

Can we videotape during the performance?

YES and NO. You may videotape and take flash photos during the dress rehearsal only. Each family will receive one free guest pass (enclosed) to be admitted into the auditorium during dress rehearsal. This means that if Dad is going to videotape, Mom will need to sign up to assist backstage if both parents want to be present for the dress rehearsal. There will be absolutely **NO VIDEOTAPING OR FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY DURING THE RECITAL PERFORMANCES**.

Will we be able to purchase DVD of the performance?

YES. We will have a professional videographer taping the performances. Order forms will be available in advance and on the night of the performance.

Will there be a professional photographer taking pictures?

NOT AT DRESS REHEARSAL. On Saturday, April 17th & Sunday, April 18th, both group and individual photos will be taken at the studio. **GROUP PHOTOS WILL NOT BE TAKEN DURING DRESS REHEARSAL THIS YEAR!!!** Your child's dance class will have a specific time to meet at the studio for the group photo. Please make every effort to come for the group photos. A composite of all classes will hang in the studio, and it is important to all of us that your child be a part of the recital memory. Please see the lobby poster for specific group times. Combo classes with multiple costumes will have two separate photo times. Individual photos will be taken immediately following the group photo.

Why is the ticket price \$10.00, and is there a discount for young children?

Because we are not a community-funded program, rather a privately owned business, the High School must charge us a rental fee for each hour we occupy the building. To help reduce the cost of your ticket you may purchase in bulk at a group rate. Children age two and younger may attend at no charge.

See the enclosed ticket order form for details.

What is the Showcase Performance?

The Showcase Performance is a special benefit recital showcasing all of our award-winning competition students and our privately instructed students who have received intense dance training by enrolling in a private lesson where they receive one-on-one dance instruction. Admittance to the show is \$7.00. Ticket sales benefit the American Cancer Society. I highly recommend attending this show as it benefits a great cause and several talented and committed students will perform.

****NEW**** NEW***** IMPORTANT — FINAL REQUEST

PLEASE do not reserve or save seats. In all fairness, the doors will open for seating 15 minutes before the start of the Showcase Performance. Prior to doors opening no one other than staff should be in the auditorium. Anyone attending the Showcase Performance is welcome to hold their seat for the general show.

I hope I have answered the majority of your questions.

If you find you still have some questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me @ 439-8807. I will do my best to help make this year's fourth annual recital an enjoyable one for you and your family.

More Important Recital Information

Many excellent questions have been asked about the upcoming recital. I have tried to answer the most commonly asked questions on the following pages.

Is my child performing in both shows (Friday & Saturday)?

YES. Our philosophy is that the dancers have worked hard all year on their dances. It makes sense to perform more than once to share their talents. ☺

How long will each performance last?

I anticipate the general show to be about 2 ½ hours this year, and the Showcase Performance to be around 60 minutes. Again, all dancers **MUST** stay in their dressing rooms during the duration of the performances.

Does my child need to stay through to the end of the show?

YES. The show has a group finale. Every student is in the finale. Growing up, the finale was one of the highlights of the show and a very memorable piece of the performance.

Do parents and families have to attend both performances?

This is up to the individual family. Some families will attend both performances and others will choose to attend as a family on one of the two nights and have only one parent attend the other performance. **SUGGESTION:** We are always in **GREAT** need of parent help backstage. Please consider signing up as a backstage volunteer for one of the performances and attend the other with your family.

What does a backstage helper do?

There are many different volunteer positions available. We even have needs for dads. There will be a sign up sheet in the lobby with a brief description of the different jobs. If you have **NEVER** assisted backstage at **DANCE XPLOSION'S** studio, you will need to attend a mandatory meeting to help you be fully prepared of what to expect. The meeting date is **Saturday, May 15th**. Returning helper moms, you may or may not choose to attend the meeting depending on how comfortable you feel with your current knowledge of recital duties. It's your call. ☺ (Treats & t-shirts to those who attend!!!)

Can the dance students watch the performance?

YES & NO. Under no circumstances are students allowed in the auditorium during Friday or Saturday's performances. All students must remain in the dressing rooms during the show. During dress rehearsal only, students will have the opportunity to sit in the auditorium and watch the other dance numbers.

Why is only one parent allowed to attend dress rehearsal?

There will be a lot going on during dress rehearsal. It is our practice performance and we want to "practice" without an audience of parents and family members. Please respect this rule. Parents volunteers will not need a guest pass. They will receive an ID badge identifying themselves as a backstage volunteer.

All others will be asked to leave.