

SPRING CONCERT LETTER

May, 2008

Dear Dancers and Parents,

As you all know we are beginning preparations for our Spring Dance Concert. PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY AS IT CONTAINS **A LOT** OF IMPORTANT SHOW INFORMATION! There will be two performances, Friday and Saturday June 13th & 14th at 7:30 pm to be held at Merrill Auditorium. Advanced Modern, Advanced Hip Hop and adult Repertory classes will be performing in both shows. All other classes will dance in only one of the shows. We do our very best to keep families with more than one dance class in one show, but it's impossible to accommodate everyone. Students in more than one class or siblings dancing in different classes may be scheduled on both nights.

Each class has been assigned to either the Friday or Saturday show. Your dancer should already know which night their class dances. You can also check our website at www.cascobaymovers.com. We are in the process of sending home detailed costume letters describing costumes and related costs.

Attached please find the rehearsal schedule as well as other relevant information. Dancers in Friday's show will rehearse on either Thursday or Friday beginning @ 3:30 pm. Dancers in the Saturday show will rehearse in the afternoon from 2 PM. Rehearsal time is very tight so it's important for the dancers to arrive at least 10 minutes early prepared to go on stage at the assigned time. The backstage dressing rooms will not be available during dress rehearsals, so please arrive **in costume!** Performers may come early and/or stay late around their rehearsal time to watch any of the other dances. If you choose to escort your child into the theater, **only one parent per dancer is allowed in the auditorium during rehearsal.** Food is allowed in the outside hallway, but not in the auditorium. The rehearsals are extremely important for the dancers to become accustomed to the stage and for the choreographers to make adjustments as needed for the space. **Anyone who misses his/her dress rehearsal or has an outstanding balance for tuition or costumes will not perform in the show.**

Drop off and pick up for rehearsals will be on Myrtle Street at the **Auditorium door** (doors will be labeled). After the rehearsal, dancers may leave the theater, but need to return no later than ½ hour before show time (7PM), this time at the **Rehearsal hall door.**

During the show the dancers will be escorted to a designated seating area after their dance or will have an opportunity to watch the show on TV from backstage. Dancers who are performing in the second half of the show will be seated in a designated area to watch the first half and will be escorted backstage at intermission. *Performers do not need tickets unless you want them to sit with you during the second half of the show.*

We will need volunteers to help out backstage and sit in the auditorium with the dancers during the performance. Volunteers will be able to see some of the show. Please let Angie Harrison know if you are interested or sign up at the front desk. Parents with dancers in both shows will be given priority to volunteer. In addition, Merrill Auditorium has its own volunteer training program. If you are interested in becoming an official Merrill Auditorium Volunteer, please contact them directly.

After the show please remain inside the auditorium. Please DO NOT go backstage to pick up your child. The dancers will be escorted onto the stage and released to you there. The duration of the show is about 2 hours. If you need to pick up your child before the end of the show, we need to know at least two days ahead of time, so we can make arrangements. There will be no kids classes held at the studio Thursday, Friday or Saturday June 12-14, except for the 3yr old Danceimagination class Saturday morning 9 am.

We will be raffling a Fall 15 class dance card for \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5, available at the studio and at the show. All proceeds will go to our scholarship program. In addition, look for the beautiful flowers you can buy for your dancer in the lobby at both performances.

All seating for the show will be reserved. Tickets are \$18.50 (\$16.50 for senior citizens, ages 65+ and children 12 and under). Tickets will go on sale May 10th. You may purchase tickets at Merrill Auditorium (PortTix), 20 Myrtle St, Portland, Mon thru Sat, 12-6pm, by phone at 842-0800 (\$4.00 surcharge per ticket) or online at www.porttix.com (\$5.00 surcharge per ticket). There will be no refunds for unused tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door on performance nights.

Thank you for your cooperation and support! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at the studio at 871-1013.

Thank you, The CBM Faculty & Staff