

## **2019 Final Recital Week Newsletter**

As our season is coming to an end I'd like to thank you for giving my staff and me the opportunity to work with your children. It has been a wonderful year and we are all very excited about the show. We have seen a great deal of progress and are anxious for you to see your children's accomplishments. They are very excited to perform for you and to hear your applause! The children will perform on both Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. As stated before, in order to participate, both shows are mandatory. This allows for no ticket limitation, stage moms to be able to watch the show one night, and not to mention the wonderful and exciting experience for the children to dance two times for you after all that work this year. If you do not wish to watch the show for 2 nights please consider volunteering backstage as we do need the help!

**Our Recital, Dry Run and Dress Rehearsal are held at St Mark's High School located 2501 Pike Creek Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808.** The theme of the recital is "Express Yourself-The Emoji Way" and the order of the show is hanging at the studio on the board.

Tickets are currently on sale through [www.tututix.com](http://www.tututix.com) Seats are assigned and NOT general admission. Ticket price is for the production of the show (facility rental, worker salaries, lighting and sound costs, maintenance costs, theatre staff etc). Prices range from \$18-\$20 with processing fees. Any child who will be taking a seat needs a ticket (including those students wish to take their own seat in the second half) although young students can sit on your lap in the second half.

"Stage Moms" are to report to the last class before the recital. You will be given your backstage pass at that time. If your child's class (or another class) still needs stage moms please consider signing up for them. You can go the following link for sign up through Sign Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084da8aa2dab9-recital7> This is also located on the Studio News section of our website.

**DUE TO LIMITED SPACE IN THE DRESSING ROOMS AND FOR SAFETY REASONS, NO OTHER MOMS WILL BE ALLOWED BACKSTAGE DURING THE SHOW.** This rule is made to keep your children safe and to keep backstage running smoothly. Stage moms will be given a backstage badge to distinguish them from others. There will be people regulating this so that congestion is kept to a minimum.

**Please note:** Dancers who need to change costumes are permitted (but not required) to wear the Motionwear Style 2492 cami (or something similar with a low back) which is sold at the studio, at dancewear shops or online. We do have a limited number in stock. Older girls may want to wear two piece undergarments. We recommend the following found online or in dancewear shops. We do not stock these two piece items-only the one piece. Whatever the style you choose be sure to get the CLEAR straps!

**Bottoms (2 choices)**

- Body Wrappers Bikini Cut Panty, Style #264
- Capezio Adult Low Rise Thong, Style #3678

**Bra Top**

- Capezio Camisole Double Layer Bra (extra support), Style #3683
- Body Wrappers V Neck Bra, Style #287

**Please read through the following information carefully. It is very important that you understand as the show will then run much smoother. Your cooperation will help make this show a fun experience for all!!**

Please be sure to check the spelling of your child's name, as this is how it will appear in the program book.

***On Monday, May 6th and Wednesday, May 8th there will not be any classes or rehearsals. Rest up for the busy week!***

**REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: All will be held at the St Mark's  
Tuesday, May 7th -DRY RUN TIMES BETWEEN 4:30-8:00**

***Junior, Teen & Sr Dance Companies will rehearse their pieces between 8:00-8:30***

Please understand that this rehearsal can be time consuming and your patience will be greatly appreciated. I have broken this rehearsal into ½ hr start time intervals and will do my best to run accordingly. Please be on time. Please note, this is NOT the actual show order. This can be found on the studio bulletin board.

Report to St Mark's Theater at the following times Tuesday:

New York, New York Hey Mickey Trashin' the Camp Wasabi This is Sick	Sr/Teen Co. PS 1/2 (Mon) Child (Mon) Teen Pom Hip Hop Adv	4:30-5:00
September Clap Clap Greatest of all Time Splish Splash Somewhere Only we Know	HH 5-7 Hip Hop Int Hip Hop 8-12 Petite Elem 1	5:00-5:30
Masquerade Waltz Recess Carousel Waltz Think Pointe B	Level 5 Ballet Elem 1 Jazz Level 2 Ballet Elem 2 Jazz Pointe B	5:30-6:00
Conga Kiss the Girl Hawaiian Roller Coaster Ride Tea Party Better Together	Child (Sat) PS 1 (Sat) PS 2 (Sat) Level 1 Jazz Elementary 2	6:00-6:30
Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend Girls Like You Zero to Hero River Deep, Mountain High Bridge Over Troubled Water Rainbow	Level 3 Jazz Level 4 Tap Level 2 Jazz Level 5 Jazz Inter Lyrical 2/3 Beginner Lyrical	6:30-7:00
Sweet Dreams Mini/Jr Production Trumpet Concerto 76 Trombones Ode to Joy Wild Wild West	Level 5 Tap Mini/Jr Company Level 4 Ballet Level 1 Ballet Level 3 Ballet Level 2 Tap	7:00-7:30
Cirque Wild Child Level 3 Rhythm Tap Ease on Down the Road Jailhouse Rock	Pointe A Mini Company Level 3 Tap Level 4 Jazz Level 1 Tap	7:30-8:00

On Tuesday's Dry Run, students are to report to the theatre in pink or tan tights, black leotard and the proper shoes. Boys will wear a white shirts and black pants. All Level classes will wear their suntan tights. Hip Hop dancers dress for a regular class. **NO COSTUMES ARE TO BE WORN ON THE DRY RUN.** Please note the line-up time(s) you are assigned. I will call the dancers to the stage at that time and they are dismissed as soon as they have gone off the stage. You may leave and return if you'd like but please realize that if I do get off schedule at the beginning I usually can catch up. I do try my best to remain on schedule. Parents must be present with their children as our stage moms are not babysitters on this night.

As a fundraiser for the Dance Company, the team parents will be selling refreshments and pizza during the Dry Run Rehearsal for those who may want to purchase dinner and/or snacks. See attached form for pre-ordering pizza. All refreshments **MUST** be consumed in the lobby and are NOT allowed in the theatre. Please be sure to clean up any trash!!

### **Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> DRESS REHEARSAL ARRIVAL AT 5:30**

On this night you will drop your children off at the door to the dressing rooms. This rehearsal is run very much like the real show night...costumes, music, lighting, entering and exiting from the dressing room, etc. It will run much longer than the actual show and again your patience will be greatly appreciated. Students are to report to the dressing room **DRESSED IN THEIR FIRST COSTUME** no later than 5:30. Doors will open at 5:00. The rehearsal starts promptly at 6:00.

**\*Each family will receive one wristband for admittance to the theatre to take videos and pictures. This is attached to the hard copy letter. This rehearsal is CLOSED to the public and guests will be asked to leave if they do not have on a wrist band. WE DO NOT WANT STRANGERS IN OUR THEATER WATCHING OUR CHILDREN and this is how our staff and the staff of St Mark's will know who is a part of ADA. Stage moms will only need their badge so their wristband can be given to another family member to take pictures. Extra wristbands will be available for purchase on the last week of class at the \$18 price of a recital ticket.**

All dancers must stay with the stage moms until their dismissal at either the first half finale or the second half finale (see below). Students are to be picked up in the dressing rooms only, not pulled out of line, so that children do not get confused and/or lost. All PS 1, 2, Child and HH dancers who are not in a dance in the second half will be dismissed after the "little finale" which closes the first half of the show. Finales will be practiced only on the Dress Rehearsal night. Please notify the stage moms (and thank them!) when you take your child home. Those in the Little Finale may watch the rest of the show (a ticket is not needed if they sit on a lap) but **NOT IN COSTUME**. Please change them into regular clothes. All other students are to be picked up **AFTER THE SHOW HAS ENDED** in their dressing room. **Only 1 female adult** should walk back to help the students gather their things (NO MEN as girls are changing backstage). If only a dad will be there, please let us know and we will offer assistance. Families can wait in the lobby or hallways (away from the stage door) to congratulate the dancers on show nights. Our Step & Repeat will be set up for photos for dancers and their family/friends to enjoy.

Remember: Photography and videotaping will **NOT** be permitted during the show on recital nights. You may take pictures and video on the dress rehearsal night. For the safety of the ADA dancers, please do not post any videos of other children on any social media without their parent's permission. Please let your guests know our rules as flashes disturb the dancers on the stage and videotaping may interfere with the professional tape, not to mention can be a hindrance to other's view.

Order forms for DVD's are attached, are available at the front desk and are also available on our website under the Studio News link.

**THE DRY RUN AND THE DRESS REHEARSAL NIGHTS ARE MANDATORY REHEARSALS AND ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE SHOW NIGHTS. REHEARSALS ALLOW THE CHILDREN, THE STAFF, AND ME TO FAMILIARIZE OURSELVES WITH THE SURROUNDINGS.** I realize that rehearsals may interfere with work schedules of some parents but please realize the importance of this for your child.

**Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. SHOW**  
**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> - 2 P.M. SHOW**

After two rehearsals we should be ready for the real thing...THE RECITAL!! On Friday the dancers are to be in the theater dressing room dressed in their costume by 6PM (dressing rooms will open at 5:30) and on Saturday by 1:30 PM (dressing rooms will open at 1PM).

**Doors to the auditorium will open at 6:00 Friday and 1:30 Saturday and the curtain will open at 6:30 PM Friday and 2 PM Saturday.** Make-up and hair should be done at home and may be touched up by stage moms. Eye shadow for the stage is best in browns and lipstick bright red or pink. A little bit of blush and lipstick is nice but too much can be tacky on little girls. Let's remember that although this is a special time for the dancers they are still just kids and we want to keep it that way for as long as we can! It certainly goes by too fast!!! All Level classes should wear full stage make-up. No jewelry, extra hairpieces, nail polish, tattoos or colored band-aids are to be worn and remember-no underwear under the costumes as the bright lights show them sticking out! We do sell the large rhinestone earrings that our dance company uses at the studio. All dancers are permitted to use them for the show. We also sell the storage bags the dance company members use for their costumes (see sample at the studio hanging behind the front desk).

I highly encourage those who are allowed to leave at intermission to stay and see the entire show at least once. Your children will love to see the older children dancing. They love to watch the finale with the balloon drop! Those who have seen it talk about it often the following year and look forward to participating in it when they are older. Also, what a thrill it is for the older children to have a full audience cheering them on so if you can spare an extra hour PLEASE STAY!

**During the show, please remain in your seats while students are dancing and please remind your guests to do the same.** The dancers have worked very hard all year to perform for you. If you must get up, please do so between dances. This way you will not disrupt the dancers on the stage or the audience who came to see them. Remember, although your child may not be dancing, someone else's is. Let's give them the respect of real stars because to us they certainly are!!

Remember-your positive attitude (along with mine and my staff) directly affects the children so let's make this as rewarding for them as possible. They have certainly worked for it!

During the intermission of each show, the Dance Company will sell refreshments. They will also have a 50/50 raffle and carnation sales (see attached form for pre-ordering)

Please call the studio if you have any questions (234-9900) or e-mail me at [DANCEatADA@comcast.net](mailto:DANCEatADA@comcast.net). My staff and I look forward to a fun celebration!!! Feel free to clap, sing along, and just have a wonderful time. Your children have been working very hard all year and I'm sure you will be very proud of them. We sure are! Thank you for a wonderful year at ADA!

*Extra Notes:*

*\*Last Day of Classes is Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>*

*\*Please check the Lost-N-Found and coat rack, which have gotten quite full, if you are missing anything. I will donate all items to a charity at the end of the year.*

Thank you for your cooperation and for choosing ADA to be a part of your family! Enjoy the show!!

Sincerely,

Miss Darlene & Staff of ADA