

## RECITAL INFORMATION

For those of you who are not familiar with what happens during recital time, this is just a short memo outlining some information that may help you for the upcoming big weekend of Dance! We do 4 recital shows each year in June at the Terry Fox Theatre. They always run Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings with a Saturday matinee as well. Evening shows begin at 6:30pm and children should arrive at the theatre for a 5:45pm call time. Saturday Matinee begins at 12:30pm with a call time of 11:45am.

If your child is ONLY dancing in the SECOND HALF of the show you are welcome to arrive one hour (MAXIMUM) after the show starts (7:30pm for evening performances and 1:30pm for the matinee). There have been occasions where emergency changes have had to be made to the show order and we must have everyone there and accounted for prior to the start of each half of the shows to ensure no one misses out on their opportunity to perform.

Our draft and final recital lineups are sent out by email to the studio. We ask that you look over these lineups to ensure no child has a back to back dance scheduled where there would be no time for a costume change. The show DATE each dance is scheduled for will not change however; the ORDER OF DANCES may change to ensure each child has enough numbers to change for their next dance. Some of our dancers are in 8-13 different dances. Even our young 4-6 year old dancers can be in as many as 5 dances themselves. This takes quite a bit of juggling to make everything work for everyone.

Our shows begin at 6:30pm and we always aim to be completed and leaving the building no later than 9pm. We cannot start any earlier in order to accommodate those coming from their place of work. Unfortunately we cannot have one age group lumped into a certain time frame as it would not allow for costume changes for those younger children in multiple dances or for our other dancers to have routines between their dances for changes as well. It really is a puzzle with the end result being a show where everyone is given their opportunity to make it on that stage to perform. We realize it is an inconvenience for those children who are accustomed to an early bedtime however, your understanding and cooperation with this difficult issue would be appreciated. Our very young and preschool dancers will not be scheduled in the last quarter of the evening shows. It is definitely the only time of year we would potentially impose somewhat of a later night on your children.

At the end of the recital we do a finale where all the dancers line up for a chance to take the stage for another bit of recognition for their hard work and dedication. Awards and scholarships are also awarded to groups and students at this time. It is NOT mandatory to stay for the finale however, if your child IS able to stay, most do love the additional experience of being back onstage in costume with their friends and family watching during that one final bow.

We understand it can be a long wait and by all means pack activities such as coloring books, games, snacks etc. With snacks we recommend food that is not messy and won't potentially stain their costume. Water is the preferred beverage of choice backstage. There will be volunteers backstage taking care of the dancers. **Please refer to the volunteer information sheet.**

We attempt to have each dancer perform the majority of their routines on at least one of the four nights. Given the fact we have 300+ dancers this is a most difficult task. We apologize in advance for our inability to ensure all siblings have same day performances. Please know we are always trying our best.

We hope that recital is a magical experience for your dancer and all audience members attending to witness their moment to shine like the true stars they all are. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

**The Staff at K&S Dance Productions**