

# CREATIVE STEPS DANCE STUDIO

## DANCE RECITAL GUIDELINES – MAKING IT A SMOOTH DAY!

### STEP 1 : AT HOME—

- ❖ Gather all costume, accessories, face mask, dance shoes, and tights
- ❖ Get dressed and ready completely at home (in your first outfit if you have more than one – show orders e-mailed)
- ❖ Do your hair at home.
- ❖ All Dancers **AGES 3 - 10** hair must be pulled back in a neat high bun at the top of your head. If hair is too short, a ponytail is fine. If still too short find a hairstyle that works for you while keeping most of it off the face. (photos on our recital info webpage)
- ❖ All Dancers **AGES 11 - 18** hair must be parted in the center (or slightly off center either side) and pulled into a neat low bun at the base of the neck/head. If hair is too short, a ponytail is fine. If still too short find a hairstyle that works for you while keeping most of it off the face. (photos on our recital info webpage)
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- ❖ Make up is recommended for older dancers – but not mandatory by anyone. We suggest eye make up due to the face masks being worn. Eye shadow, mascara and eye liner are appropriate.
- ❖ Grab your wristbands to bring to the show with you!

### STEP 2 : ARRIVING TO THE VENUE—

- ❖ Arrive to the American Legion Post 440 located at 295 California Street in Newton.
- ❖ Masks are required by all guests, attendees, staff, and dancers at all times regardless of the states decision to lift the mandate.
- ❖ Arrival time is strictly 15 minutes prior to your showtime. (showtimes e-mailed to you)
- ❖ DO NOT arrive early – also DO NOT arrive late! We have everything calculated exactly and we do not have space for folks to go if you are too early. We also are starting each show exactly on time so we will not wait for dancers if you are late! Please wait in your car if you plan to arrive too early.
- ❖ Walk up to the front entrance of the Post 440. We will have staff members here to take your dancer from you. We will bring your dancer into the holding room to be seated with their class while they wait their turn to perform. Parents are being asked to leave children with our staff. Only parents of young children who are having a hard time with drop off will be allowed inside the holding room.
- ❖ If the show is outside – parents proceed to the outdoor seating area. Here we will have staff checking for wristbands so please have them on. Every person needs wristband, even children.
- ❖ If the show is indoors – parents proceed into the show room. Here we will have staff checking for wristbands so please have them on. Every person needs wristband, even children.
- ❖ All seating is first come first serve. No need to arrive early as no one will be allowed inside early. All seats will be grouped together into pods. Find a seating pod that fits your family and take a seat. DO NOT move the chairs! We have this exactly calculated so do not sit in a pod of 4 chairs if you only have 2 wristbands, etc.

### **STEP 3 : DURING THE SHOW—**

- ❖ After you have taken your seat please scan the QR code that we have posted around the venue. This will open up a copy of the program.
- ❖ All dancers will be brought out to stage 1 class at a time, they will dance, and be brought back to the holding area until the end of the show. Please remain in your seats the whole show and do not try to come claim your dancer before the end.
- ❖ Photography and Video are welcomed (however it is pretty distracting to the other guests and dancers) If you choose to take photos or video YOU MUST remain seated at all times! You may not stand to get a better view. Also do not hold your device up above your head. Please be considerate of the other guests around you. You may be blocking the view of someone who is trying to see their own child perform.
- ❖ We are having the show professionally video taped as well as professionally photographed (order forms e-mailed to you)
- ❖ At the conclusion of the show we will bring each class out onto the stage one by one for a final bow.
- ❖ After all the dancers are seated back in the holding room ONE adult from your party may come inside to claim your dancer. We will be checking names written on your wristband to make sure it matches the dancer's name to ensure all our kids are safely being picked up by a family member.

### **STEP 4 : AFTER THE SHOW—**

- ❖ All guests must exit the show area. If you have to attend a 2<sup>nd</sup> show – you still must exit the area and re start the whole process over again. Our staff needs time to re organize, clean, wipe down, and prepare for the next show.
- ❖ Dancers that are in multiple shows (if they are teenagers) may wait inside the holding area. Unfortunately, younger children will need to be picked up as our staff cannot watch them while we are cleaning up and re setting.
- ❖ Shower your dancer with love! They are incredible young people!

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