

Steppin' Out Dance Centre

May Newsletter 2021

Spirit Week/Bring a Friend Week:

We will be holding a Spirit Week for all classes Tuesday, June 1st-Saturday, June 5th! We will have different activities each day which we will announce soon!. Bring a Friend Week will be held June 6th-12th. If your friend registers for summer or fall classes, you will receive \$10 off your summer registration.

Memorial Day Weekend:

Our studio will be closed Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 29th - Monday, May 31st, in honor of the holiday. We will reopen for classes on Tuesday, June 1st.

Recital T-Shirts:

Our first order of our 30th Anniversary Recital T-Shirts will be ready this week. If you haven't ordered your shirt, make sure to reserve it now to be included in our second and **final** order. All dancers 5&up are learning a special finale dance to perform at our recital and we will be wearing these t-shirts for the finale dance! T-shirts are \$17.50 incl. tax and will be tie dyed!

Recital DVD's/New Videographer:

Recital DVD's will be optional in your recital package (see separate handout with recital package information) for an additional \$30. There will be **NO** videotaping or picture taking during dress rehearsal or recital. We have hired a professional videographer to capture this special day and need to ensure a certain number of DVDs are purchased. Please see recital information handout to learn more about Recital DVD's.

We are excited to announce that Brittany Pace of Keeping Pace Video Production will be filming our recital this year. Brittany studied Media and Theatre at USM. She is the daughter of studio owner in Lisbon and has taught dance since her senior year of high school. She currently lives and works in New York City with the Blue Man Group as well as filming on Broadway. Brittany returns to Maine in the spring to video dance recitals like ours. We are so excited to have her capture our special day!

Recital Pictures:

Recital Pictures will be taken by Bruce Haskell Photography again this year at the Elks Lodge in Saco. Pictures will be held on Thursday June 3rd for Performance Team Classes and Saturday June 5th for all regular classes. Each class will have their own time slot and will leave the building immediately following to avoid contact with other classes. Please arrive in your costume to avoid changing at the venue. Picture times will be posted online and emailed soon. Production pictures will be taken on Wednesday, May 26th at Laurel Hill Cemetery at 4:30pm for Hip Hop, 5:00pm for Jazz, and 5:30pm for Clogging. Rain date to be announced at a later time.

Recital Program Ads:

Advertise your business or wish your favorite dancer good luck! We have a limited amount of space available in our Recital Program. Order forms are now available in the dancewear store. Please send in your ad to be placed in our program by June 1st. Please email order forms to steppinoutofficestaff@gmail.com or drop them off to our office staff.

Happy Ad \$20.00 / Business Card \$50.00 / Half Page \$100.00 / Full Page \$200.00

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Specialty Numbers - Open to all dancers & their families:

We will be having practices for our specialty numbers starting in May including Mother/Daughter/Son Clogging, Father/Daughter, Men's Number, Family Funk, Alumni Clogging, and Alumni Jazz/Hip Hop. See separate handout for practice times. Please sign up in our store. There is a \$10.00 family fee to participate in as many specialty numbers as you would like.

Instudios Week/Last Day of Classes/Dress Rehearsal:

Instudios Week will be held Sunday June 13th-Saturday June 19th. We will have an adjusted schedule each day of the week so classes can perform their numbers for each other. You will still come on your regular days but will get to perform your numbers in front of an audience! Our last day of regular classes will be Saturday June 19th.

Dress Rehearsal will be held at the venue on Friday June 25th. All Performance Teams will be rehearsing from approx. 1pm-4pm without costume and all regular classes will be rehearsing from approx. 4pm-8pm with costume. See our separate recital handout for more information!

Recital Information/Ticket Sales/Recital Package:

Our Recital theme this year is Past and Present: Celebrating 30 Years of Dance! Our Recital will be held on Saturday, June 26th at the OOB Seaside Pavilion. We will be holding three shows that will be based on age. Recital Programs will be emailed by the end of this month! When these are emailed, please check to see which show your dancer is in and make sure they do not have any back to back numbers. Please make sure to check the spelling of your child's name and contact us if any corrections need to be made. *Line up is subject to change.*

Tickets will be extremely limited this year. Tickets will be limited to 3 tickets per dancer and will be sold starting the first week of June at the studio. This year, we will be doing something a bit different with the way we offer our recital since tickets are so limited for our live show. Attached to this newsletter is our recital informational sheet. This includes **very important** information on our recital package and what is offered with it. Please read this carefully and contact us with any questions.

Summer Dance Classes & Camps Special:

We will be offering a 5 week summer dance session starting in July as well as 7 different weeks of dance camps. Register for multiple weeks of dance camp by Recital Day and get \$25.00 off! Sign up now!! Before and After Extended Care will be offered for all weeks of dance camps again this year! If you are participating in any of our 2021-2022 Performance Teams, please register for your summer classes no later than Tuesday, July 6th.

Pre-Register for Fall Classes:

Our current dancers will have the chance to register early to ensure you get into the classes you want! Our Fall Schedule will be out by the end of May. Pre-register by June 26th and get \$10.00 off your registration.

Trophy Recipients:

If you are receiving your 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, or 30th year trophy, please sign up in the dancewear store by May 30th. (Email sign ups will also be accepted)

Dancer Ribbons:

All dancers will be awarded a special ribbon for their participation in dance for the 2020-2021 season. These will be handed out a dress rehearsal.

Steppin' Out Dance Centre Presents

Recital Information Guide 2021

This informational guide has all the information you need to know about our 2021 Recital. We want to remind everyone that like last year, this year's Recital is different than normal. Our team is super excited that we have been able to put this Recital plan together for you so our students are able to perform in front of an audience this year!

Our Recital Theme this year is Past and Present: Celebrating 30 Years of Dance! Our show will be on Saturday, June 26th at the OOB Seaside Pavilion.

Dress Rehearsal:

We will be holding our Dress Rehearsal for the shows on Friday, June 25th, 2021 at the OOB Seaside Pavilion. These rehearsals are so each class can block their number on the stage. We will likely not go in the order of the shows. Dress Rehearsal will run from approx. 1pm-4pm for all Performance Team classes without costume since they have already performed their numbers at competition. Dress Rehearsal for all regular classes will be from 4pm-8pm. You will have a designated time slot for your numbers and the schedule will be released soon!

Show Breakdown:

Our Recital will be made up of 3 shows, broken up by our Performance Teams and their age groups. Our first show will showcase our littlest dancers, ages 5&under. Our second show will consist of our dancers in our Pee Wee and Jr Performance Teams and all classes ages 5-12yrs. Our third show will be made up of our Teen, Sr, and Adult Performance Teams and all classes ages 13&up. Our Clogging, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Modern Production Numbers will be performed in ALL of our shows. If you are not sure which show your child is in, don't worry, we will be releasing our Recital Program Draft at the end of May so you can prepare for what show to attend!

Breakdown of Recital Day/Parking:

Recital Day will begin at approx. 9am on June 26th. The parking lot located at the venue can accommodate up to 100 vehicles. There will also be a shuttle bus running from OOB High School to the venue. Our first show will be in the morning, our second show will be in the afternoon and our third and final show will be in the early evening (times to be announced). Once each show is done, we ask that all audience members and dancers quickly exit the venue so the Pavilion staff can begin to sanitize. Sanitizing will take approximately 1hour. This allows time for the sanitizer to be sprayed and to dry. Audience members will not be allowed to enter until 30 minutes prior to each show and will not be able to enter once the shows have begun. Our final show must end no later than 9pm. All parking will be available at OOB High school and families can either walk or take the shuttle bus to the venue.

Tickets:

Due to social distancing, tickets will be extremely limited this year. The venue seats 1400 people but we are only able to sell 350 seats per show. This will allow us 3 tickets per dancer. Tickets will be included in our Recital Package (see back for information on the Recital Package). Any multiple dancer families will be able to purchase 3 tickets per dancer. Tickets can ONLY be purchased in pods of 3. Anyone looking to get tickets for a second show or wants to purchase additional tickets outside of the 3 for your dancer, can be put on a waitlist. Once all dancers have received their 3 tickets, we will contact you in the order you joined the waitlist to purchase your additional tickets if we have additional space.

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Livestream:

We are excited to announce that we will be offering a livestream for all of our shows that will be included in the Recital Package. Since tickets are so limited this will allow all families to watch all three shows LIVE! Please see the Recital Package Section of this information guide for more information on the livestream.

Recital Package:

New for this year, we will be offering a Recital Package per family with 4 different options you can choose from. This package is a great way to get the full Recital experience and it's a great deal for all of our families. Below we have listed the packages, prices, and what is included in each package:

Package A (\$50): 3 tickets and livestream link

Package B (\$80): 3 tickets, livestream link, and Recital DVD

Package C (\$70): 3 tickets, livestream link, and Drive In Pass (see below)

Package D (\$100): 3 tickets, livestream link, Recital DVD, and Drive In Pass

Packages will be available for purchase starting June 3rd at our studio. Order forms for the packages will be emailed prior to sale date and will be available in the office.

Recital DVD's:

We have a brand new videographer this year! Her name is Brittany Pace of Keeping Pace Video Production. Brittany studied Media and Theatre at USM. She is the daughter of a studio owner in Lisbon and has taught dance since her senior year of high school. She currently lives and works in New York City as the Video Manager for the Blue Man Group and works on filming on Broadway. Brittany returns to Maine in the spring to film dance recitals like ours. She also has a degree in dance education including ballet, jazz, modern, tap, and hip hop. She continues to study and teach dance while she pursues her career in media and videography. We are so excited to have her capture our special day!

****Recital DVD's can be added to your Recital Package as seen above****

Drive In:

Since last year's drive in night was so popular, we have decided to offer a showing of our Recital at the Drive In Movie Theatre in Saco again this year. Since no one will be able to see our the way it was meant to be seen, this is a great way for our dance families to experience the show like normal!

We will be showing our entire show at the Drive In on Monday August 23rd. We are encouraging you to add a Drive In pass to your Recital Package this year. It will be a fun experience for all!

We know this is a lot of information, so we are encouraging you to ask questions as you have them. This is a different Recital for all of us so we are working out the kinks as we go. We are so excited to perform in front of you all in just a few short weeks and we thank you all for your continued support this year!