

2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR RECITAL PARTICIPATION FORM

Student(s) Name _____

Complete below for each class in which you plan to participate in the recital. Some students take more than one class per week and some families have several members taking class, so be sure to fill in name below. Each class has a separate costume. Student leaders must purchase a costume for the class they lead.

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COST PER COSTUME: BEFORE/ON OCTOBER 4TH IS \$84; AFTER OCTOBER 4TH IS \$100.

Costume cost \$ _____ x Total number of costumes _____ = \$ _____

RETURN THIS FORM WITH COSTUME PAYMENT CHECK BY OCTOBER 4, 2008. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE TUITION OR OTHER PAYMENTS WITH COSTUME CHECK. FILL OUT ONE FORM PER FAMILY.

Bring to class or mail to: Pennington Dance, 1165 Bear Tavern Road, Titusville NJ 08560

IF PAYING FOR THE COSTUMES NOW IN A LUMP SUM IS A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, CALL NANCY WARNER, DIRECTOR, IMMEDIATELY AT 609.737.7596 TO CREATE A PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND SUBMIT THE FORM BY THE DEADLINE TO AVOID PAYING THE HIGHER COSTUME RATE.

PARENTAL VOLUNTEERS

I am willing to help out as ("x" choice)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> clerical tasks | <input type="checkbox"/> computer/typing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> help soliciting sponsor ads for fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> help with apparel sales for fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> selling tickets during discounted advance ticket sales week (wk of 3/2 - during your child's class) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> class supervisor during dress rehearsal at theatre (6/2) and recital (6/7) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ticket sellers on recital day (6/7) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ushers on recital day (6/7) | |

_____ I have read the recital newsletter carefully and WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY CHILD PARTICIPATE in the Sunday, June 7, 2009 recital. I am assuming the financial obligation of a costume for each class outlined. Enclosed is my full payment. My child will attend class regularly from now till the end of the year. I understand repeated absences may prevent my child from performing. I will have my child participate in an in-class dress rehearsal during regularly scheduled classes and at the theater on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 from approximately 4:30-7:30 pm. I understand my child's attendance at both dress rehearsals is mandatory, unless the rehearsal dates conflict with a previously scheduled academic school activity. I understand that my child will not be allowed to perform in the recital if any tuition fees are outstanding.

_____ I have read the recital newsletter and DO NOT WANT MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE in the Sunday, June 7, 2009 recital.

Parent signature (mandatory)

X _____

RECITAL FAQs

Why do we have a recital?

The recital enables students to explore a vital element of the dance experience, performance. Students develop self-confidence and cooperative teambuilding skills while working on spacing, characterization and stage presence. The performance is in the afternoon on Sunday, June 7, 2009.

Who can participate?

All PENNINGTON DANCE students are eligible and encouraged to perform. Numbers are selected and costumes are ordered based on who participates, so students MUST meet the deadline to participate. Some students are not able to participate in the recital because of plans which conflict with the date. These students need not feel "left-out". They are encouraged to learn the dance number with their class and are welcome to invite family and friends to rehearsals. Efforts are made to insure that no special status is associated with participation. Adult students who choose not to participate in the recital need not feel that their class will be compromised or consumed by "recital fever". Our regular technique classes continue through "recital season."

When are rehearsals held?

Rehearsals are held during a portion of regularly scheduled classes, approximately the last 10 weeks of class. Though steps and patterns which will be in the recital numbers may be introduced earlier in class as part of ongoing curriculum, the actual rehearsal do not get underway until late February. Dress rehearsals will be held in-class, the last full week of classes. A second dress rehearsal will be held at the theater on Tuesday, June 2nd from 4:30-7:30 pm. Attendance at both dress rehearsals is mandatory, unless it conflicts with a scheduled academic school activity. (Attendance on 6/4 is only from 4:30-6:15 or 5:45-7:30 depending on class' order in the show.)

What about costumes?

Measurements for costumes will be taken the second week of class to insure proper sizing. Each class will wear a different costume which students purchase. Students will be asked to provide shoes and tights according to the school dress code. COSTUME PAYMENTS are \$84. PER COSTUME IF PAID IN FULL BY OCTOBER 4TH. After OCTOBER 4TH, THE COST IS \$100. The school does not make any profit from costume orders. These prices reflect our actual out-of-pocket and administrative costs. Since we have so many costumes to process, we begin the administration at the start of the school year. Class group orders are placed based on payments received by October 4th. The higher price for costumes ordered after October 4th, reflect the additional expense of preparing an individual order and the significant shipping/handling surcharge which costume companies assess on single item orders.

Is there a way to practice at home?

Students may bring blank cassette tapes to class in April to have recital music recorded for home practice. Videotaping is allowed as well, but should be done in mid-May when the majority of the number is learned.

How much are tickets? When are they available?

Tickets may be purchased in advance in class at a discount between March 2ND and 7TH. The cost per person per recital in advance is \$20. After the advance discounted sales, tickets will not be available until purchased at the door the day of the recital at \$25. Children under 3 years of age are admitted for free. Ticket fees contribute to the theater rental for the dress rehearsal and performances, union stage labor, printing costs, administrative expenses, etc. The school does not make a profit on the recital. The school subsidizes the recital.

Can Parents offer any assistance?

Our students are the "stars" of the recital, but it is the parental "behind-the-scenes" assistance in providing lessons, chauffeuring, purchasing costumes which help students "shine". PENNINGTON DANCE is very aware and grateful for the high level of parental involvement. PENNINGTON DANCE recitals need a great deal of parental support to run smoothly. If you volunteer to help supervise students backstage during the recital, we expect you to take a break from your "post" to observe your children perform. All parental volunteers receive detailed written instructions.

Are Videotapes/DVDs & photographs available?

Parents are welcome to videotape and photograph both the in-class dress rehearsal and the one at the theatre, but not the actual recital as it is distracting to performers and to audience members. Commercially prepared videos/DVDs can be ordered through ProTech Video which does a great job taping the show. Order forms will be distributed in May.