



Creative Energy Arts Factory

Studio For the Performing Arts

Hello Everyone!

It's nearly show time and we are very excited about our Winter production The Nutcracker and The Mouse King. The students have all been working really hard over the past few weeks and we are sure that their hard work and effort will result in a fun, magical, entertaining and memorable show. This letter contains all of the information you will need to know about the production so please keep it in a safe place for future reference.

Show Dates

Due to the large number of students taking part in The Nutcracker and the Mouse King, we will be having 2 shows on Wednesday December 7th and Thursday December 8th at Fernie Secondary School. During the week of the show there will be no scheduled classes, only the rehearsal and performances.

Tickets

Ticket sales open Monday, November 21st. Tickets are available at Minifie's Accounting Office. The first week of ticket sales will be for Creative Energy Arts factory families ONLY. After the first week and up until opening night ticket sales will be open to the community. Both shows are usually sold out so tickets may not be available at the door. Seating is limited in Traynor Hall so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. All seating is festival seating. Doors open at 6:00pm.

On the Show Night

All students except the Little Stars are required at the theatre at 6.00 pm with hair and make up done. Little stars are required at the theatre at 6.30pm. Please send along a dry snack and a quiet activity to keep your child occupied back stage. Please NO MARKERS OR MESSY FOOD as these stain the costumes.

Students are required to change at the theatre. Please DO NOT bring your child in costume. To control chaos in the limited space, parents are not permitted back stage during the show or during intermission unless they are on the volunteer list. Adequate supervision will be provided on both nights to ensure safety for all children. Please make sure that your child knows this. Due to Sport Canada insurance regulations no men (sorry Dads this means you!) will be permitted in the girls dressing room.

Dress Rehearsals

There will be 1 "undress" rehearsal and a tech rehearsal that all students are required to attend. Attendance at these rehearsals is very important so please mark these dates on your calendar. The dress rehearsals help ensure that all students feel confident and understand when and where they need to enter the stage for their item after the one previously performed.

Quick costume changes are also rehearsed to ensure that all children know exactly where they need to be and what is expected of them during the show. It is also a lot of fun and the children always enjoy watching the other items and seeing everything come together. Dress rehearsals will be as follows:

Important Rehearsal Dates:

Sunday, November 27th Un Dress Rehearsal 12:30-4:00, Max Turyk Gym
 Little Stars, and Advanced Inter Tap, Sunday November 27th 12:00-12:30

Monday December 5th – 5:00 – 8.00/8:30pm: Tech Rehearsal at Fernie Secondary School
 (full costume please)

Little Stars will have their own Rehearsals and are not required to stay for the full length of time. Attendance at the following little stars rehearsals is vitally important, as, these will be their only rehearsals with the Intermediate student who will be performing on stage with them. Little stars rehearsals are as follows:

Sunday, November 27, 12:00-12:30
 Monday December 5, 4.30 – 5.00pm

Little Stars parents please hang around for these extra rehearsals in case of toilet runs, and early finishes. We want to give them plenty of time to minimize anxiety so we may finish early.

Concert Fees

Over the past few weeks we have been measuring the kids for costumes and a costume order has now been placed. These costumes are beautiful, but expensive. As explained in the student handbook, parents are not expected to buy the costumes but there will be a concert fee. These costumes are not for sale. The hire fee is standard at most performing arts and dance studios and can be paid either in full or in two post-dated cheques, one for November 15 and one for December 1. Costumes are received during the last week of classes and must be left on the costume racks at the theatre after the Thursday night show. Please take them home in between shows. Please note: This year, we are required to add HST onto all concert fees.

Class Level	Concert Fee		HST	Concert Fee incl. HST
Little Stars	\$25.00		\$3.00	\$28.00
Pre-Junior and Junior Classes	First Item	\$35.00	\$4.20	\$39.20
	Additional Items	\$25.00	\$3.00	\$28.00
Intermediate, Senior and Advanced Classes	First Item	\$45.00	\$5.40	\$50.40
	Additional Items	\$35.00	\$4.20	\$39.20

For example: a student in Junior 1 combo and Tap will have a ballet and a jazz item in the show as well as a tap item. Her concert fee would be \$39.20 for her ballet item, \$28.00 for jazz and \$28.00 for tap, totaling \$95.20.

In addition to the concert fees, a “deposit” fee is required for each student. This will be a cheque for \$50 per item, which will be kept on file and destroyed when the costume is returned in good condition. Please note that any costumes returned stained or damaged will be invoiced for. **All concert fees are due in full by November 25th. Any outstanding concert fees after November 25 will incur a \$20 late fee.** Students will not be given their costume until fees are received. Please mark these dates on your calendar. It is embarrassing and upsetting for students to miss out on receiving their costumes due to unpaid fees.

Concert fees will not be accepted on the night of the show or at the undress rehearsal as there is enough craziness.

Additional Performance Requirements

All students require the following for the show in order to complete their costumes. These are the standard dance wardrobe requirements that are uniform for classes, so most of you will already have these:

Ballet Classes including Little Stars: Capezio Ballet Pink tights (these are different from the pink or white tights) and pink leather ballet shoes with elastic.

Jazz classes and Musical Theatre: Black split sole jazz shoes

Tap Classes: Black tap shoes, Nude Shimmer Tights

Contemporary Classes: Bare feet, (foot thongs may be worn as long as they are skin coloured, no patterns please!)

Hip Hop: Clean street shoes (sneakers) in good condition.

Please ensure that ballet tights are free of runs, ladders and holes and that all shoes are clean.

Please check your invoices for the tights your child requires. Some classes require costume specific tights.

The correct tights can be purchased at www.discountdance.com and found by clicking on the 4Teachers link and then entering our studio code TP31625. Even if you wish to purchase them elsewhere please check out the class lists on the discount dance website so that you can be confident you are purchasing the correct tights. I highly recommend banding together to save on postage.

It is parent’s responsibility to ensure their child has the correct tights and shoes for performance. Please check with Miss Malissa or myself if you are unclear about whether or not your child has the correct stage tights and shoes. It can be anxiety producing for students to go on stage with incorrect or ripped tights and we want everything about this production to be a positive experience.

Little Stars

The little stars will only be participating in one show. The Little Stars will perform as follows:

Wednesday, 10:00am class will perform only on Wednesday December 7th.

Wednesday, 4:00 pm class will perform only on Thursday December 8th.

These evenings are not negotiable and a student will only perform on their allocated night. Little stars will receive their costume at the theatre on the night they are to perform and leave them behind after they have performed for the other students to use on the following night. Parents will have the opportunity to take photographs during class time on November 30th, so be sure to bring your camera!

Parents will be required to change their child out of their costume and collect them during intermission, as Little Stars will not be required for the curtain call. They may join you for the remainder of the show and do not require a ticket.

Hair and Make Up

All students, in the Pre-Junior classes and above, are required to have traditional ballet buns with side twists for Peter Pan. Parents who are unclear on how to create such a hairstyle can look at our website shortly for a YouTube demonstration.

Students with short hair are required to have the side twists with the rest of their hair down. NO BANGS! However your child is brought to the theatre is how they will go on stage.

Little stars may have their hair however they wish as long as it is neat and tidy, off their face and that any hair shoulder length and longer is tied back.

Make Up does not need to be too dramatic. A bit of foundation, rouge, lipstick and eye shadow will prevent the kids' faces from looking washed out under lights.

Photographs and Video

No video or photography will be permitted during the production or backstage. This is distracting for the performers on stage as well as other audience members and the photos and video are often poor quality due to the lighting and sound in the theatre. However we know that these events are important parts of your children's lives and that parents like to document this. Please take photos of your child at home before hand. A DVD of the entire show will be available again.

Please note that in order to comply with our insurer Sport Canada, and for the privacy and safety of our performers, absolutely NO cameras or video recorders will be permitted in the dressing rooms.

A Final Note

Productions are the highlight of every dancer's life and make the hard work all worthwhile. We have been talking to the children in class about what to expect but we ask that you please take the time over the coming weeks to talk to your child about the things they will experience. For some, The Nutcracker and the Mouse King is their first time on stage and the uncertainty can often cause a bit of anxiety and result in some nervous little dancers. Your support in this regard is much appreciated.

If you have any questions feel free to email us at ceaffernie@gmail.com and we will endeavor to help you out as best we can. This is an exciting time in the studio, and we look forward to seeing all their smiling faces up there on stage!

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