

Dear Parents & Dancers:

We are busy preparing for our twelfth annual winter shows! We are so excited to get started and are excited about some new music and choreography being created! 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. The winter show is much shorter than our spring show, but has more of a true "theatre show" feel. 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.



Shows are scheduled for Friday & Saturday, January 25 & 26, 2019 at the Ives Auditorium, Masonic Heritage Center (Bloomington).

IS MY DANCER PARTICIPATING? IS THERE A FEE?

Yes! We assume all dancers are performing in the Winter Shows **UNLESS YOU NOTIFY US BY December 10, 2018**. If your dancer is unable to participate please email ali@danceendeavors.com. This helps us make sure all dancers have costumes and assists with choreography! Our winter show performance fees are based on average rehearsal time and includes rehearsals, costume maintenance, theatre expenses, staffing, and more. The performance fee also includes two show tickets, 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 participation fee is \$95. Fees will be charged to your card on file December 15th unless we receive alternate instructions, or you have notified us via email that your dancer is not participating in the Winter Show.

WHEN DO DANCERS REHEARSE?

Non-cast rehearsals will be in class, but there are FOUR extra rehearsals for these dances – three Saturdays, and one Thursday (see schedule). Since 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 class dances.

CAST AUDITION: Auditions will be held Friday, Dec. 7, 2018. 4:30-6:00 is ballet audition and 6:00-6:30 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.

CAST FEE: There will be 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 December 15th unless we receive alternate instructions. Only those dancers paid in full will be cast in the show.

CAST REHEARSALS: Extra rehearsals are on Saturdays and Sundays in January and are MANDATORY. See rehearsal schedule below for details.

CAST COSTUMES: Dance Endeavors will provide most costumes for you to borrow for the show. Families will need to provide costume basics, such as leotard, tights and dance shoes. A list will be available to you at a later date.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS: Families of cast members are required to help with the show and cast party. We need to lay the marley floor (which provides dancers a safe stage to dance on) and decorate the stage –we just can't do it without the help of the cast families! Each family must help with delivery of floor, laying of floor, set up of stage, clean up of stage, or delivery return of floor. This is a big show and we want to make it the best for your dancers! 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 donation of help!! We can't do it without you and TRULY appreciate your help!

CAN I HELP IN OTHER WAYS?

Our **volunteer** costume parents have been busy working since October and there is a lot more work to do to get costumes ready! If you are interested in helping email kelly@danceendeavors.com. Sewing is not required!! We also need volunteer help on show days with ushering and concession & flower sales. 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 assigned seats. Tickets are purchased online and will be available for sale the first week of January. Please watch for information with your ticket code and more!

We are so excited to provide this opportunity for your children! 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