

## Annual Dance Performance Information

Upper Falls Dance Academy offers each of its students an annual performing opportunity. The production will take place the Saturday June 18. It is held in Stephens Theatre at Towson University located on York Road. In the attempt to educate the students to all of the elements that involve a stage production, we incorporate lighting, drama, sets and props in addition to the standard make-up and costumes.

Although the teachers' main focus is the education of dance, there are other important aspects of the art that we strive to develop in each student. Without stage presence, expression, musical interpretation and character roles, dance would be a mechanical series of movements and positions, which is not representative of a true art form. It is for this reason that Upper Falls Dance Academy has chosen for over 40 years to entertain our audiences with a story based or a theme performance.

In order to provide our students with this professional atmosphere, it involves the use of lighting technicians, stage managers, house staff, backdrops, sets, props and special effects. The majority of these expenses are absorbed by the ticket price that is charged for attending the performance with the remaining balance covered by the studio.

The costumes for the dancers are selected to portray their role in the production, which at times may not be your typical "dance" costume. **A costume is needed for each dance style the student is enrolled in unless otherwise stated.** There are times when a student will pay a nominal fee to rent a costume from our studio stock or for add-on pieces that are applied to a basic costume. A deposit will be due by December 1. The balance due will be listed in our March newsletter and due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Costume measurements are taken before our holiday break. These measurements fall in a size range category. When the costume arrives, adjustments may need to be taken to fit the individual body type. When the costumes have been selected they will be posted for the students and parents to view. The order must be placed in January to insure delivery by May. This allows ample time to make any necessary adjustments before the performance.

After Memorial Day, the students will participate in rehearsals that combine students in their same dance sequences. **These rehearsals replace their prior schedule and will not be held on their regular class day or time.**

All students who are interested are invited to participate in the performance. Limited roles are given to our "budding dancers" in the introductory and primary levels as they make their premiere debut on the stage. Dress Rehearsal on June 17 is MANDATORY for all participants. Students must STAY for entire show on June 18, early dismissal is not allowed. **Please fill out a non-performance form and hand in by December 1, to let UFDA know if your child is unable or uninterested in dancing in the June performance.**

**A Costume will be ordered for your child and payment will be due if we are not notified by that time. This is always an exciting time for the students and we hope you will be joining us in our annual production.**