



Spring Showcase Information Packet

What is the Spring Showcase? The Spring Showcase (recital) is our last performance of the dance season. We are so proud of our kids and the Spring Showcase gives our students the opportunity to show you what they have learned and their progress from these past months. It is also an opportunity for you and your family/friends to support your dancer and their art. The Spring Showcase will include full routines from a variety of performance classes and competition companies/teams. This year's Showcase will be held on May 19 & 20. Please check to see which show(s) your dancer will be performing in.

12:00 Show 5/18/19	4:00 Show 5/18/19	Solo & Comp Show 5/19/19
3 & 4 yr olds - Wed	3&4 yr olds -Tues & Thurs	*All competition teams
Creat Move. - Wed	Creat Move. – Tues & Thurs	and routines including
Jazz /Tap Level 1 - Wed	Jazz /Tap Level 1 - Tues	Small groups
Ballet Level 1 - Wed	Ballet Level 1 - Tues	
Jazz /Tap Level 3	Jazz/Tap Level 2	12:30 – Solo/Duet Showcase
Lyrical/Contemp 2/3	Ballet Level 2/3	2:00 – All Comp Showcase
Hip Hop Level 1	Hip Hop Level 2	
Hip Hop Level 3	Adults	
Pom	Pointe	
Adults	Daddy/me, Mommy/me	
Daddy/me, Mommy/me	*1-2 routines from each	
*1-2 routines from each	Competition team	
Competition team		

Do we have to purchase a ticket? Anyone who would like to enjoy the show will need a ticket to enter the auditorium (the only exception would be an infant that will be sitting on your lap). The Spring Showcase is an expensive endeavor, but well worth it! The money generated from ticket sales helps cover costs for supplies, personnel (lighting & sound technicians, auditorium manager, custodians, school supervisors, staff, etc.) as well as renting the facility (auditorium, classrooms used for changing, the commons area, etc.). We are responsible for these costs for all shows as well as the rehearsal.

Are tickets all the same price? Yes, however, little ones who will be sitting on your lap (generally ages 2 and under) will not need a ticket.

How do we get tickets? In the past, we did tickets on our own and you would purchase them through the studio. This process created long lines both at the studio to purchase and at the show, a mad rush into the auditorium to find seats, people saving big sections of seats and confusion and switching of seats

during intermission. For the benefit of our wonderful families and at their request, we now offer reserved seating and convenient online ticket sales!

- *Tickets are on sale and you can purchase your tickets on line by visiting the following link:
www.tututix.com/showcasedance
or
by calling 1-855-222-2tix and ask for tickets to Showcase Dance

This link was also posted on the website and on Facebook. Because there are three shows, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you check to see which show(s) your dancer is in so that you purchase tickets for the right show – although all shows will be great, I am sure you will want to see the one your dancer is in! To ensure your entire party is sitting together, check with your family and friends ahead of time to know how many tickets you will need. Note that tickets are non-refundable.

What if I have a dancer in more than one show? With multiple classes, students and families, it is impossible to make sure all families have all of their dancers in the same show. Most studios will hold many shows over multiple days. My niece, for example, is in 5 different shows at her studio and her parents usually make sure they see 2-3 of those. This is the standard in the studio world. I do understand that having to buy tickets to two shows may not be preferred, but if you can think of it in terms of other sporting events such as hockey, look at the show as your dancers' big game or tournament. My son played hockey through high school and I know we paid several times during the season to watch his games and tournaments (and oh do I miss those now!). The Spring Showcase is your dancers' big show - on the big stage with lights and all. This is the one they look forward to the most and your support is so very appreciated by them.

What is the rehearsal? Rehearsal is on Friday, May 17, 2019 at Elk River High School in the Zabee Theater. At the Spring Showcase, all of our students are involved in an ending routine called the finale. Each class works on their section during their regular class time. The rehearsal is used to coordinate and put "all the pieces together" into the final routine...finale. It is important to have all the students present as there is much entering and exiting from the stage and all need to know where to go and how to get there. Your student will only need to be in the finale for the show their class is in. Dancers who are in the 12:00 Saturday show will have rehearsal from 5:00-6:00 and those in the 4:00 Saturday show will have rehearsal from 6:15-7:15. Competition dancers will arrive at 5:00 and stay until 8:00 to practice for their Sunday show. The rehearsal is a closed practice as we want to keep the finale a surprise for our family and friends! This is NOT a dress rehearsal. Students should come dressed in dance practice clothes and wear either jazz or ballet shoes. While the dancers are practicing, I would like to meet with the parents of our 3&4 year olds, Creative Movement and all classes ages 7-9 so I can walk you to where their dressing room will be for the Spring Showcase (Community Room 105).

What do I need to know for the day of the show?

* Arrive approx. 20-30 minutes before show time (11:30ish for noon show and 3:30ish for 4:00 show). Because we need time to set up for both shows, please do not arrive any earlier. Remember, your seats are reserved so there is no need to get a good spot in line!

* You should bring your dancer dressed and ready (meaning hair and make-up all done). Once you arrive, drop your dancer at their dressing area. All 3 & 4 year olds, Creative Movement and Level 1 dancers will be in a class room (Comm. Rm 105). You will need to check your dancer in when you arrive. You will also need to check them back out once the show is done. All other dancer's will be in the choir room, boys will be in the choir hallway. There will be signs directing you. ***NO FOOD ALLOWED IN THE DRESSING ROOMS!**

* Doors to the auditorium will open 30 minutes prior to each show.

*Please make sure to label everything! Again, please **DO NOT** send snacks with your dancer as we have several with severe food allergies.

*Once you have dropped your dancer off, you are free to relax and enjoy the show! You will not need to go back to help them change. We will have helpers in each of the dressing rooms to help with costume changes, bathroom breaks and to play games and keep them entertained. If you are able and would like to volunteer to help at one of the shows, we would sure appreciate it! All volunteers will receive a free show t-shirt. Contact Becky to let her know you would like to volunteer and for which show

*During the show, please remember **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY and NO VIDEOTAPING** is allowed. Once again we will have Perkins Media professionally taping the shows. They do a wonderful job of capturing your dancer's talents so you can enjoy and live in the moment. DVD's can be ordered via a link we will send out and put on our facebook page or can be ordered the day of the show. DVD's will be mailed directly to your home approximately 3 weeks after the Spring Showcase. *Thank you for taking the time to read through all this important information. As a reward for your due diligence, tell Becky or Megan at the front desk "the secret code" and you will receive a surprise gift! Dancer's really love the dvd's and enjoy the opportunity to see themselves as well as watch all the other dance performances.

*Spring Showcase t-shirts will be available at the studio sometime in May and, if there are any left, we will also have them available at the show. In addition, we will have flowers for your special dancer on their special day (while supplies last). Our competition companies will also be selling refreshments before, at intermission and at the end of each show. Proceeds from the food concessions will go towards Competition expenses and your support is greatly appreciated!

On behalf of all of us at Showcase, I just want you to know what a privilege and joy it has been working with your dancer this past season. I have watched as your child accomplished new things, struggled with some challenges, achieved goals and ultimately grew both as a dancer and as a person. Each one of "my" dancers is such a wonderful blessing and I thank you for the opportunity to know and spend time with your child.

We are so excited and can't wait to *Showcase* all of our talented dancers!

Sincerely,

Becky and the Showcase Staff