

The Enchanted Library **3 year olds – 2nd grade dancer performances**

February 26, 2019

Dear Parents:

We are having a fabulous year, and our students are looking forward to the opportunity to showcase their growth as dancers. Teachers and students in our 3-year-old through 2nd grade dance classes are now preparing for our spring performance, ***The Enchanted Library*** by *Blakely Cottle*. This is an original story created just for our students. The purpose of this culminating event is to celebrate each student's growth during the year with The Dance Foundation. This letter explains the logistics of photo call, the dress rehearsal and performance to help everything run smoothly.

The performance fee covers the cost of their costume, which dancers keep, as well as the production and theatre expenses. The recital is free for all to attend; tickets are not required. TDF is a non-profit with extensive work in the community; we raise funds for that work through your purchases of recital photographs, invitations, bouquets, and DVDs. However, these items are optional.

CAST LIST

Cast lists are enclosed 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's class is in either **Cast A, B, or C**. 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 BY MARCH 10th or call us at 870-0073!

COSTUME INSTRUCTIONS

Most costumes will be handed out in class the week of February 25 for your safe keeping.

- 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.
- **3yr olds – 2nd Grade Ballet** students need pink footed tights and pink ballet shoes
- **K, 1st, and 2nd Grade Tap** students need tan footed tights and black tap shoes
- **2nd grade Modern** students need tan footless tights; bare feet.
- **Boys** need to have black ballet shoes (or black tap shoes for tap classes).
- **Costume changes** - If your child has a costume change there is a sheet with details enclosed.

Please, do not let your child play in his/her costume before the recital. They 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.

Package Options and Prices

<p>Deluxe Package</p> <p>(1) - 8x10 (2) - 5x7 (8) - wallets (4) - 3x5 (1) - 8x10 of class (if pictured) (1) - CD Rom \$46</p>	<p>Portrait Package</p> <p>(1) - 8x10 (2) - 5x7 (4) - wallets (2) - 3x5 (1) - 8x10 of class (if pictured) \$40</p>	<p>Additional Deluxe Package</p> <p>(2nd costume) \$42</p>	<p>Additional Portrait Package</p> <p>(2nd costume) \$34</p>	<p>Add-On</p> <p>(3rd Costume, single 8x10) \$25</p>
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Additional photo gifts are available on the order envelope (ie. photo statuette, 16x20, photo key chain, etc.)

DRESS REHEARSALS:

Saturday, May 4th at the Alabama Theatre

1811 3rd Ave North, Downtown Birmingham.

Please note: Regular Saturday classes will not meet at TDF on May 4th

CAST A Rehearsal – 9:00am (Arrive at 8:45am)

CAST B Rehearsal – 11:15am (Arrive at 11:00am)

CAST C Rehearsal – 1:30pm (Arrive at 1:15pm)

Students should arrive in costume at the stage door located on 18th street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues North, downtown Birmingham.

- TDF staff will be at the door if you wish to drop your dancer off with TDF staff and then park your car – but every dancer must have a parent or designated adult stay with them during rehearsal. Everyone enters through the stage door for dress rehearsals.
- **Please do not allow children to get on the stage until they are called up!** After some brief announcements, we will call dancers up by class onto the stage. First, we will rehearse the finale all together and then run the show from the beginning.
- After your child has finished their class dance, they will be dismissed and you may take them home. 2nd grader students need to stay the entire rehearsal to practice their recognition ceremony.

PERFORMANCES:	Sunday, May 5th at the Alabama Theatre <i>1811 3rd Ave North, Downtown Birmingham.</i>
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CAST A Show time – 1:00pm (Arrive at 12:30pm)

CAST B Show time – 3:15pm (Arrive at 2:45pm)

CAST C Show time – 5:30pm (Arrive at 5:00pm)

- It is extremely important that all students arrive **in costume and stage ready** at the stage door at the assigned time and **no earlier**. The recitals run back to back and TDF staff will not be available to receive your child before their scheduled arrival time.
- Parents and family must enter the theatre through the *main entrance* on 3rd Avenue North, around the corner from the stage door.
- All performers will remain backstage until the entire recital is over, which will last just over an hour. You will be given instructions at dress rehearsal on how to retrieve your child after the recital.

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.

We are excited about the performances and look forward to having you with us!

Sincerely,

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Artistic Director

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