

Dress Rehearsal –

Saturday, May 21 -Monday May 23, 2011 & Tuesday May 31 – Thursday June 2, 2011

Dress rehearsal will be at the school from May 21 – May 23 & May 31 - June 2, 2011. Please wear your costumes to your regularly scheduled classes. Classes are generally shorter than the regular class times. The dancers will do some simple stretching, as to not dirty their costumes, perform their dances 4-5 times and will then have an opportunity to take class photos. Some instructors do keep the children for the full hour, but most classes are released 15 to 20 minutes early. Perfect Attendance Awards will also be presented during Dress rehearsal week.

Marking rehearsal - Saturday June 4, 2011 12:00 PM

Rehearsal is at the Union County Performing Arts Center on Irving Street in Rahway on June 4, 2011. For directions and parking, please visit their website at www.ucpac.org. Attendance is mandatory! No food or drink will be allowed in the theater. No gum chewing. Children must wear dancewear for this rehearsal.

You DO NOT need to wear your costumes to rehearsal. Please find and stay with the class of the first dance you will be performing in, upon your arrival, and stay with your group until instructed otherwise. Song & Dance classes please sit in the first row as you will be going first.

Note: Any student under the age of 12 MUST have one of their parents or legal guardians remain in the theater. This is for your child's safety, we will not have chaperones.

Students must remain backstage during their scheduled act(s).

Please adhere to the following rehearsal schedule:

12:00 pm

Tuesday 5:15/Saturday 12:00 Song & Dance, Saturday 9:45 Song & Dance

12:20 pm

Time Warp – Int/Adv Tap
Believe – Comp Lyrical
I Never Knew I Needed – Tues 5:45/Saturday 11:30 Pre-Ballet
Ballet – Monday 6:30 Ballet
Shine On – Ballet/Lyrical
Telephone – Teen Hip-Hop
Pre-Tap – Saturday 11:00
Nutcracker – Thursday 5:30
Pre-Acro/Hip-Hop – Wed 6:30/Sat 10:30
Trashin' the Camp – Acro/Gym

1:00 pm

The Time - Finale
Bad Girl – Comp Hip-Hop
The Dog Days are Over – Int/Adv Jazz
Pre-Ballet – Wed 5:30
Dancin' Dan – Mon 5:30 Tap
Waka Waka – Tues Hip-Hop
Teen Ballet – Mon 7:30
Pre-Tap – Wed 6:00
Accidentally In Love – Comp Jazz

As soon as you are finished with all of your dances, you may leave and return at 6pm to the outside backstage door for check-in. Actual order of dances for the recital is at the bottom of these sheets.

Recital rules – Saturday June 4, 2011 6:00 PM

General:

No panties! No gum chewing! No food or drink backstage! It is imperative that everyone adhere to this rule. Dancers may bring a sports bottle with water to be kept in their dance bags at all times. If any employees of the theater find the sports bottles, they will be taken from you and ESMD will be fined! Please keep water hidden! Also make absolutely sure that there is no garbage of any kind left behind in the backstage area or anywhere else in the theater. This is a very specific request from the Union County Performing Arts Center. Again, violation of this rule will result in a fine to the school.

No talking while you're lined up waiting to perform. When you're in your dressing rooms, conversation must be kept at a low volume.

Awards will be given out for 5, 10 and 15 years before the first performance of the evening, make sure you are in your first costume for the night. Perfect Attendance Awards will be presented at the studio during dress rehearsal week. If you feel you should be receiving an award please alert the desk staff immediately.

Song & Dancers (2 1/2 to 4 yrs):

Song & Dancers in Act I are to be brought backstage at 6:00PM to meet the class moms and be left in their dressing rooms with the class moms. Song & Dancers in Act II are to be brought backstage at intermission to meet the class moms and be left in their dressing rooms with the class moms. If your child is hesitant, please leave them with the class moms and go into the theatre. If there is a problem of any kind you will be paged and asked to come backstage. Most times we are able to calm the hesitant child down as soon as the parent has left. Only class moms will be allowed to remain backstage. It is a fire hazard to have too many people backstage and we must allow the room for our dancers. As soon as the act your child performs in is finished, a parent may pick them up from the class mom backstage and you can enjoy the rest of the show. Dancers must be wearing a costume or you will be charged for a ticket. You must exit the front of the theater and walk around the building to the backstage entrance. Please pick up your children promptly so that the class moms can also watch the show. If it is a rainy day, please have an umbrella with you.

Pre- Dancers (4 1/2 to 6 yrs):

Pre-dancers are to be brought backstage at 6:00PM to check in, meet with the class moms and be brought to their dressing rooms. Please have the appropriate shoes on for the dancer's first performance and have the student's ballet, tap and/or Hip-hop shoes in a bag labeled with the child's name.

After the student's final performance, parents may pick up their children backstage. You must exit the front of the theater and walk around the building to the backstage entrance. Please pick up your children promptly so that the class moms can also watch the show.

Dancers only performing in one ACT:

Any older students that are only performing in ACT I may go into the theater and watch ACT II. Children under 12 must be picked up backstage by a parent or guardian. You must exit the front of the theater and walk around the building to the backstage entrance. Students that are performing in ACT II only, are to check in backstage at 6:00PM. If you do not check in we will not know that we have full attendance and we will not be able to start the show on time. You may then go and sit in the audience with your family and watch ACT I. During intermission, you must promptly come backstage and report to your dressing room to which your class has been assigned. Whether you are performing in ACT I or ACT II, you must be wearing a costume or you will be charged for a ticket.

Hair and Makeup:

All dancers (except for boys and Song & Dancers) must have their hair in a bun. Short hair and bangs must be securely pinned back off your face. All dancers should have lipstick and blush applied before arriving to the theater. Wearing any other makeup (eye makeup, etc.) is at the parents' discretion.

Family and Friends:

Please limit taking photographs during the performance, as it is distracting to both the dancers and other audience members. Please be considerate and shoot only during your child's performance. **No flash photography, please!** **Also, no balloons are permitted in the theater.** Absolutely no one may approach the stage for any reason during the Awards Ceremony, especially to present performers with flowers or other gifts. Do not under any circumstances take your child(ren) off the stage. These rules are for the safety of our students/your children.

Recital schedule, 7:00PM Saturday June 4, 2011

Act 1

Time Warp – Int/Adv Tap
Song & Dance – Sat 9:45
Believe – Comp Lyrical
I Never Knew I Needed – Tues 5:45/Saturday 11:30 Pre-Ballet
Ballet – Monday 6:30 Ballet
Shine On – Ballet/Lyrical
Telephone – Teen Hip-Hop
Pre-Tap – Saturday 11:00
Nutcracker – Thursday 5:30
Pre-Acro/Hip-Hop – Wed 6:30/Sat 10:30
Trashin' the Camp – Acro/Gym

Act II

Bad Girl – Comp Hip-Hop
Mr. Sun – Tues 5:15/Sat 12:00 Song & Dance
The Dog Days are Over – Int/Adv Jazz
Pre-Ballet – Wed 5:30
Dancin' Dan – Mon 5:30 Tap
Waka Waka – Tues Hip-Hop
Teen Ballet – Mon 7:30
Pre-Tap – Wed 6:00
Accidentally In Love – Comp Jazz
The Time – Finale

One of the benefits of being a ESMD student is **no hassle recitals**. The recital will be no longer than 2 1/2 hours. Very young dancers should be well rested. It is a long night for them, and we want them to do their best for their big show. The reason we have younger dancers performing later in the show is to make sure that older dancers performing in more than one number have a chance to change their costumes and get back on stage on time. This will also help with the flow of the show so that we can keep things moving and possibly end early. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If you have not yet purchased your recital tickets, please do so prior to the show. Reserved tickets are available at the front desk. The line outside the theater is always very long and some audience members have missed the beginning of the show due to the very long lines. Tickets will not be sold at the theater past 7:15 PM, so please remember to purchase your tickets in advance. It is also important that you purchase your tickets early due to the chance that the recital may sell out. In that event, there would not be tickets available at the door. Thanks for a wonderful year and enjoy the show!