

BRIDGET'S DANCE STUDIO RECITAL NEWSLETTER

"The Show Must Go On"

Sunday, May 23rd - Fontbonne Academy 930 Brook Rd, Milton, MA

The children have been working so hard and are very excited about the upcoming recital. They all deserve this event after the year we all had. Things will be a little different this year but we are just happy that they can share their talent with you. We hope you love the theme as much as us. Each song is about moving forward, positivity, and enlightenment. Your children have been our inspiration this year and encouraged us to keep going. Thank you for trusting us during this trying time. Now, "The Show Must Go On."

SHOW TIME ARRIVAL - Fontbonne

All dancers should arrive at *Fontbonne Academy* 1/2 hour before show time. Each show is expected to run about 1 1/2 hours. Due to covid capacity and cleaning procedures please do not arrive early. Have your dancer arrive with their first costume, make-up and hair done and ready to go. Only one parent should check the dancer in back stage and receive a wrist band to come pick their dancer up after the show. The auditorium will be open at the same time as student drop off. Dancers in multiple shows will be allowed to stay in between shows. Due to Covid there will be no intermission or concessions sold.

DRESS REHEARSAL:

Dress rehearsal will only be for our younger dancers this year. We feel that it is important for the little ones experience getting on the "big stage" prior to their show so they know what to expect. We divided the classes so that they do not have to be there for too long.

Braintree Studio - The older kids (Elementary, Intermediate, Older Hip Hop and Acro) will have a dress rehearsal at the Braintree Dance Studio on Thursday, May 20th at 3:30pm.

Friday, May 21st - Fontbonne - Tip Toes, Basic I & II, Primary, and Intro to Hip Hop will attend dress rehearsal at Fontbonne Academy at the times below. Schedules will be emailed as we get closer.

4:30pm - Tip Toes Classes

5:00pm - Basic I Classes

5:30pm - Intro to Hip Hop Classes

6:00pm - Basic II Classes

6:30pm - Primary Dance Classes, Acro and Hip Hop

PICTURE DAYS: Located at the Braintree Studio 89 Pearl St #5

Please see the attached schedule to find your class picture time.

Braintree Classes - Monday, May 17th

Norwell Classes- Tuesday, May 18th

Braintree - Wednesday, May 19th

Children must arrive in their first class-costume with hair neat and make-up on, and bring any additional costumes and accessories with them. Costumes will be distributed prior to picture day. **Some costumes may need minor alterations which the client is responsible to do prior to picture day.** Children should not wear any undergarments that might show through the costume or be seen from underneath the costume on picture, dress rehearsal or recital days.

Hair and make-up must be neat and picture ready. The photographer will not be responsible for hair, make-up, or costume problems. All make-up and hair must be done prior to arriving. Personal picture taking is not allowed at the studio on Picture Day.

RECITAL ORDERS/ PURCHASES

RECITAL T-SHIRTS:

The t-shirt cost was included in the prepaid recital fee so there is no additional cost. Each student will receive a recital theme shirt with their names on the back. They have already tried on sample sizes in class. You do not have to do anything to order the shirt or the video download of the recital.

RECITAL DOWNLOADS: The video download cost was included in the prepaid recital fee so there is no additional cost. No video recording is allowed during the recitals. The edited video links will be emailed to you to download a couple weeks after the recital.

TEAM STORE FOR RECITAL GIFTS: To avoid close contact in the Foyer, we are not selling BDS merchandise at the recital. Instead we created a Team Store. Send the link out to Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles. You can purchase what you would like to give your dancer for a gift. They will love our new gear. All items will be shipped to the studio and we will package it up and deliver it to them back stage as a special surprise.

FLOWERS: Flowers can be pre-ordered for the recital. The bouquets are lovely and a percentage of each order will go towards our favorite charity "Prayers for Charlotte." Please see the attached flyer. Link is also attached to this email. Here is the website to order www.floracause.com/bridget

TICKETS: Each family can receive up to 6 tickets. Two of those tickets are free and were included in your recital package. Additional tickets for the recital will be sold for \$20.00 each. The auditorium has stadium seating and balcony seating. All seats have an excellent view of the stage. Seating is based on the amount of years your child has been a student with BDS and are assigned. There is no elevator to the balcony so if you have someone in your party that might have trouble with stairs please let us know on your order form. We will be sitting every other row to maintain social distancing. The audience must wear mask. We will pass out tickets at picture day.

Ticket order forms are attached and copies will be passed out in class next week. **Ticket order forms are due by April 16th.** We will try our best to accommodate your family. If you need wheelchair handicap please let us know.

***If any families must attend more than one show** (ex: have children performing in both recitals doing different routines or siblings in different recitals) they will not have to pay for their second show tickets. However, please let me know how many tickets you need for the second show so I can reserve them for you.

DANCE SCHOLARSHIP: This year we will be donating several dance scholarships to students of all ages and levels. These scholarships will be based on many aspects such as: class participation, enthusiasm, improvement, attendance, positive attitude, and essay. The essay

must be a minimum of one page and answer the question. **This years recital is titled “The Show Must Go On.” The essay question is “What role did dance play for you through the recent pandemic?” Please give examples.** This essay must be from the mouth of the student. Younger students may be assisted with typing and spelling but we prefer it be their words and thoughts. The deadline for all scholarship entries is April 30, 2021 and must be typed and emailed to bridget@bridgetsdancestudio.com.

BALANCES: At this time all past due balances should be paid in full. Any student that owes a balance will not receive their recital tickets or be able to participate in the annual performance. Once all balances are paid in full tickets will be distributed. If you need additional time to meet this payment policy, please contact me (outside of class time) and I will be happy to set up a payment plan for you.

COSTUMES: Many costumes have already come in and have been distributed. Some costumes are scheduled to be delivered to the studio by the third week of April. The costumes are customized and are delivered upon completion...please be patient, some will arrive sooner than others.

All students are measured and costumes are ordered in sizes that are closest to those measurements. Never-the-less, often times some minor alterations are needed so that the costumes will fit your child better. You should have received the proper tights with your costume. Please let us know if you did not get tights in one of your costume bags. Many undergarments are visible through the costume. Make sure your child has the proper undergarments and dance shoes.

RECITAL ARRIVAL: FONTBONNE ACADEMY

Please be at the school 1/2 hour before curtain call/start time. Children should arrive in their first costume, with hair and make up done and ready to go. Each student will have an assigned chair in either the library or a classroom. Please set up all of their additional costumes, accessories, shoes, make-up, other recital needs, and water at their chair when you arrive. Students will stay in their last costume for the finale. Once the show starts we try to limit parents from coming in and out of the dressing rooms, unless it is an emergency. No men will be allowed in the dressing rooms. At the time of drop off, please make sure the class helper is aware of any extraordinary circumstances about your child (i.e. such as sickness, food allergies, and medication). This year food will not be allowed. The shows are shorter so please make sure they eat their snacks before arrival.

AUDITORIUM RULES: The auditorium doors will open a half hour before show times. No food or drinks are allowed in the auditorium. No video cameras or still photos will be allowed during the recitals so that the dancers are not distracted by flashes, the professional videos lighting is not affected, and audience members are not disrupted while watching the show (pictures and video taping is allowed at the dress rehearsal). Please refrain from getting up from your seats during the recitals. If you must get up, please be respectful to the performers and other audience members and do so between performances, when the dance is over and the students are going on and off stage.