

Dear Pre-Ballet 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 Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### **WHAT TO BRING TO THE THEATER**

- Dancers should arrive in their class uniform with street clothes over top
  - Clean pink tights, pink leotard, 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=4289>
  - We have a beautiful dance dress that they will borrow to perform in as well as a lovely headpiece 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, 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>
- Please no make up or fingernail polish

## **WHERE/WHEN**

- Arrive at Skyview High School at 11:45am Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>
- Skyview High School 1300 NW 139<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Once they are checked in, you will part ways. Parents are not allowed backstage unless they are signed up as a chaperone. It just gets too crowded. There is a Starbucks up the street if you'd like a place to hang out.
- Your dancer will have a dress rehearsal before the show that will be professionally photographed. Then they will have a snack break.
- Parents are not allowed to watch the dress rehearsal. They must wait to enter the theater until performance time. This allows the kids to have a practice run without the pressure of an audience.
- 2pm- show starts
- 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.
- 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.
- Dancers must be checked out AT THE END of the show. Dancers may not be checked out mid-show. They get to keep the headpiece that they wore in the show as a keepsake.
- 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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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!