

Dance Alliance

Countdown to Recital 2010

Excitement is building as dancers finish their dances for their performance on the Centrepointe Theatre stage on Sunday, May 9th. All dancers, young and old, recreational and competitive, will have the opportunity to perform for family and friends on a professional stage.

Dress Rehearsal

Dress rehearsal will take place Monday, April 26th at Centrepointe Theatre. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dancers must check-in at the stage door – which is north of the main theatre entrance. The first groups of dancers should be dressed and ready to dance at 5:45. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be provided to dancers and parents before April 26th. Dancers may leave after their last dance, but are welcome to stay for the evening.

Younger dancers must have one “helper” in the dressing rooms to help them get ready. Helpers will be provided with a bracelet on rehearsal night which will grant them access to the dressing rooms. Dancers should have the same helper on recital day and will be provided with a new bracelet that day. Once dancers are ready to perform, helpers are asked to leave the dressing room area and return to the theatre. Your child’s dance instructor will supervise your child until their dance is finished, when helpers must return to pick up their dancers.

Individual and class photos will be taken by a professional photographer on rehearsal night. If you will require more than one copy of any photo, please speak to a member of the Dance Alliance Executive when you bring your child backstage. Photographs will be available for purchase at the May 9th Recital for \$7.00 per photo – cash only.

Important Rules for Rehearsal and Recital

To ensure rehearsal and recital run smoothly, we ask that dancers, parents and other theatre patrons respect the following rules:

- All dancers must arrive early, check-in at the stage door and proceed to dressing rooms. Younger dancers (i.e. under 14) must have a designated person to help them get ready.
- Dancers must be in full costume, hair and makeup for both rehearsal and recital. This is the responsibility of parents/guardians – teachers and volunteers will be too busy to assist.
- Dressing rooms, including a boys-only dressing room, will be available for this purpose.
- Dancers must be backstage (located next to dressing rooms) five numbers before they are scheduled to perform.
- Only dancers are allowed back stage. Teachers will supervise dancers backstage. Please pick up your child immediately after they perform.
- It is very distracting to performers when people move around the theatre during the numbers. Please enter and leave the auditorium between performances.
- **Flash photography is not permitted** inside the auditorium for either rehearsal or recital.
- No food or drink is permitted in the auditorium or the dressing room areas.
- Recital day - Main and Stage doors open at 12:00pm. Theatre doors open at 12:30pm.
- Recital is approximately 3 1/2 hours with an intermission at half way mark.
- Year-end awards will be presented to each dancer at the end of rehearsal.

Recital Tickets, DVDs and Dance Alliance Hoodies

Recital tickets will be on sale at the Alexander Community Centre on Saturday April 10th and Saturday April 17th from 9:30 to 2:00. Please come prepared to wait as we normally have a long line up for ticket sales.

Due to increased rehearsal and recital costs, we have raised ticket prices to \$15.00 per ticket. Dancers and children under 2 are not charged an entrance fee, but they do require a ticket to reserve a seat in the theatre. Please make sure you include dancers and children under 2 in the number of tickets you order. Seating for people with disabilities is available. Payment may be made in cash or cheque only.

We expect to have a sold out performance again this year. Any unsold tickets (if available) can be purchased on recital day at a cost \$25.00 (cash only) per ticket.

Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, but we ask families to not purchase tickets for other families and friends. Dance Alliance reserves the right to limit the number of tickets purchased by one family. This is necessary to ensure there are seats available for every dancer/family.

Recital DVDs will be available to order during ticket sales only for \$30.00 and must be paid in advance. DVDs will not be available for order or purchase at or after the Recital. DVDs will be available for pickup at the Alexander Community Centre on Tuesday, May 11th from 6:30 to 8:20 only. We cannot guarantee delivery of DVDs not picked up on May 11th.

Dance Alliance hoodies will also be on sale for \$25.00 in the kitchen area each Saturday until Recital. Please put your dancer's name on your hoodies.

Costume Pick-up

Costume pick-up for all recreational costumes will take place on Monday, April 19th at the Alexander Community Centre between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. If you are unavailable on that date, please make arrangements for someone else to pick up costumes and submit full payment. Payment in the form of cash or cheque is required at the time of pick up. There is a \$35.00 limit for each costume and many will cost less than this.

Costumes will not be made available to dancers with outstanding fees (i.e. instruction time, chocolate bar cases, etc). Please ensure all outstanding fees are paid by April 10th.

Revenue from chocolate bars sales must be given to Carolina in the kitchen by April 10th in order to receive your costume credit. A charge of \$60.00 per case will be applied to your costume bill for outstanding chocolate bar payments.

Volunteers – The Secret to our Success

Again this year, volunteers have made outstanding contributions to **Dance Alliance** - helping to ensure its continuing success as a community-based, non-profit program. Heartfelt thanks to members of this year's executive for their ongoing leadership and long hours of volunteer work. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with costume preparation. Whether working in the front office, the canteen or behind the scenes as our Webmaster (thanks Chris and Vicky Carter!), writing newsletters or preparing costumes, our volunteers are essential to keeping Dance Alliance one of the most reasonable options for dance instruction in Ottawa.

Teacher Appreciation

We are grateful to our instructors and their assistants for their dedication and effort in ensuring that dancers continue to hone their skills and to develop their love of dance. We are very fortunate to have a team of instructors who bring creativity, energy, and experience to the program. To those of you who are moving on to exciting new challenges in your life – thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We will miss you but know that your legacy carries on in the moves of our young dancers. Thank you also to those of you returning in September – we can't wait for another great season!

2010-2011 Dance Season

The 2010-2011 dance season will begin on Saturday, September 25th. Watch for your early registration package which will arrive by email in late spring or early summer. You may also check the Dance Alliance web site at www.dancealliance.ca for registration and fee information or to join our e-mail list (click on the word "webmaster" at bottom of home page). Returning dancers are given first priority for dance spaces but only if you pre-register. Classes fill up quickly and spaces are given on a first come, first served basis.

Payment must be submitted on September 11, 2010 from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Alexander Community Centre. Your child's dance schedule will be available at that time. Registration for any remaining spaces will also be accepted on September 11th. Payment is accepted in the form of cash or cheque only.

Important Dates

April 6 – Competitive Practice
April 10 – Regular Class Schedule
April 13 – Competitive Practice
April 17 – Regular Class Schedule
April 19 – Costume Pick Up
April 20 – Competitive Practice
April 24 – Regular Class Schedule
April 26 – Dress Rehearsal
April 27 – NO Competitive Practice
April 30 – May 1 – Shine Competition
May 1 – Regular Classes Cancelled
May 8 – Regular Class Schedule
May 9 – Recital
May 11 – NO Competitive Practice
May 18 – Competitive Practice
May 25 – Competitive Practice
May 28-30 – Dance Dance Canada Competition