

Dear INCLUDE 3-5 year old class Families-

We are so excited for these dancers to take the stage. Here are all the odds and ends you need to know in order to prepare for their performance.

BUY TICKETS HERE <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=280249>

- Your dancer is performing on the Saturday, May 24th 2pm performance.
- These shows are only about 1 hour long so they are great for siblings and friends and family.
- You can buy tickets at the door, but it is easiest if you purchase them ahead of time.
- *If the ticket price does not work with your family's budget right now, please email financialaid@columbiadance.org and our financial aid committee can work on gifting you free tickets. It is important to Columbia Dance that all of our performers have fans in the audience!
- The parent who is going onstage with their dancer does not need to buy a ticket.

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER? <https://signup.com/go/adoGTtm>

- We rely on volunteers to make these performances work. We need dressing room chaperones, ticket takers, ushers, etc. Please view our sign up sheet to see if there is something you can help with.

A NOTE FOR INCLUDE FAMILIES

Our goal is for our INCLUDE dancers to feel fully included in our Spring Show experience, but to also know that most things can be adapted to their needs. For instance, the dress code listed below is what our other 3-5 year old classes will be wearing. If an INCLUDE student is excited to wear tights, leotard, ballet shoes, and their hair in a bun then that is great. However, if your dancer feels more comfortable in leggings, a t-shirt, barefoot, with their hair down, that works for us too. We want to have an environment where they can feel successful. We do recommend that they start wearing to class whatever outfit they plan to perform in so that they are used to it.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE THEATER

- Dancers should arrive in what they plan to perform in with street clothes over top
- Optional dress code for INCLUDE 3-5 year olds
 - Clean pink tights, lilac leotard, pink skirt, pink ballet slippers for girls
 - Clean white t-shirt, black pants, black ballet slippers for boys
 - All dress code items can be purchased online at <https://www.eurotard.com/v4/ClassUniform.aspx?ID=4287>
 - We have a bin of gently used ballet slippers in our lobby that you are welcome to take from if you find shoes that fit
- The dancers will wear these outfits on stage (if that works for them). Iggy will get to add a lilac cummerbund to his outfit. We also have headpieces to add to their hair that they get to keep.
- They should bring a small bag with their ballet slippers, brush, water bottle, and a snack
- If you know how to put their hair in a ballet bun, and they are up for that, please do so before you drop them off. If not, our volunteers will do their hair once they arrive.
- Here is a video on one way to make a great ballet bun.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ae3Ks-fl3e4&t=5s>

WHERE/WHEN

- Arrive at Skyview High School at 12:00pm Saturday, May 24th
- Skyview High School 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver WA
- When you turn into Skyview, take an immediate RIGHT into the south parking lot. You can park there and walk your dancer to the stage door (on south side of building) to check in.
- INCLUDE 3-5 year old students should have a parent with them at all times. You will come backstage with your dancer and join them onstage. Parents going onstage are encouraged to wear black or another dark color so that the focus is on the kids!
- Your dancer will have a dress rehearsal before the show that will be professionally photographed. Then they will have a snack/lunch break.
- 2pm- show starts
- The younger dancers will sit in the audience to watch the big kids perform first and then will be lead backstage for their turn.
- The show is approximately 1 hour long.
- After the show you will need to sign your child out in the lobby (there will be signs). We thank you in advance for your patience. There are a lot of performers and it takes a few minutes to make sure they all make their way safely to their families.

OTHER HELPFUL THINGS TO KNOW

- No photography or videography during the show or backstage.
- We have a professional photographer and videographer and you will have a chance to access these photos and videos after the show.
- We will not have flowers for sale at the show this year. If you want to bring flowers for your dancer you will need to purchase them before you arrive for the theater.
- The theater does not allow food or drink inside the auditorium. We will have water and cookies for sale, but these will need to be consumed in the lobby.
- If you need to reach us the day of the show, call Becky's cell phone 925-437-2929
- Classes continue after the Spring Showcase until June 14th. We have fun June plans for these dancers to wrap up a great year!

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. We know that this is a lot of info and we are here to help!