QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED AT RECITAL

Many excellent questions have been asked about recital over the years. Please find the answers to the most commonly asked questions on the following pages.

How do I know which show my child will perform in?

All students in group classes 3rd grade and younger will perform in BOTH the Saturday, May 18th and Sunday, May 19th 3:30pm performances. Students in group classes 4th grade and older will perform in both Friday, May 17th 7pm show and May 18th 11:30am show. If dancers are in a 3rd/4th class and older they will perform with the older dancers. If your child is in a 2nd/3rd class and younger, they will perform in both 3:30pm matinee shows. Soloists & duet dancers will perform in our special Showcase Performance on Sunday, May 19th at 12:00pm. Competition group routines will be split between shows please refer to the recital line-up for details.

How long will each performance last?

We anticipate all shows to be around 2 hours.

All performers **MUST** stay in their dressing room throughout the duration of the performances.

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

YES. All shows have a group finale. <u>Every</u> student is in the finale. The finale is the highlight of the show and a very memorable piece of the performance. I promise! Your dancer won't want to miss it!

Do parents and families need to attend all performances?

This is up to each individual family. Some families will attend multiple performances and others will choose to attend one show as a family and have only one parent attend the other performance. <u>SUGGESTION</u>: We are always in GREAT need of backstage help for all shows. Please consider signing up as a recital volunteer for one performance & attend the other with your family. Sign-up genius backstage helper links will be emailed.

Can I stay backstage with my child?

Only parents who sign-up to help through the sign-up genius, will be allowed backstage. This includes competition parents. Only females are allowed backstage in the dressing rooms. However, we have security, tickets, props and other jobs that are available for all genders.

What does a recital volunteer do?

There are many different volunteer positions available for moms and dads. A sign-up genius will be emailed with a brief description of the various jobs for parent volunteers. New volunteers must attend an informational meeting outlining the responsibilities of each job. The meeting is at the studio Mon. 5/13 at 7:00pm. Volunteers do not need to purchase a recital ticket the night they volunteer.

Can the dance students watch the performance?

YES & NO. All performers must remain in the dressing rooms during the recital. <u>During dress rehearsal</u> <u>only</u>, students will have the opportunity to sit in the auditorium and watch the other dance numbers. Students are NOT allowed in the auditorium during any performance unless they have pre-purchased a student ticket. (See next question.)

My child is not performing in all 4 shows. Can she/he watch a show in which they are not performing?

YES. Any current Dance Xplosion student may purchase a student ticket IN ADVANCE, before May 1st, for only \$8.00 to attend the show in which he/she is not performing. Discounted tickets will only be sold in advance to currently enrolled students. Discounted tickets WILL NOT be available to purchase at dress rehearsal or recital.

Is there a discount ticket price for young children?

Yes- Children age two and younger are free. Dance Xplosion students of any age can purchase tickets for \$8.00. See the enclosed ticket order form for details.

I have dancers in all four shows. Do I get a discount ticket price?

Families with recreational children performing in only the 11:30am show and siblings in only the 3:30pm shows may purchase up to 10 special combo tickets allowing <u>immediate</u> family members to attend both shows. This includes parents, siblings and grandparents. The combo ticket does not apply to aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. The combo ticket does not apply to competition dancers. You will receive a combo ticket order form in your recital packet with details if combo tickets apply to your family. Order forms for combo must be turned in by May 1st. (Maximum of 10 tickets)

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. Each student will receive 1 free guest pass in their recital packet to be admitted into the auditorium during dress rehearsal. Parent volunteers, who sign up to help backstage, do not need a guest pass. They will receive an ID badge identifying them as a backstage volunteer. All others will be asked to leave.

Can we video during the performance?

YES and NO. You may video and take flash photos <u>during the dress rehearsal only</u>. 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 receive a video link of the recital?

YES. We have a professional company, Video Magic Productions, filming the Saturday performances and Sunday's solo/duet Showcase Performance. The \$25.00 video fee that was charged to your account with 3rd session tuition provides you with a video link to view the recorded performances. Your link will be available approx. 4 weeks after the show.

IMPORTANT --- FINAL REQUEST

PLEASE do not reserve or save seats. The doors will open for seating 15 minutes before the start of all shows. Prior to doors opening no one other than staff is allowed in the auditorium. We kindly ask that EVERYONE respect this request.

> We hope to have answered most of your questions. If you find you still have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by email at Heidi@dancexplosion.net. We hope our 22nd annual recital is an enjoyable one for you and your family.