

“If the Shoe Fits, Dance”

CONCERT 2010 - AT BOULDER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Dear Dancers and Parents:

Due to many overlapping contest titles submitted this year, we decided to select this year's title, however we wanted to pick a runner up. The runner up title for this year is “Dancer to Dancer, Heart to Heart”. Congratulations to Katelyn Kittilson and Alyssa Lopez. They will split a shop gift certificate and each receives one premier-parking place for concert this year.

This letter is an information letter on the upcoming concert. **Please READ IT CAREFULLY and save it for future reference.** Many details are involved in mounting a production of this size. If you have questions, please call us at 303-772-3750.

It has come to our attention that there have been many absences recently. It makes it very difficult for teachers to complete their choreography. If the students are partnering, it makes it difficult for those who are missing their partners. Please be advised that the teachers have the prerogative to take a dancer out of their piece if they miss more than three classes between February and concert, per the concert contract if they do not know their choreography.

Picture Day Saturday & Sunday June 5 & 6

The picture schedule will be posted at the studio by May 17 and will also be available online. Please arrive 15 to 20 MINUTES early for pictures. We traditionally **always** run on schedule. If we get behind – we catch up. If the entire class is there prior to their picture time, we will shoot the picture early. Please do not be late! Last year we had late comers that arrived too late to be included in their group picture. We will do an update on the website in case there are any changes. Please remember to check prior to pictures. Due to fire code in the building, please have only **one** person per child for picture day.

Costume Pick Up

Costumes & Makeup are required for picture day as well as hair up and in a bun for ballet pictures, unless teacher specifies differently.

All class fees and costumes must be paid before costumes can be picked up or arrangements made. Tights can also be purchased during costume pickup for older dancers (Younger dancer packages have tights included). Please note that we will not be bringing retail tights to dress rehearsal for people that have forgotten to get them. Costume pickup will be on one of the days that your child has class for your convenience. You will be notified and it will also be posted online. Costumes are starting to arrive and dancers are excited.

Dress Rehearsal

If you do not attend dress rehearsal, you will not perform for concert – we mean it!

If you are not here for last minute notes, you jeopardize your entire class. This is a team effort and if you are not responsible to your team, the whole team suffers. Please do not forget that concert is a three day commitment for dancers with multiple dances and a two day commitment for performers with one dance and the dress rehearsal.

The dress rehearsal and show schedule will be posted in the studio and online by May 17. If you have any special requests for order, please let us know. Once it is posted, we cannot change. For dress rehearsal, we **do not** run the show in order. Dancers may leave dress rehearsal **after** their teachers have excused them. After rehearsing your number, please meet “stage right” for notes so that the next number can enter and we do not waste time.

Dress rehearsals are notoriously long and boring. The rehearsal is not only for the dancers, but also for the technicians that work on the show. Lights need to be focused and sound levels set, cues between technicians set and many other tasks. Please be patient and inform your children not to ask questions at that time. It only puts us further behind if we experience problems. **Due to having a dress rehearsal for three shows, it is necessary to start dress rehearsal at noon.** Being at a new facility will also be challenging and it is important that we have full cooperation.

Most of the pre-school classes **will perform** in the first act of the matinee. Pre-school classes are spread out for dress rehearsal due to teacher considerations. Many of them teach a variety of ages and live a distance from the auditorium.

It is a good idea to bring quiet toys such as coloring books and crayons to keep younger dancers from getting too restless during dress rehearsal and for performance. Boulder High has limited space, however we will try to provide a live video feed backstage as we have done at Vance Brand. Dancers may sit in the audience for dress rehearsal, but must remain backstage during the performance. If they are only in the first act, you may come and pick up your child during intermission. Please **do not** come backstage to pick them up before intermission. There is a first act curtain call and they will be lining up to participate.

Dressing areas will be designated for age groups on the dressing room doors. A special handout and a posting on the website will go into more detail on how to enter the facility at Boulder High School. Once inside, **the backstage area is off limits to parents and dancers.** There are many cables and equipment pieces that can be tripped over in the dark. From the dressing room areas,

