

Dear INCLUDE Thursday 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!

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, our dancers in our other classes wear pink tights, ballet shoes and a leotard underneath the skirt that we provide. The ladies also perform with their hair in a ballet bun. Our recommended outfit below gives our INCLUDE dancers those same options. However, if your dancer prefers to leave their hair down and dance in socks we want you to know that we are totally fine with that. 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
- We have a lovely sheer burgundy skirt for the ladies to wear (that they return to us after the show). They will need to have clothing under the skirt and can choose from:
 - Black leggings/pants and a black shirt
 - OR
 - Pink or black tights and a black leotard
- We have a burgundy shirt for Ian and he will wear his own black pants with it.
- We recommend that all of the dancers wear ballet slippers if they are comfortable with them.
 - 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
- They should bring a small bag with their ballet slippers, brush, water bottle, and a snack/lunch
- 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 11:45am 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.
- You can sign your dancer in at the stage door and leave if you feel that they will be fine with our staff and volunteers. We do allow parents of INCLUDE students to stay with their child backstage if that is their preference and we do need a few parents to volunteer to chaperone the class (see volunteer sign up sheet above).
- 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 dancers will sit in the audience at the start of the show to watch our company dancers 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!