

HERSHEY SCHOOL OF DANCE **GENERAL RECITAL INFORMATION**

Hershey Dance 2019 includes a Friday evening performance, May 17th at 7:00 pm, a children's matinee on Saturday, May 18th at 1:00 pm, and a Saturday evening performance, May 18th at 7:00 pm. All shows will be held at the Hershey Theatre.

On stage spacing rehearsals will be held at the Hershey Theatre on Monday, May 13th, Tuesday, May 14th, Wednesday, May 15th and Thursday, May 16th. The spacing rehearsal schedules are enclosed. Students: Please enter through the backstage door. **No parents or visitors will be allowed backstage!**

Dress rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, May 15th for the Saturday matinee performance, and on Thursday, May 16th for the evening performances. These dress rehearsal schedules are enclosed. Students: Please enter through the backstage door. **Only matinee dressing room volunteers will be allowed backstage during dress rehearsals.**

Parents: Please park in the lot across the street from the theatre and walk your dancers to the backstage door **15 minutes prior** to their scheduled rehearsals. You may pick up your dancers at the door where you dropped them off. Their teacher or dance class assistant will escort them to you.

Regular class dress code attire is to be worn for the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday spacing rehearsals. All costumes (including hair and make up) are to be worn for the dress rehearsals. Please be sure all costume pieces (hair bows, gloves, belts, hats, socks, tights, etc.) travel to and from the theater with your dancers! It is easiest to send all your dancers' costume accessories and dance shoes with them either in their dance bag or laundry basket. **Please make sure all your dancers' belongings have their names on them - including shoes!** It is always a good idea to double check all costume pieces before leaving home for the theater and again when arriving back home. Keep them together!

The dancers may bring food to eat in their dressing rooms **ONLY** during performances. **Dry snacks only please** - Crackers, cereal, granola bars, etc., and WATER - no sticky fruit juices or soda.

Dancers in the evening shows are expected to arrive at the theatre **no later than 6:15** for their 7:00 pm performances. Matinee dancers should arrive **no later than 12:15** for their 1:00 pm performance.

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Doors will open to the public at 6:15 for the evening performances and 12:15 for the matinee.

It would be helpful to the dressing rooms assistants for the children's matinee if they would arrive at the theater with their hair and make up already done.

Basic stage make up for all dancers includes foundation, brown eye shadow, mascara, blush, and red lipstick.

No underwear should be worn under tights.

Small stud earrings only. No hoops or dangles. No rings, bracelets, watches or necklaces. No colored polish on fingernails or toes.

ABSOLUTELY NO GUM CHEWING!!

No flash photography during shows. It is dangerous for the dancers and disruptive to other audience members. **Absolutely NO videotaping** will be allowed. All shows are professionally videotaped and a DVD order form is included in this recital packet. The Hershey Theatre's staff will confiscate all flash and video cameras!

No food, beverages or smoking is allowed in the theater at any time.

No parking in the day care lot behind the theater before 6:00 pm weekdays!

If tights are needed, they will be available for sale during picture days at the studio and at the backstage door during the rehearsals of show week. (Child sizes \$18 and Adult sizes \$20)

No matinee performers are excused after Act I. All matinee performers will be excused at the **backstage door** by class after everyone bows at the end of Act II.

If students have multiple dances throughout the show, they are to take ALL of their costumes to the dressing room of their final dance. Your "final dance dressing room" will be your "home base." After dressing for your next dance, go to the dressing room for that particular number and wait with your other classmates. This way you will not have costumes in multiple dressing rooms and this will make packing up much easier.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please call the office with any questions.