# SPRING CONCERT IMPORTANT INFO

Dear Dancers and Parents,

June 2014

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! This year's show will be at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center located at 471 Stroudwater Street Westbrook, ME (in the new Westbrook Middle School building). There will be two evening performances, Friday and Saturday June 20 & 21 at 7:00 pm and a Matinee Saturday June 21 at 12:00 pm.

## When is my dancer performing?

Advanced teen and adult repertory classes will be performing in both evening shows. All other classes will dance in only one show. We do our very best to keep families with more than one dance class in one show, but it is impossible to accommodate everyone. Students in more than one class or siblings dancing in different classes may be scheduled in each performance.

Each class has been assigned to either the Friday or Saturday show. Dance Imagination, Jazz Basics, and the Combo classes will perform in the Saturday Matinee. We are in the process of sending home detailed costume slips describing costumes and related costs.

#### **Dress Rehearsal**

A detailed rehearsal schedule is attached. 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! 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 cafeteria only, not in the auditorium. The rehearsals are very 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 be allowed to perform in the show.

10 minutes before your rehearsal time, please meet in the **Gymnasium**, where group photos will be taken. Then you will be brought to the **Auditorium** to run your dance on stage. After rehearsal, dancers may leave the theater, but need to return no later than ½ hour before show time.

There will be a drop off and pick up procedure given to dancers at their rehearsal. The duration of the evening shows is about 2 hours and the Matinee is about 1 hour. If you need to pick up your child before the end of the show we need to know so we can make arrangements.

Dancers performing in the first half of the show will be escorted to a designated seating area in the theater after their dance or may choose to watch the show on a large screen monitor from backstage. Dancers 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 a ticket unless you want them to sit with you during the second half of the show.* 

#### Volunteers

We will need volunteers to usher, help out backstage and sit in the auditorium during the evening performances. Volunteers will be able to see some of the show. If you are interested in volunteering please sign up at the front desk.

There will be no kids classes held at the studio Thursday, Friday or Saturday June 19-21

### **Raffle & Flower Sales**

We will be raffling a fall 15 class dance card, a \$225 value for \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5, available at the dance studio and at the show. In addition look for the beautiful flowers you can buy for your dancer in the lobby at all the performances (\$5 per rose). All the proceeds will benefit **The Portland Youth Dance scholarship program.** 

#### **DVD Orders**

All Three shows will be filmed. DVD order forms will be available at the box office and The Casco Bay Movers front desk.

### **Tickets: Evening Performance**

Seating for the shows is general admission. Tickets are now available at the front desk.

**Advanced Price:** Before June 19th

\$20 (\$18 for senior citizens 65+ and children 10 & under)

#### \*Theater Price:

\$22 (\$20 for senior citizens 65+ and children 10 & under)

#### **Tickets Matinee Performance:**

Seating for the shows is general admission. Tickets are now available at the front desk.

**Advanced Price:** Before June 19th

\$16 (\$14 for senior citizens 65+ and children 10 & under)

#### \*Theater Price:

\$18 (\$16 for senior citizens 65+ and children 10 & under)

\*Starting Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup> tickets will only be available at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center Box Office. You can buy tickets during rehearsal times only, and one hour prior to the shows. **CASH & CHECK** only at theater. **There will be no exchanges or refunds.**