mask if using the bathrooms or going inside the building if they are not vaccinated.** Please also be respectful and try and keep social distancing as best you can.

Recital Info:

RECITAL TIMES FOR ALL SHOWS MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY WILL BEGIN AT 6PM.

Dancer levels Primary 1 should arrive by 5:30pm. Pre-school and Kindergarten can arrive by 5:45pm. The less time they need to wait in dressing rooms the better.

ALL PARENTS AND DANCERS WILL CHECK IN AT THE FRONT TABLE. DANCERS WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE DRESSING ROOMS WITH A HELPER (PRIMARY 2 AND YOUNGER). INTERMEDIATE 1 AND OLDER WILL BE DIRECTED WHERE TO GO. Helpers will have a clipboard with dancer's name and parent's cell # and will contact you if they are needed during the show.

****DANCERS SHOULD COME DRESSED IN THEIR 1ST COSTUME OF THE RECITAL - same as at Dress Rehearsal.**

ALL DANCERS SHOULD PLAN ON STAYING FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW (with the exception of pre-school or possibly kindergarten). Monday and Wednesday shows should be on the shorter side (1 ½ - 2 hours) and Tuesday and Thursday a bit longer (2 - 2 ½). If your dancer is not staying for the entire show, please let us know ahead of time.

Recital Order & Quick changes

There are many classes that will have some quick changes (even our younger dancers). Everyone should have received an email with the recital order for your dancer. Please have them practice at home this week doing their costume changes. Maybe make a game of it and time them to see if they can get quicker. We are hoping Primary 2 dancers and older will be able to do most of their changing by themselves but we will have helpers there in case they need an extra hand.

We will pause as needed but we are confident we can keep things running smoothly and quickly. The more you prepare them ahead of time, the better they will be.

**** REMINDER TO PARENTS OF HIP HOP DANCERS TO LOOSEN UP THE BLACK AND WHITE SNEAKERS AHEAD OF TIME SO THEY ARE EASIER FOR THEM TO SLIP ON. Also, if they are in Primary 2 Hip Hop and have the all-black sneakers, they need to get white laces for their sneakers.**

5, 10, 15-Year Awards

We will be recognizing our 5, 10, 15-year recipients from this year and last year throughout each show. Last years recipients already have their trophy and can bring it back with them to bring on stage. If they do not want to that is fine and we will still have them come out on stage. We will be doing these sporadically throughout the shows to allow for extra time for some quick changes. It will help some but, could still make for a quick change for others who are being recognized. They can do the best they can to get back out for their award. We will announce all awards in all shows with the exception of the Wednesday night show where we will only do the 2020 & 2021 5-year recipients.

Picking up Pre-school Dancers after they are finished

Parents will meet their dancers in a specific area outside of the tent after they have done their ballet dance. We will have 1 parent listed on the pickup sheet (most likely the mom) so please make sure this is who picks up the dancer. Mini-movers just have the 1 dance and you can meet them after that dance. Helpers will wait with them until all have been picked up. They are welcome to go back to the show and sit on your lap - or leave for the night. If they are still there at the end of the show, they can be brought back around to do the finale.

**** Please be respectful when getting up from the audience to pick up and try and keep your noise level down when picking up so as not to disturb the dances on stage. Please wait for a dance to finish before exiting or entering your seating area.**

ALL OTHER DANCERS WILL MEET PARENTS OUTSIDE IN THE TENT AREA ONCE THEY HAVE COLLECTED THEIR ITEMS AFTER THE FINALE.