THE DANCE WORKS
MAY/JUNE 2019

IMPORTANT: All parents/students should come into the studio between now and May 18th to review the recital program layout on the bulletin board. Please be sure:

- Names are spelled correctly
- You/your child are listed in the correct numbers
- You have time to change, i.e., no back-to-back dances
- You/your child are listed in the correct show

Please let us know of any needed changes immediately.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: No regular classes Fri. May 24, 2019 – to Mon. May 27, 2019.

JUNE TUITION: ALL TUITION, LATE FEES AND COMP FEES THROUGH THE MONTH OF JUNE MUST BE PAID BY JUNE 7TH IN ORDER TO PICK UP COSTUMES, PURCHASE TICKETS, AND PARTICIPATE IN DRESS REHEARSAL AND RECITAL.

LAST DAY: THE LAST DAY OF REGULAR CLASSES WILL BE **THURSDAY, JUNE 20th**.

DRESS REHEARSALS:

- **Non-competitive students:** Friday June 21st from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Methuen High School. Please see specific class and time info on our website in the "recital" section.
- **Competitive students**: Friday June 21st from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Methuen High School. No costumes, but dancers must wear a black leotard, tan tights, black shorts, and have all the proper shoes with them. Hair must be tied back. Visit our website for complete schedule.
- **Adult students**: Saturday June 22nd from 8:00 – 10:00 AM at Methuen High School.

Dress rehearsal for DADS is also Friday, June 21st from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

PLEASE NO SIBLINGS OR OTHER PEOPLE ALLOWED INTO THE AUDITORIUM – PARENTS AND DANCE WORKS STUDENTS ONLY. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. Rehearsals are full dress rehearsals; makeup and hair should be the same as recital. Videos can be taken at the rehearsal. **CAMERAS AND/OR VIDEO CAMERAS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE RECITAL.**

PERFORMANCES:

- **Show 1**: Saturday June 22nd at 11:30 AM
- **Show 2**: Saturday June 22nd at 3:30 PM
- **Competitive Showcase**: Saturday June 22nd at 7:00 PM at Methuen High School. All specialty routines will perform. There is no admission to this show and everyone is invited to attend.

A CELEBRATION OF DANCE: Sunday June 2 at 2:00 PM in the cafeteria upstairs from The Dance Works. Details to follow.

RECITAL PROCEDURE: Children should arrive 45 minutes prior to curtain time. When the students arrive, they should go directly to the dressing rooms and find their sign. Mothers should put their child in his/her first costume. Remember: **NO DADS OR ANY OTHER MALES ARE ALLOWED IN THE DRESSING ROOMS.** After the

chaperones arrive for your child's class, the mother should go and find her seat in the auditorium. WHENEVER POSSIBLE CHANGE YOUR CHILD AT INTERMISSION. Again, when she/he is ready, go to the auditorium and enjoy the show. When finale is over, your child will be brought to the dressing room under her sign and a chaperone will stay with him/her until you pick him/her up. Please do not delay in getting to your child.

NO PERFORMER, REGARDLESS OF AGE OR NUMBER OF ROUTINES THEY ARE IN, IS ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING THE SHOW. **THERE IS NO EXCEPTION TO THIS.** Please follow this procedure and we will have a smoothly running show.

RECITAL ETIQUETTE: Out of consideration and courtesy to our performers, please try to remain in your seat. If you must get up, please wait until the routine on stage has ended. It can be very distracting to the students on stage as well as block the view of people in the audience. When returning to the auditorium, please wait for the routine on stage to finish before opening the door to enter. Please tell anyone coming to see the show about this procedure. We will have monitors at the door to the auditorium. We ask that people be respectful to them, as they are following procedure.

All shows start on time. If you are not in your seat by the time the house lights dim, you must wait for the opening number to finish. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

For more information about the recital, please visit our recital page.

METHUEN HIGH SCHOOL ADDRESS: Methuen High School is located at 1 Ranger Road. Methuen MA 01844.

PICTURES AND VIDEOS: ABSOLUTELY NO PICTURES OR VIDEOS MAY BE TAKEN AT RECITAL. Video cameras and flash photography will not be allowed into auditorium the day of recital. Videos may be taken at dress rehearsal. If you are interested in purchasing a professional video or DVD, a representative will be taking orders at each recital.

PROFESSIONAL PICTURES AND PICKUP: Non-competitive students' pictures will be taken at the studio on Thursday June 20th, 2019. **View or download the complete schedule here.** We are once again using Natural Expressions Photography, and the pictures taken of the comp students are beautiful!

You are not obligated to purchase any pictures. However, we would like all the children to be present in his/her class picture, if possible. Your child will have pictures taken in all their costumes. Your pictures can be picked up at the studio. Available times for pick up will be sent via email. All OUTSTANDING BALANCES MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR PICTURES. If for any reason you cannot make the scheduled time for group photos, individual pictures can be taken at any time on while the photographer is here.

COSTUME WEEK:

> **Non-Competitive Students:** Monday, May 6th – Saturday, May 11th. All Non-Competitive Class costumes will be tried on this week during regular class times. **It is important that a parent be present during this time** – important information regarding these costumes, including hair and make-up, as well as dress rehearsal, picture and recital schedules will be discussed. COSTUMES WILL NOT BE GOING HOME THIS WEEK. Th students will try on all costumes. They will then be collected at the end of class and any needed alterations wil be done. Costumes will be passed out to go home in June (please see below for specific dates/times).

TICKET DAYS / COSTUME PICK-UP DAYS:

Ticket sales and costume pick-up will be at the studio on Thursday, June 13 from 6:00-9:00PM AND Saturday, June 15 from 1:30-3:30PM. These are the only days you may pick up costumes and purchase tickets at the studio. Tickets will also be on sale at all dress rehearsals and at the door – based on availability. All outstanding balances must be paid in full in order to pick up costumes and purchase tickets.

Tickets are $22 in advance, and $25 on the day of the recital. All ticket sales are CASH ONLY.

Note: Mothers who will be getting up to change their child will need to purchase an aisle seat. In order to keep the show moving smoothly, the traffic in and out of the auditorium must be kept to a minimum. To help us with this, whenever possible, please change your child's costume during intermission.

Please note: Children and adults performing in the show are not allowed into the auditorium. Please do not purchase a ticket for them to that show. However, they can watch any show they are not performing in and will need a ticket to that performance.

CHAPERONES: We need chaperones for most classes at recital. Chaperones will stay with the classes in the dressing rooms during the show. You will be responsible for getting the class backstage for their routines, and back on stage for finale. You will also remain with the class until each child has been claimed by his/her parent or guardian after recital is over. Chaperones will receive 2 complimentary tickets. **Please see Miss Paula if you are interested in being a chaperone.**

BRING A FRIEND WEEK: From June 1st – 7th, we would like you to invite a friend (or two!) to each class. Your friend need not have any dance background. He/she should wear loose, comfortable clothing and bare feet if they do not have dance attire.

DANCE WORKS SHIRTS: We are now taking orders for Dance Works recital shirts. You should have received an email with all the information. Order forms are available at the office. Deadline to order is Saturday May 18th. COMPETITIVE STUDENTS DANCING AT THE LOWELL SPINNERS GAME: Please remember you MUST order a recital t-shirt as this is your uniform for the performance.

FLOWERS: Fresh flowers will be sold at the recital. **Sales will be cash only.**

RECITAL MUSIC: If you wish to obtain a copy of your child's recital music on CD, please fill in a "Recital Music" form and return to the office or Miss Paula. The cost is $5.00 (cash only); the CD will be ready in one week and delivered right to your child. If you have more than one child dancing in the recital all music can be put on one CD.

LOWELL SPINNERS GAME: We are once again dancing at a Lowell Spinners game over the summer, and everyone is invited to join us to sit together at LaLacheur park, cheer on our competitive dancers, and enjoy a Minor League baseball game in a family-friendly environment! The game is Monday, July 22, 2019 and tickets are $10 each. Make your purchase at the office by June 1st to join us!

The game starts at 7:05. Dancers need to be there by 5:45 to dance at about 6:30 PM. Obviously those watching should strive to get there in time for the performance as well! We'll all be seated together in the same section.

COMPETITIVE STUDENTS:

> **Reminder to all Competitive Students**: You will be performing at New England Dance Festival June 8 & 9. Schedules will be emailed as soon as they are available.

Birthday Parties: Have your next birthday party with us. For more information, see the office.

Summer Program: Information about our Summers Classes, Summer Camp, Competitive Technique Classes, and Mandatory Competitive Workshop is coming soon. Watch your email for details!

OUR WEBSITE: www.thedanceworks.us