

DANCE INNOVATIONS SPRING DANCE FESTIVAL 2024

Dear Parents,

We are so excited about the upcoming recital! Celebrating your dancer's hard work will be a wonderful highlight to the year! We have tried to include as many of the components of the Recital as we can – Please read this carefully notating deadlines for return of the various items such as Ticket Requests, Souvenir Shirts, Flowers etc.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE!

June 10-13th (Monday–Thursday) – all classes will be held at regular times including PG groups and technique classes.

June 14th (Friday) – Technique class rehearsals (Time TBD) at Chatham Middle School (480 Main Street, Chatham, NJ)

June 14th Friday - Recital @ 7:30 p.m. for select groups only

June 15th (Saturday) – Performances at Chatham Middle School (See below for times)

TICKETS...

- Friday June 14th @7:30 (Select Groups) AND Saturday June 15th - 6 recitals are scheduled: 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm and 6:45pm. A list will be sent to you shortly with your dancer's showtime(s).
- Tickets: \$25 per ticket for any audience participant age 3 and over. Wristbands will be given in lieu of hard copy tickets. Each show will have a different colored wristband.
- As our gift to you – the price of the ticket will include a video link to your dancers' performance(s). Please be sure when you are filling out the Ticket Request Form to include the email that you want the link sent to
- A Complimentary ticket/wristband will be given to any DANCER who participates in one (or more) of the recitals and would like to stay to support (and enjoy) their sibling.
- At this point we are not limiting the number of tickets you may purchase but it is very important that you return your request during the week of April 29, 2024 so that we can see how many seats are still available.
- A sign will be posted and an email will be sent when Tickets/Wristbands are available for pick up in the office. No tickets/wristbands will be mailed to students.
- You MAY request additional tickets after this deadline (as long as the performance is not sold out) and since there is no assigned seating your additional family and friends will be able to sit with you.

RECITAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION - SATURDAY JUNE 15th, 2024:

- Please have your children arrive 30 minutes before show time, dressed in costume and ready to go
- Preschool and K-3rd tap classes will be wearing tights*, white ankle socks and their tap shoes. (* Please see tight chart posted in studio lobby for color). This will be posted April 1.

FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD ONLY DESIGNATED CLASS MOMS, STAFF AND STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED IN BACKSTAGE AREA. If you are interested in volunteering to be a class mom, please email us or call us with the class time and day and your name. You will not need a ticket to be a class mom. We appreciate your time very much and thank all class moms!!

- Dance Innovations Staff/Teachers & Volunteer Class Moms will be available to supervise the backstage rooms filled with activities for your children.
- For all Preschool & K-3rd classes:
 - We request that your dancer changes into their dance shoes before being dropped off and bring their own LABELED DISPOSABLE water bottle as Dancers will exit from the stage after the finale to a designated pickup location & thus will NOT be going back to the backstage area.

- Exception: If a dancer is in multiple shows, they may bring their own food labeled in bags to eat in between shows on their break.
- At the completion of the finale, please have only one parent come to the designated pick up area (announced at the end of each show) to pick up your child. No child will be allowed to leave the area unless a parent picks them up.
- We know that you are there to celebrate your dancer. However, we strongly encourage you to stay and watch the full performance rather than picking up your child early. It is important for all classes (whether they perform at the beginning or the end) to have full audience support. Plus if you pick them up early they will not get to be a part of the Finale - a fun moment where they get to share the stage with the advanced dancers.

SOUVENIR SHIRTS & BOUQUETS: For your convenience, specialty Boutique items and individually wrapped fresh cut flowers will be available for purchase. To guarantee availability enclosed in this packet are pre-order forms for these bouquets as well as the Dance Festival 2024 Souvenir Shirts. <Note: Very few will be available at the show.> (Final artwork still not finalized for shirt.)

FILMING & PHOTOGRAPHY:

- Please remember that there is **NO FILMING** during the Recital Performances – But remember with your ticket purchase you will be able to have access to a link with your dancers show.
- You are welcome to film during the rehearsal, but, please respect the taped off areas towards the front of the theater so that the teachers can move around easily and guide the dancers through their dances.
- Non-Flash photography may be taken from your seat. However, please limit the use of any camera/cell phone etc. as these block the view of others in the audience.

PERFORMING GROUP AUDITIONS

As many of you know Dance Innovations have Performing Group opportunities for many ages and styles. These groups and the Dance Innovations Performance Company are renowned for their versatility and support to the community and to those in need. These groups teach our dancers at a young age that you can do something you love and share this passion and joy with others. These groups have had the opportunity to perform for numerous performances and venues throughout the year including the Holiday Nutcracker & community events (just to name a few). Audition dates for the 2024-2025 Season will be at various times the first two weeks of June. If you are interested in finding out more about our performing groups please inquire in the office or feel free to email us.

SUMMER CLASSES

We will be having a six week summer class schedule from July 8 – August 16th (pro-rating available) as well as Budding Artist Camps, Broadway Bound Camp and Dance & Musical Theater Intensives. Schedules are available in the office and lobby. We thank you for your support.

We hope you all enjoy the recitals this year, our thanks to the students for all of their hard work this year!!!

Susan McCutcheon Coutts
Artistic Director, Dance Innovations Inc.

Note: Classes will not be held on Memorial Day Weekend (May 25-27th, 2024). Students are welcome to make up a missed class during the remainder of the spring session.