

## eXit SPACE YOUNG DANCER & PARENT PERFORMANCE PACKET

Dear Dancers and Parents,

We are looking forward to our exciting shows quickly approaching on April 24-25. We will be presenting our **Fifth Annual Family Matinee on April 24-25 at 2pm**; these concerts include all young dancers, and our adult program students. We will also be presenting a special evening concert entitled **take/Pause which will be held on Saturday, April 24 at 8pm. take/PAUSE** will be an exciting concert featuring our adult program dancers from eXit SPACE, Redd Legg Dance, Northwest Dance Syndrome, and two Seattle hip hop crews. As the concert dates near there are a few things we would like to remind you of.

If your child is not participating in the concert this year we hope you will lend your support as an audience member; we would love to have all of our students present! A yearly performance is an opportunity for young dancers to learn about the joys and challenges of performing. Performing is an essential element of dance and young dancers who participate in the concerts will gain confidence, learn from watching older dancers, and have a great time! The show will feature dancers ranging from age 3-60 and from beginning to professional levels. Ballet, modern, jazz, tap, and hip-hop choreography will all be showcased, so please let all of your friends and family know about the show...it's going to be terrific!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In order to put together a terrific show each year, we rely on volunteers to help us with the Young Dancers, ticket sales, and ushering. If you would like to help please sign up with your child's teacher and plan on attending the volunteer meeting on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm at eXit SPACE.

To show our thanks you will receive one free ticket to the show of your choice, if you volunteer for the SAME show as your child we will make sure you are able to watch them from backstage when they perform!

### ALL PARENTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**Make-up:** Stage lights will wash the color out of skin; all performers should apply heavy make-up for the performance. For children, some blush and lip gloss or lip color will do!

**Stage/Tech Crew:** These folks do various jobs such as run the sound and lights from the booth, run to get dancers, make sure dancers are ready to go on when needed, and make sure the performance goes well. Please be respectful to all crew members; they are there to make everyone look and feel good!

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**Food and Drink:** There is no food or drink allowed inside of the theatre. We do encourage you to bring a clear liquid and a snack for the show, for the dressing areas only. Some snacks will be provided.

**During the Show:** All Young Dancers remain backstage throughout the entire show. They will be able to watch other dancers from the wings (the sides of the stage) before they dance. The children have a great time backstage seeing all of the “big” dancers and feel special because they are allowed backstage and no one else is except performers. In case of an emergency, you can contact an usher who will get a message immediately to Marlo. Also if we need to contact a parent during the show we will make an announcement over the microphone to locate the parent that is needed. Please do not come back stage during the show or intermission.

**Let Friends and Family Know About the Show:** Our shows are a great family event, please share this day with family and friends. We will be sending out an email promo to all parents and performers the last week of March, please forward the message on to all family and friends that may like to attend the show! The bigger the audience, the more cheers and applause our dancers receive!

## **PERFORMANCE DAYS according to class times**

Below you will find your child’s class time listed under the show day that they will perform in.

### **SATURDAY MATINEE**

Tuesday 10am Creative Movement

Monday 4:30pm Combo I

\*Wednesday 5:30 Hip hop/Jazz II

Thursday 5:00pm Hip-Hop/Jazz I

Monday 4:30pm Modern I

Tuesday 4:30pm Ballet I

\*Wednesday 4:30pm Ballet II

\*Thursday 4:00-5:00 Tap I

\* these classes perform in both shows.

### **SUNDAY MATINEE**

Monday 10 am Creative Movement

\*Wednesday 4:30pm Ballet II

\*Wednesday 5:30 Hip hop/Jazz II

Wednesday 3:30pm All Boys Creative Movement

Tuesday 4:30pm Creative Movement

Thursday 4:30 pm Combo II

\*Thursday 4:00-5:00 Tap I

## **COSTUMES**

All costumes will be distributed in class during the last week of March.

## **ACCESSORIES NEEDED by class time:**

All Young Dancers will have a costume to wear for the show, which has already been paid for and ordered. Depending on which class level your Young Dancer is in they will need certain color tights, shoes, etc. Please look below for your child's class time and the additional accessories that they will need for their performance. You can find tights at Center Stage dance shop in the U-district ([www.centerstagellc.com](http://www.centerstagellc.com)).

Monday 10am Creative Movement -tap and ballet shoes and pink tights

Monday 3:30pm Creative Movement -tap and ballet shoes and white tights

Monday 4:30pm Combo I - tap and ballet shoes and white tights

Monday 4:30pm Modern I - nothing else needed

Tuesday 10am Creative Movement - ballet slippers, tap shoes, and white tights

Tuesday 4:30pm Creative Movement -tap and ballet shoes and suntan tights

Tuesday 4:30pm Ballet I - ballet slippers, pink tights, hair in twist or bun

Wednesday 3:30 pm Boys Creative Movement -ballet and tap shoes

Wednesday 5:30 Jazz/Hip hop II - jazz shoes

Thursday 4m Combo I - ballet slippers, tap shoes, and white tights

Thursday 4pm Tap I - tap shoes (two outfits) and suntan tights

Thursday 5:00pm Hip-Hop/Jazz I - jazz shoes

## **REHEARSAL at the THEATRE**

All Young Dancers are required to attend a rehearsal at the theatre on **Friday, April 23 from 4:30-6:30pm**. Please plan on arriving around **4pm** in order to begin the rehearsal at 4:30 sharp. **No costumes are needed.** This is the time when the kids get to see where they perform and have a chance to dance on stage before their show. It is so important to allow the children this opportunity to learn about the rehearsal process, how to behave in a theatre, and also how to be an audience member. This rehearsal allows them a calm atmosphere for their first (for many dancers) experience performing so that they will be the most confident and secure on the day of the show. This rehearsal is also important for parents as you will see first-hand how the show is put together, what the dressing area looks like, and also where the children spend their time backstage.

## **DIRECTIONS**

Broadway Performance Hall is located at 1625 Broadway, Seattle, WA, 98122 on the corner of Broadway and Pine on the Seattle Community College campus. All dancers and patrons will enter through the main entrance that faces Broadway. Convenient parking is usually available in the Harvard Street Parking Garage (directly across the street from the back side of the hall on the corner of Harvard and Pine) Mon-Fri after 12 pm and all day Saturday and Sunday, as well as on adjacent streets (metered). Parking can be scarce on Capitol Hill so plan accordingly!

## TICKETS

**Last year we sold out both of our Family Matinee concerts. Please get your tickets early – don't wait for the day of the show!**

Tickets will be available through Brown Paper Tickets, beginning Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Family Matinee Tickets: \$10 for children under 10/\$14 for Adults

Take/PAUSE (evening concert): \$15.00

Purchase tickets in one of three ways:

1. Log onto [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)
2. Call 1-800-838-3006
3. At the door the day of the show (not advised for Family Matinees)

## LENGTH OF SHOW

Each show will last approximately 1 ½ - 2hours with one intermission, so please plan your day accordingly.

## PARENTS

**Dropping Off Children: All children need to be at the theatre by 1:15pm.** Please escort your child to the dressing area check-in located down the hallway from the lobby on the first floor (it will be clearly marked). After you drop your child off, s/he will be supervised by our faculty and very important friends and family who have a lot of experience with children (many of whom helped out last year as well). Please feel free to pack coloring books or simple activities for backstage. They should be already dressed in their first costume, their hair done, and have make-up on. A dance bag with their name on it should carry their other costume and shoes, etc. **Label everything!**

**Picking Up Children:** You may come back to the dressing area only after the show is completed to pick up your dancer and their belongings. Please send only ONE parent to pick up your young dancer and check out with the faculty member.

## **PARENT WATCH WEEK PARENT WATCH WEEK April 5-10**

All parents are invited to come and observe their child's dance class. Watch week is a great time for our Young Dancers to share with their parents and family what they have learned so far this year. At this parent watch week we would like all young dancers to wear their show costumes so that we can make sure they all fit properly. Please note that since eXit SPACE does not have a separate lobby area, it is important that you come to class on time with your young dancer so we may begin and end as scheduled. Seating will be available in the window seats, and on the dance floor. Please feel free to bring your cameras too! Since the children are comfortable having class with their fellow dancers and their dance teacher they may find the audience at times very exciting and also overwhelming. We ask that you be considerate of all the children in the class. We welcome siblings that are able to watch and remain relatively quiet during the hour long class. Remember to turn off or silence all cell phones and refrain from having long conversations during the observation of class.

## **IMPORTANT DATES for the CALENDAR**

Spring Break- Closed March 29-April 4

Parent Watch Week April 5-10

Final 10-week Tuition due April 19

Studio Closed April 21-April 27 (due to the show)

Theatre Rehearsal April 23 at 4:30pm

School Concert April 24-25

\*All classes resume Saturday April 28 and are scheduled to continue until June 19.

Memorial Day Closed May 31

Spring/Summer Camps July and August