

# A FROST DANCE

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## E X P E R I E N C E

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### **Recital Information**

It's that time of year again, Recital! **'Story of My Life'** will be held on **Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** at **1p.m** at **Thomas A Stewart Secondary School**. Both shows are the same program so all dancers are performing on both days to give friends and family an opportunity to view the show. Please read this newsletter carefully. It should answer any questions you have regarding our year end recital.

**Tickets:** Tickets are on sale at the studio at the beginning of May. Admission is free for children 3 and under, and \$10 for all others. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10. Seating is *not* assigned.

**Volunteers:** In order to help keep our dancers on schedule and costume changes running smoothly, we are asking for female, parent volunteers to assist in the girls change room and gymnasium for all of the age 9 and under classes. Your duties would include helping girls with quick costume changes, and monitoring a group of dancers while they are waiting for their turn. There are senior dancers available to help with hair and makeup changes. Our backstage managers will be in the gym the entire run of the show. If there are any questions or concerns, they are the ones that will help you out. As a thank you for your backstage assistance, a complimentary recital ticket will be provided for the alternate performance date. ***If you can help us out there is a signup sheet posted on the bulletin board at the studio. Please put your name under the class and day you can help with and we will contact you when tickets are available, to give you a complimentary one.***

**Dress Rehearsal:** Recital dress rehearsals will be held on **Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>** and **Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>** in the auditorium at **TAS**, a schedule will be provided the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. All students must arrive 10 minutes before their scheduled rehearsal time. All dancers need to come dressed in costume with their hair and stage makeup done, just as it will be for the recital. Dancers will be called from the audience to the stage by their teacher when it is their scheduled rehearsal time. Dancers will change backstage during dress rehearsal, but on the day of the show, they will change in assigned changerooms. If there is a quick change (under 4 numbers to change) a volunteer will help the student get their things ready in the backstage, quick change area.

**\*\*Competitive Opening** – All competitive students participate in the competitive opening that opens each show. The dancers will learn their choreography in their competitive classes. There will be a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm. More information will be emailed to competitive parents about the practice. Dancers need to wear black shorts, or pants with their 2017/18 competitive t-shirt. Hair can be worn as it will be worn in their first piece.

### **On the Day of Recital you can expect:**

- All dancers to be at Thomas A. Secondary School at 12:30p.m. (1/2 hour before the recital).
- All dancers to arrive in costume with their hair & makeup done.
- Please drop your children off at the *Gym* where you will need to sign in Mini and Junior dancers and then sign them out when you pick them up.
- During recital, students will change in the **gym** or in an assigned **change room** as opposed to backstage where dancers changed for dress rehearsal.

- There will be volunteers to help students get prepared for their numbers.
- A volunteer will gather your child's group and lead them on stage for you to enjoy watching their smiling faces
- You may want to send some activities for your child during the waiting period before they go on stage. We do set up a movie for the students to watch in the gym. Please make sure to label everything you bring in.
- We ask that all students stay with their groups in the gym so we can keep it organized and safe for everyone.
- If your child is in more than one number, you may want to send a healthy, peanut free snack for your child including water to drink, as it is a clear liquid that will not stain costumes. No gum please!
- After the show, students are welcome to join the rest of the studio on stage for finale. Once again a volunteer or assistant will escort your child

**Mini & Junior Dancers:** If parents would like to take their children home at intermission, *you will need to sign your children out from the gym.* All junior dancers will receive an achievement certificate for their class in the week before the recital. As such, they will not be missing any awards should you need to leave before the finale.

**Costumes:** Parents & students are responsible for bringing costumes to and from dress rehearsals & recital. We advise using a garment bag to best protect costumes during transportation. **NO JEWELRY** is allowed on students; please keep it home so it's not lost.

**Tights:** Ballet - pink tights (they are called ballet pink); Jazz, Musical Theatre - tan tights; Contemporary, Acro - tan convertible or footless tights. Your child's teacher will specify if they need anything different than listed above.

**Hair:** Hair needs to be pulled back and secured off the face. It's best to do your child's hair when it is wet. For Ballet, hair needs to be pulled back tight to the head & secured in a bun with hair nets and hair pins. If your child's hair is short, please clip it back with barrettes or bobby pins. Please do not use coloured barrettes. **Dancers are not allowed to wear jewelry or nail polish to the recital - please leave all jewelry at home as we cannot be responsible for lost jewelry.** If you are unable to take out earrings, they need to be covered with band aids as the stage lights reflect off of them.

**Make Up:** The stage lights are very bright and your child's face will appear pale on stage, therefore we ask dancers to wear a bit of makeup. Mini and Junior dancers can use blush and lipstick. Intermediate & Senior dancers are asked to wear foundation, eye shadow (browns), eyeliner, mascara and lipstick (more plum than pink please). *Full make-up is required for both the recital and the dress rehearsal.*

**Recital USBs:** Order forms will be emailed out at a later date.

**Finale:** All dancers are invited to be a part of the Finale at the end of each performance. Dancers wishing to come on stage for the finale should remain in the gym for the whole show or come back to the gym 5 numbers before the end of the show. Finale is not mandatory for the dancers. Recognition and awards will be done at the end of the Sunday performance.

**Recital Etiquette:** **If you need to leave the auditorium for any reason, we ask that you do so *only* between dance numbers. It can be distracting for the dancers on stage when the audience is moving and doors are opening. A videographer will be onsite taping both performances.** There is no flash photography allowed during the performance. Please note that there is no food or drink allowed in the auditorium. *We will be selling water during intermission for \$1 a bottle. All proceeds will go to the 'Make a Wish Foundation'.*

### **General Studio Information**

**Last week of Classes:** Recreational classes are run at regular times for the **final week of the season May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>.** *There will be no competitive classes in this week.*

**Bring a Friend Week:** Students are invited & *encouraged* to bring a friend (free of charge) during our final week of classes **May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This week also provides the chance for current students to try a different style of dance that they may be interested in joining next year. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

**Lost and Found:** Please check the lost and found in the studio change room before the end of the year. Anything that is left in the bin will be donated to goodwill.

There are a lot of important dates in this newsletter - please keep it for your reference. Additionally, all dates will be posted on the bulletin board at the studio. If there are any questions regarding the recital that are not answered in this newsletter, ***please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher or Miss Frost before the dress rehearsal.***

### Important Dates

Picture Day	Sunday April 29 <sup>th</sup> at the studio
Ticket Sales	Commencing May
All classes will run as scheduled for make-up classes, or a bonus class	Monday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Monday, May 21 <sup>st</sup> , Victoria Day	The studio is CLOSED.
Tuesday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday classes will run at regular times to make up for Family Day
Wednesday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup> thru Sunday May 27 <sup>th</sup>	The studio is CLOSED for regular classes. Rehearsals are held at TAS.
Dress Rehearsal at TAS (studio is closed)	Wednesday May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Thursday May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Recital at TAS	Saturday May 26 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday May 27 <sup>th</sup> at 1pm
Bring a Friend Week/Final Week of Classes	Monday, May 28 <sup>th</sup> through Saturday June 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Picture Pick Up at the studio	During Bring a Friend week May 28 <sup>th</sup> to June 2 <sup>nd</sup>

