

Denton Ballet Academy Spring Recital 2020

Dress Rehearsal & Performance Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

We have some new announcements and important instructions for this year's Spring Recital.

This year's recital will be held at **Buzy Body Gym Auditorium located at 2868 FM 455 W in Sanger**. While we know this is not what we had originally planned for Recital, this location allows our dancers to have TWO guests in the audience for Recital.

ARRIVAL FOR DRESS REHEARSAL

This year's dress rehearsal will be separated into two groups on **Saturday, August 15**.

PART 1 – Levels 1, 2 & 3

- ★ Dancers need to arrive and be ready to begin promptly at **11:00 am**.
- ★ We anticipate dress rehearsal for Group 1 to finish at **12:00 pm**.
- ★ Group 1 will be dismissed for break to parents and will need to return by **2:30 pm**.

PART 2 – Levels 4, 5 & 6

- ★ Dancers need to arrive and be ready to begin promptly at **12:30 pm**.
- ★ We anticipate dress rehearsal for Group 1 to finish at **2:15 pm**.
- ★ Group 2 will be dismissed for break and will need to return by **3:30 pm**.

- Upon arrival all dancers will be escorted to their designated area of the gym with their class and teacher. Students should use the restroom before joining their class.
- Dancers need to bring all costumes, accessories, and shoes. Please make sure that all costumes and shoes are labeled to avoid confusion. No dance bags or personal items should be with the dancer. They will leave these items when dancing, and we cannot be responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- We will rehearse in running order a couple of times, so the dancers can become familiar with the new facility. We beg your patience as we try to adjust to a new facility and rehearse in a bigger space. It may be necessary to stop and start multiple times.
- *Students, volunteers, and parents coming into the gym must wear a mask.*
- *Special waivers are required for using this venue. You will need to sign waivers.*
- To minimize crowds where possible, **parents will not be allowed to observe dress rehearsal this year**. Parents should wait in their cars or outside in the parking lot avoiding congregation around doors and maintaining 6' social distancing.

DURING DRESS REHEARSAL

- We have assigned volunteers and staff to help backstage and to escort dancers to and from the dance floor. They will not be released to leave until announced.
- During rehearsals, we will run the show through and work on spacing, music and timing. We will do our best to be on time, but we beg your patience. **To make the most of our time and to avoid delays, please coach your dancers on the importance of listening and following directions. We want this to be a great experience in a safe environment. We know that everyone is excited after a long delay to see their dancers enjoy this time. We expect our older students to be role models for our younger students.**
- Once we have concluded dress rehearsals, students will be dismissed for break.
- ****Dancers should NOT leave the Gym facility until their class is dismissed****

ARRIVAL FOR RECITAL

- Recital will begin promptly at 3:00 pm for **PART 1**. Students should be checked in with their class **no later** than 2:45 pm (please follow the dress rehearsal instructions). Arrival by 2:30 pm will ensure they are not late, and we can make sure we have everything in place before we begin the performance. It will also allow you the opportunity to find a seat. **Students are limited to TWO guests.** We will have a live stream link that we will send out later.
- Important: Students should use the restroom *before* being seated.
- **We will not have final bows and finale this year at the end of the recital performances this year.** We will have 20-minute intermission between **PART 1** and **PART 2** of the recital. Parents with dancers in **PART 1** will pick up dancers during intermission at the same place they arrived into the Gym facility and depart. Dancers and guests for **PART 2** will enter the Gym facility after **PART 1** dancers and guest have left the building. Intermission will begin at approximately **3:45 pm**.

NOTES FOR EVERYONE

- **All students, staff, and parents must ALWAYS wear a mask while in the building!**
- **Students will wear a mask when not performing or running their rehearsal on the dance floor. However, dancers are required to wear a mask at all other times.**
- **We recommend that all dancers have a small bottle of hand sanitizing gel or spray.**
- **No gum or food is allowed inside the building. This mandate is part of our contract with Buzy Body Gym.** Bottled water is allowed. If you need to eat a snack, please do so outside.
- **Power off all cell phones, dancers, and parents both. Do not set them to vibrate—they still make noise and light up.** They are distracting to the people and to dancers. They can also interfere with the sound system in the theater. Let us be respectful of each other.

SPECIAL NOTE ON VIDEO & PHOTOGRAPHY

There will be **absolutely no photography or videoing of any kind during recital.** The light from the cameras or cell phones is distracting to those around you, and in trying to get a picture or video of your child onstage, you may prevent someone around you from being able to enjoy their child's performance. We will have a professional photographer and videographer onsite during recital and will offer purchase of these items.