

Newsletter

HARBOR DANCE

Hello Wonderful Harbor Dance Families,
May is upon us! Flowers and more sun and a busy time of year!

Please review the very important attachments to this newsletter, including the Recital Guidelines which detail all the information you need to participate in recital. Be sure to note the change in ticket sale procedures this year!

ANNUAL PRODUCTION 2019: Please reserve June 18-22nd for this event. Due to school end dates moving because of snow days, we will need go earlier into the week and do rehearsals or shows after school on weeknights



CALENDAR

May 1: Summer class online registration opens.

May 11: Team and company auditions.

May 25-27: We are closed in honor of Memorial Day.

June 1: Annual Production Tickets go on sale at brownpapertickets.com

June 1: Free performance at Skansie Park. Harbor Dance will perform at Skansie Park from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

June 10-14: Photo shoot at Harbor Dance, studio 2.

June 17: Last day of regular classes.

June 19-22: Harbor Dance proudly presents its Annual Productions

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We need parent volunteers to help at the rehearsals and shows. Please let the front desk know, or respond to this email so we can plug you in to help. The success of each show relies on diligent help from volunteers, please consider helping out. Anyone who volunteers for a show, will need to be available for the dress rehearsal of that show as well as the show itself. Our biggest need is for parents to watch over our dancers as they await to take the stage. Moms will be assigned to their dancer's room.

PHOTO SHOOT SCHEDULE- is attached in the body of this email. Please note that all classes that aren't Thursday mornings or on Saturdays are close to their regular class time or during. Arrive at the studio at your regular class time, unless your scheduled photo shoot is prior to this time. Detailed information is included in the Recital Guidelines document attached to the body of this email.

RECITAL ACCESSORIES CHART - Attached you will find our 2019 recital accessories log. This details each class's hair, tights, shoes, and any additional details they will need for our Annual Production performance. Remember, unless otherwise indicated, this is your responsibility to provide for your dancer. Please pick up your accessories PRIOR to photoshoot if at all possible. This week is extremely hectic, and you will be glad you prepared in advance.

RECITAL REMINDERS - There are a few additional expenses to budget for in the month upcoming for recital: Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and children 9 or under, and free for any child under 4 who sits on a parent's lap. We also offer a multi-show discount. DVD's of the show are available for \$25 for the first copy and \$20 per additional. Our teams pre-sell flowers as a fundraiser, which can be collected at the theater for your convenience. A week prior to recital, we will have a photo shoot by the amazing Lisa Hystek to commemorate the year (the photo schedule is the one attached). These photos are available for purchase through her. We want everyone who considers to participate in recital to be made aware of any fees that might be associated with this production.

Dancers may only participate in recital if all account fees are paid in full.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION TICKETS: IMPORTANT CHANGE TO PRIOR YEARS!! Seating this year will be assigned, NOT general admission. Tickets will go on sale June 1st online at www.brownpapertickets.com. Tickets will be sent directly to Harbor Dance for pick up. Only individuals with accounts paid in full may pick up the tickets. There are no ticket limitations on any shows this year. Absolutely NO refunds will be permitted due to assigned seating.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR COSTUMES AND ACCESSORIES: As recital costumes arrive, please do not allow your dancer to wear or play with the costume until after recital. If anyone loses a hair or head piece which cannot be replaced by the costume company in time, the policy is that no one in the dance gets to wear one, so PLEASE be extra diligent not to lose them if one is included with your dancer's costume.

SUMMER SCHEDULE - The preliminary schedule for Summer is attached. Registration for Summer begins May 1st. Fall registration will take place July 15-19 for returning students and open to the public on July 22nd. For preferred classes, be sure to register before classes open to the public.

STUDENT EVALUATIONS - Students will receive an evaluation from their instructor between June and recital time. These will indicate placement for Summer and Fall, 2019. Please note the following: Dancers often do not move up every year automatically. They must master skills in their level before moving up. Typically, all dancers stay in the same level for summer, then if they are moving up, they will be placed in the next level for Fall. This year, we are doing something new with evals. With the goal of cutting down on waste and for time efficiency, they will be emailed this year.

MARITIME PARADE - Join us in the parade! Open to all dancers level 3B and higher in jazz and level 5 in ballet. Rehearsals for the 1 minute judges performance will take place the following dates: May 18th 6:15-7:15, May 25th 6:15-7:15, and June 1st from 6:15-7:15 at Harbor Dance. Dancers must come to 2 out of the 3 offered classes to learn choreography. Dancers who are in team classes Friday nights will be allowed to participate in the Friday times. We will also need 3-4 parent volunteers to march with our group. Dancers need to arrive to the Puerto Vallarta parking lot on Saturday June 3rd around 9:00am to line up. More details to follow.

LOST AND FOUND: Reminder: the lost and found items are donated to a local charity at the end of each month. Please check it!

COHESION AND BALLET COMPANY AUDITIONS, MAY 11TH:

Schedule:

2pm-3:30pm (may end early): Ballet company audition. Must be level 5 or higher or invited by instructor.

2:45-3:30pm Hip-hop ages 7-10 audition

3:30-4:15pm Hip-Hop ages 11+ audition

3:30-4:15pm Tap ages 7-10 audition

4:15-5:00pm Tap ages 11+ audition

4:15-5:00 Jazz ages 7-10 audition

5:00-5:45 Jazz ages 11+ audition

MORE COMPANY/TEAM INFO: Company agreements will be available to preview at the auditions. Dancers attend workshops, festivals, competitions, and performances. There are holiday performances, but the performance/competition season really starts in the new year and goes through the end of June.

Dancers should arrive 15 minutes early to the audition to sign in, receive their number, and warm up. Dancers should have appropriate attire and shoes and hair for all genres. Dancers must meet requirements to audition, see below **OR be invited by an instructor to audition.**

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS PER TEAM/COMPANY:

Requirements to audition for Cohesion Jazz/Lyrical: Must have 2+ years in jazz, Tricks/Turns/leaps, and/or Musical Theater at a level 2 or higher for 7-10 year olds, level 3 or higher for 11+ year-olds. Must have a minimum of 2 years of ballet at the level 2 or higher for 7-10 year olds, level 4 or higher for 11+.

Requirements to audition for Cohesion Hip-Hop: Dancers ages 7-11 must have at least one year experience in hip hop to audition. Dancers ages 12-18 must have at least one to two years of experience in hip hop to audition.

Requirements to audition for Cohesion Tap: Instructor recommendation or 2 years experience in tap and 2 years in ballet and/or Jazz/Lyrical/Musical theater. For dancers 12 years or older, they must be a level 4 or higher.

Requirements to audition for Ballet Company: Must be level 5 or higher to audition. Preferred experience in 1-2 other genres in addition to classical ballet.

**Auditions cost \$10 per audition per dancer, or max out at \$25 per dancer if they choose to audition for 3 or more groups. Dancers will NOT be charged extra if asked to stay to audition with a later group by an instructor to see them with varying ages/abilities.

We can not ensure placement of dancers onto a team.