

PLEASE READ ALL parts OF THIS LETTER!!

We hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday! It doesn't seem possible that we are coming to the end of another calendar year, and already we are gearing up and planning for concert.

The 2012 concert is scheduled for dress rehearsal on Thur., June 7 and concert on Fri. & Sat., June 8, 9 at the Vance Brand Auditorium located in Skyline High School in Longmont. Tiny Tutus, 4 & 5 yr. old combo classes and all 6-8 yr. old classes will perform in the matinee performance on Saturday June 9th **only**. Some beginning 9-12 year old classes will also participate in the matinee and continuing classes will perform in only **one** Friday **or** Saturday night performance.

Although this concert is **not mandatory** for any of our students, we find it to be enjoyable, rewarding and educational for all who participate. It provides a goal for displaying the technique that has been learned throughout the year as well as being lots of fun. We have found that the costumes, applause and the gaining of new confidence have always been a thrill to performers. We sincerely hope that all dancers will participate if possible.

Concert is a commitment. Everyone participating will be depended upon to fulfill that commitment. It is very difficult on choreographers and other students when dancers and parents do not take this commitment seriously. Following through with a commitment is an important part of a student's education, no matter how old or young the student may be. Please discuss this with your dancer.

Everyone is required to fill out a concert participation form/contract, whether you **will** or **will not** participate.

This is required for planning purposes.

You are responsible for your costume and the payment for that costume if ordered. Please consider carefully and discuss the concert with your child before making this commitment. It will mean not only a commitment from parents, but also from the student. We ask that students participating in concert accept the responsibility to **attend classes on a regular basis** and realize that the rest of the class depend on them. Although June seems a long ways away, it takes a tremendous amount of time, energy and commitment to mount a quality show. A show that not only parents, relatives and friends can enjoy, but that all the surrounding communities can look forward to.

Although we do not know the exact cost of costumes, we will let you know as soon as possible. A good "rule of thumb," is an average of \$80.00 to \$90.00 per costume. This cost does not include basics such as shoes and tights. Tights are ordered into the retail shop and are offered to concert participants at a 15% discount. More elaborate costumes, that cost more than the average, will be discussed with the class and the parents. Some costumes may be less expensive and others may be more staying within the average per costume. We will make every effort to keep costumes costs down and provide you with a multi-useable costume. However the costume companies have increased their prices and shipping costs have also risen.

Please realize that all costumes ordered from companies are custom made and must be paid for up front by the studio. In addition, our seamstresses require deposits as well as the auditorium and technical support. **YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF YOUR COSTUMES EVEN IN THE EVENT THAT YOU DECIDE NOT TO PARTICIPATE AT A LATER DATE AND COSTUME HAS BEEN ORDERED.**

The **INDIVIDUAL** concert fee is **\$35.00**.

The **FAMILY** concert fee (multiple family members participating in concert) is **\$45.00**.

These fees are non-refundable, even if at a later time you decide not to participate.

Be aware that we are required to prepay in full all costume orders at the time they are placed. We must also pay any re-stocking fees and long distance phone calls. **But more to the point, most companies simply do not refund any part of costume payments, FOR ANY REASON, since costumes are seasonal special orders.**

There is a \$40.00 costume deposit required for each costume ordered.

Costume deposits and the concert fee are due by Jan. 10th.

Example: Individual concert fee (\$35) + two costumes x \$40.00 deposit each (\$80.00) = \$115.00

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All package costume bills are due and payable by February 10, 2012. All non-package costumes will be due one month later - March 10, 2012. Some parents are already sending in payments for costumes making it a little easier in the coming months. A late fee of \$10 per month for each month late will be charged for any package or costume fees not totally paid off by their due date and an additional \$10 penalty for each month following. We must charge this since all costumes have been prepaid when ordered and we are simply unable to carry the debt longer than indicated. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to call if you have questions. Please indicate on the concert contract if you are not participating and return it to us. If you would like to participate and are financially strapped at this time, please check with us for other options. **We will work with you if at all possible.**

*** Dance Dimensions must be notified with the concert participation form/contract by December 10, as to whether you will or will not be participating in concert. ***