

November 2019

WINTER WONDERLAND

Preschool – Grade 5 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, 2020**. If your dancer is unable to participate please email ali@danceendeavors.com. This helps us with choreography and costume assignments!

Preschool-Grade 3 dancers are assigned to ONE show. Dancers in grade 4-5, K-5 Acro and 2-5 Hip Hop are in ALL THREE shows. Show assignments listed by your dancer's class time are as follows
(Performance assignments can also be found in your online portal account under Actions/View Performances):

Preschool-Grade 3 Icicle Show 11:00am:

Tues 5:30 Preschool (Megan M)
Tues 6:15 K1 Combo (Megan M)
Tues 4:30 Gr 2-3 Ballet/Tap (Allison)

Preschool-Grade 3 Snowflake Show 2:30pm:

Mon 4:15 Preschool (Devin)
Sat 9:00 Preschool (Gerae)
Mon 4:45 K1 Combo (Juli)
Thurs 5:30 K1 Combo (Gabby)
Thurs 6:15 K1 Lyrical (Gabby)
Mon 4:30 Gr 2-3 Jazz/Lyrical (Gretchen)
Mon 5:30 Gr 2-3 Ballet/Tap (Gretchen)

Preschool-Grade 3 Wonderland Show 6:00pm:

Wed 5:45 Preschool (Christina)
Wed 6:30 Preschool (Devin)
Wed 6:30 K1 Combo (Christina)
Thurs 5:15 Gr 2-3 Jazz/Lyrical (Gerae)
Thurs 6:15 Gr 2-3 Ballet/Tap (Gerae)

ALL grades 4-5, K-5 Acro, and Gr 2-5 Hip Hop: ALL THREE shows!

IS THERE A FEE?

Our winter show performance fees vary by age. The price 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.

Preschool-1st grade: \$58

Grade 2-5: \$72

WHEN DO DANCERS REHEARSE?

A rehearsal and performance schedule is included with this information. Most rehearsals will be in regular classes, but there are THREE extra rehearsals – two Saturdays, and one Thursday (*see schedule*). Because most classes are combined for winter shows the extra rehearsals give us a chance to practice together. Please try to put rehearsals high on your 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.

DO I NEED TO BUY COSTUMES?

Dance Endeavors will provide most costumes for you to borrow for the show and costume rental 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 Preschool – Grade 5

- ✓ We will do our best to run on time, but please remember that dancers may get out a bit early or a bit late depending upon how rehearsals go.
- ✓ Rehearsal Saturdays and Thursdays at the studio are CROWDED!
Consider carpooling and leaving extra family members at home if possible.
Bring your patience hat and know the dancers are having the time of their lives rehearsing! Thank you for your enthusiasm and understanding.

Saturday, Jan 4th (no costumes)

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

9:00-9:45am All K1 Combo and K1 Lyrical classes

9:45-10:15am All PK classes

10:15-11:30am All Grades 2-3 Tap/Ballet/Jazz/Lyrical classes

11:30am-12:00pm K-5 Acro and Gr 2-5 Hip Hop

12:00-12:45pm All Grade 4/5 Tap/Ballet/Jazz/Lyrical/Danceline

Saturday, Jan 11th (no costumes)

(All regular Saturday classes WILL be held along with winter show rehearsals)

9:00-9:45am All K1 Combo and K1 Lyrical classes

9:45-10:15am All PK classes

10:15-11:30am All Grades 2-3 Tap/Ballet/Jazz/Lyrical classes

11:30am-12:00pm K-5 Acro and Gr 2-5 Hip Hop

12:00-12:45pm All Grade 4/5 Tap/Ballet/Jazz/Lyrical/Danceline

Thursday, Jan 23rd (no costumes)

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

4:30-5:00pm All PK classes

5:00-5:45pm All K1 Combo and K1 Lyrical classes

5:45-6:45pm All Grades 2-3 Tap/Ballet/Jazz/Lyrical classes

6:45pm-7:15pm K-5 Acro and Gr 2-5 Hip Hop

7:15-8:00pm All Grade 4/5 Tap/Ballet/Jazz/Lyrical/Danceline

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

Full dress rehearsal with costumes, shoes & props

4:45-5:15pm Preschool & K-1

5:15-6:00pm 2-3 Tap/Ballet/Jazz/Lyrical and K-5 Acro

6:00-6:45pm 4-5 Tap/Ballet/Jazz/Lyrical and 2-5 Hip Hop

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

11:00am Icicle Show *(Check-in at 10:30am)*

2:30pm Snowflake Show *(Check-in at 2:00pm)*

6:00pm Wonderland Show *(Check-in at 5:30pm)*

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