

November 2019

WINTER WONDERLAND

Grade 6-12 Parents & Dancers:

We are busy preparing for our thirteenth annual production of Dance Endeavors Winter Wonderland! We are so excited to get started for a show with traditional favorite along with some new music and choreography. The Winter Shows evolve each year! If you are new to the studio, or even if you aren't, sometimes these performances can be overwhelming. We will do our best to explain things, but please ask questions if you are feeling lost!



WHAT IS THE WINTER SHOW?

The winter show is a story dance to winter/Christmas music, similar to the Nutcracker but incorporating all the styles of dance. This show gives the dancers another LARGE performing opportunity and continues to enhance their dance skills. I've worked with many groups over the years, and this type of production creates a bond between the dancers and improves their dance abilities. We will work on the dances during regular dance classes, so it is an opportunity to learn regardless if the student is participating in the actual performance. What a great opportunity for our dancers!! Each age group will do one dance in the various styles. We have a ballet cast made up of Grade 6-12 dancers and ALL the studio dancers are involved to tell the story. The costumes are simple and most are provided by the studio.

IS MY DANCER PARTICIPATING?

Yes! We assume all dancers are performing in the Winter Show **UNLESS YOU NOTIFY US BY November 30, 2019.** If your dancer is unable to participate please email ali@danceendeavors.com. This helps us with choreography and costume assignments!

IS THERE A FEE?

Our winter show performance fee is based on average rehearsal time for each age group and includes rehearsals, costume rental, theatre expenses, staffing, and more. The performance fee also includes a show t-shirt and a high-resolution download of the Winter Shows. DVD's will also be available for a nominal fee. The Winter Show fee is charged automatically on December 15, 2019. The Winter Show participation fee for grades 6-12 is \$97.

WHEN DO DANCERS REHEARSE?

Most rehearsals will be in their regular technique classes, but there are FOUR extra rehearsals – one Saturday, three Fridays, and one Thursday (*depending on classes - see schedule*). Because the classes are merged together the extra rehearsals give us a chance to practice together. Please try to put rehearsals high on the priority list so all the dancers can be confident on stage! Students gain the experience and excitement of the performance. I have tried my best not to make them too time consuming for families.

ARE THERE MORE PERFORMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SHOW?

Absolutely! If your grade 6-12 dancer is in ballet, he/she can audition for the CAST! They will be involved in a minimum of three extra dances in addition to their regular class dances.

CAST AUDITION: Auditions will be held Sunday, December 8, 2019. 4:00-5:30pm is ballet audition and 5:30-6:00pm is pointe audition (int/adv pointe dancers only please). The Audition is open to any dancer grade 6-12 that takes at least one ballet class per week! All students will receive a part. The cast announcement will be made approximately December 20, 2019.

CAST FEE: There is an additional \$93 fee to be involved in the cast. These charges are per dancer and help cover theatre rental costs, costume maintenance, extra staff costs and more. There are no tickets included in this fee. This fee is in addition to the winter show class fee. After your cast contract is signed, fees will be charged to your card on file unless we receive alternate instructions. Only those dancers paid in full will be cast in the show.

CAST REHEARSALS: Extra rehearsals are on Fridays and Sundays in January and are MANDATORY. See rehearsal schedule for details. Some dancers will not need to stay for the entire length of rehearsal time.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS: Families of cast members are required to help with the show and cast party. This is a big show and we want to make it the best for your dancers! Each family must help with delivery of marley floor, laying of floor, stage decoration, clean up of stage, or delivery/return of floor (*The marley flooring provides dancers a safe stage to dance on*). We also need a few parents to organize & chaperone the cast party Saturday night. Watch for sign up information by email! Thank you in advance for your generous help - we just can't do it without you!

DO I NEED TO BUY COSTUMES?

Dance Endeavors will provide most costumes for you to borrow for the show and costume rental (including cast costumes) is included with the performance fee. Families will need to provide costume basics such as leotards, tights and dance shoes. A list with specific costumes by class/song will be available in early January. All costumes need to be returned in their original packaging no later than Saturday, February 1, 2020. Families are charged for damage or missing pieces/packaging. We recommend keeping packaging at home and bringing costumes in garment bags.

CAN I HELP?

Our volunteer costume parents are already busy planning - there is a lot more help needed to get costumes ready! If you are interested in helping email kelly@danceendeavors.com. Sewing is not required!! We also need lots of help on show days with concessions, flowers, and keeping an eye on dancers waiting to perform. Watch for an email with electronic sign-ups. Moms and dads are both encouraged to help!!

HOW DO I GET TICKETS?

Tickets are \$18.00 and are reserved seating. Tickets are purchased online and will be available for sale the first week of January. Please watch email for additional information.

We are so excited to provide this opportunity for your dancers! The past has shown they will have a wonderful time, learn a lot, and get that stage presence going!! Thanks for allowing us to work with these wonderful kids!

Juli & the amazing DE Team

2020 Winter Show Rehearsal & Performance Schedule Grade 6-12

- ✓ Grade 6-12 rehearsals have been divided into 2 rehearsal groups. Dancers may leave when they have rehearsed their final dance.
- ✓ We will do our best to run on time. Our goal is to get dancers out of the studio as quickly as possible, while providing a productive rehearsal. If we are running ahead, we will keep going with the next dance and not wait for dancers. Plan to arrive at the rehearsal start time. We will not wait for dancers to arrive. Dancers should bring homework or work on their dances/flexibility during downtime.
- ✓ Rehearsals at the studio are CROWDED! Consider carpooling and leaving extra family members at home if possible. Please bring your patience hat and know the dancers are having the time of their lives rehearsing! Thank you for your enthusiasm and understanding.

Friday, Jan 3rd

4:00-5:30pm CAST
5:30-6:30pm Pointe Int/Adv. Gr 6-9 Mon & 8-12 Tues
Pointe Int/Adv: Gr 6-12 Sat & 8-12 Mon
Ballet: Gr 6-9 Mon & 6-9 Tues
Ballet: Gr 6-12 Sat & 8-12 Tues
Ballet: Gr 8-12 Mon

Saturday, Jan 4th

(no regular classes this day, only winter show rehearsals)

9:30-11:15am 6-12 Danceline (Juli)
6-12 Lyrical (Sarah)
6-12 Modern (Allison)
8-12 Tap (Emma)
6-9 Tap (Allison and Kim)
6-12 Jazz (Jessica and Juli)
6-9 Jazz (Allison and Rachel)
6-9 & 8-12 Lyrical (Emma and Rachel)
6-12 Contemp (Emma and Amanda)

Sunday, Jan 5th

3:00-6:00pm CAST

Friday, Jan 10th

4:00-5:15pm CAST
5:15-6:15pm Pointe Int/Adv: Gr 6-12 Sat & 8-12 Mon
Pointe Int/Adv. Gr 6-9 Mon & 8-12 Tues
Ballet: Gr 8-12 Mon
Ballet: Gr 6-9 Mon & 6-9 Tues
Ballet: Gr 6-12 Sat & 8-12 Tues
6:15-8:00pm 6-12 Danceline (Juli)
6-12 Lyrical (Sarah)
6-12 Modern (Allison)
8-12 Tap (Emma)
6-9 Tap (Allison and Kim)
6-12 Jazz (Jessica and Juli)
6-9 Jazz (Allison and Rachel)
6-9 & 8-12 Lyrical (Emma and Rachel)
6-12 Contemp (Emma and Amanda)

Sunday, Jan 12th

11:00-2:00pm CAST

Friday, Jan 17th

4:00-5:45pm 6-12 Contemp (Emma and Amanda)
6-9 & 8-12 Lyrical (Emma and Rachel)
6-9 Jazz (Allison and Rachel)
6-12 Jazz (Jessica and Juli)
6-9 Tap (Allison and Kim)
8-12 Tap (Emma)
6-12 Modern (Allison)
6-12 Lyrical (Sarah)
6-12 Danceline (Juli)
5:45-6:45pm Beg to Look
White Winter Hymnal
Blue Christmas
O Holy Night
Winter Wonderland

Sunday, Jan 19th

3:00-6:00pm CAST

Thursday, Jan 23rd (no costumes)

(no regular classes this day, only winter show rehearsals)

5:00-5:45pm CAST
4:54-6:15pm Pointe Int/Adv: Gr 6-12 Sat & 8-12 Mon
Pointe Int/Adv. Gr 6-9 Mon & 8-12 Tues
Ballet: Gr 8-12 Mon
Ballet: Gr 6-9 Mon & 6-9 Tues
Ballet: Gr 6-12 Sat & 8-12 Tues
6:15-7:15pm 6-12 Danceline (Juli)
6-12 Lyrical (Sarah)
6-12 Modern (Allison)
8-12 Tap (Emma)
6-9 Tap (Allison and Kim)
6-12 Jazz (Jessica and Juli)
6-9 Jazz (Allison and Rachel)
6-9 & 8-12 Lyrical (Emma and Rachel)
6-12 Contemp (Emma and Amanda)

Friday, Jan 24th DRESS REHEARSAL AT MASONIC HERITAGE THEATER, BLOOMINGTON.

Full dress rehearsal - costumes, shoes & props

4:45-6:45pm Preschool – Grade 5

6:45-8:45pm 6-12 ALL

Saturday, Jan 25th WINTER SHOWS AT MASONIC HERITAGE THEATER, BLOOMINGTON.

11:00am Icicle Show

2:30pm Snowflake Show

6:00pm Wonderland Show

Call time 30 minutes prior to each performance.

All costumes should be returned to Dance Endeavors in their ORIGINAL PACKAGING no later than Saturday, February 1, 2020. There will be charges for damage or missing packaging.