

February 25, 2019

Dear Parents:

We are so pleased to have your child dancing with us this year at The Dance Foundation. This letter explains the logistics of photo call and the spring performance, and the enclosures have information about invitations and recital flowers.

The 2 ½ year old classes will perform ***The Lonely Cloud*** in the studio theatre here at The Dance Foundation, complete with costumes. This event will give them a positive introduction to performing for an audience, while celebrating their year of learning and dancing together. Please mark your calendars for this special showcase on **Friday, May 3, 2019**.

The performance fee covers their costume, which dancers keep, and an informal reception for family and friends. The Dance Foundation is a non-profit with extensive work in the community; we raise funds for that work through your purchases of recital photographs, invitations, and bouquets. However, these items are optional.

CAST LIST

Cast lists are enclosed in this mailing and posted in the lobby. Please check the cast list carefully for the spelling of your child's name, and to confirm their recital time. Your child is in one show – **4:00pm or 5:00pm** on May 3rd. If your child's name is not spelled correctly or is not listed and you plan for him/her to be in the recital, PLEASE NOTIFY THE FRONT DESK BEFORE MARCH 10TH!

COSTUME INSTRUCTIONS

You should have received your costume today.

- Please note if there are any minor adjustments that you need to make (i.e. the straps are slightly too loose and need to be sewn shorter). Please make minor alterations at home.
- Look to see if there is a clip or bow pinned to the side of the costume for your child's hair. Discuss with your child's teacher how the hair should be worn for recital and photos.
- Consider if your child needs new tights or shoes. We have these available in our dancewear shop for sale, for your convenience. For the performance - Girls need to wear pink tights and pink ballet shoes. Boys dance barefoot.

Please, do not let your child play or eat or drink in his/her costume before the recital. Costumes may be difficult to clean or replace if something happens.

PHOTO CALL / March 11-16

Focus on Kids Photography will be taking portraits of all dancers present at TDF during your dancer's regular studio class time. If your dancer is absent that week, they will miss their class group portrait; make-up's for individual photos may be arranged.

- **Arrive to class that week dressed in costume**, ready for photos to be taken at the start of class time. Class time will be used to take a group photo of the class, as well as individual student portraits. We will dance in class that day, as time permits.
- Remember, there is no obligation for you to purchase photos; however, it's important that you have your dancer's picture taken as part of their class photo.
- Purchasing photos helps TDF raise money for our community partnership programs and your support is greatly appreciated.
- **The payment must be paid by check or credit card before or at the time of your portrait sitting.** Make checks payable to Focus on Kids Photography. Satisfaction is guaranteed by Focus on Kids.
- **You may prepay for photos** with a credit/debit card at www.ccdebitpay.com . You will need to record your Reference # to write on your order envelope as well as the amount and what items were purchased.
- Your photos will be available at the end of April, and we will announce when they are ready for pick up at TDF.

Portrait Package Options and Prices

Deluxe Portrait Package **\$46**

1 – 8x10	4 – 3x5
2 – 5x7	1 – CD Rom
8 – wallets	1 – 8x10 of class group photo

Portrait Package **\$40**

1 – 8x10	2 – 3x5
2 – 5x7	4 – wallets
1 – 8x10 of class group photo	

REHEARSAL

To help the students feel comfortable in the performance space, we will take them down the hall to the performance studio to dance during class time at least a week before their performance. They will get a chance to look around the space and rehearse their class dance at that time.

PERFORMANCE**Friday, May 3, 2019 in the TDF Studio Theatre**

Your child's class participates in only one of the show times:

4:00pm Show – Ms. Stephanie M.'s Tuesday 10:10 class
Ms. Stephanie K.'s Wednesday 9:15 class

5:00pm Show – Ms. Stephanie M.'s Saturday 10:10 class
Ms. Carolyn's Friday 9:15 class
Ms. Blakely's Thursday 9:15 class

- Please arrive to TDF 10 minutes before their show time. Bring your child in their costume and fully ready. You will drop your child off in Studio #3 with their teacher and then you may go down the hall to be seated in the performance studio.
- Please be sure your child has been to the potty before you leave them with TDF staff.
- We will not be ready to adequately supervise your child until 10 minutes before show time. If you arrive early, please stay with your child until a TDF staff person is ready to take over.
- The performance will last only about 15 minutes and the reception will follow immediately in Studio #2.

Please note: Seating is limited in the performance studio. We ask that each dancer limit their guests to no more than 6 adults. Siblings/children can sit on laps or on the floor in front of the stage.

LAST CLASSES

The week after recital will be the last classes for the school year which ends Saturday, May 11th. We will dance in class that week and have a party towards the end of class to celebrate our year of dancing together. Students may wear their costumes and parents are welcome to bring something to share for the party. **The Saturday 2 ½ year old class will not meet Saturday, May 4th**, but will meet May 11th as their last class.

We are excited about the performance and look forward to sharing some of what the students have learned. Please call us if you have any questions. Thank you for dancing with us!

Sincerely,

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