



THIS IS YOUR YEAR-END PACKET. KEEP ALL INFO FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

BECKY'S SCHOOL OF DANCE

"Dance - o - Gram 2008"

Our dance production, "CURTAINS UP", is coming fast. Our dancers are working diligently on their production number(s). A reminder: Your dancer will become confident only through practice and regular class attendance. It is not only beneficial to your child's dance performance, but also to the entire class.

THIS IS YOUR SHOW PACKET: KEEP IT FOR REFERENCE. It is packed full of all the information you need from now until the end of the year. **Use it as a "CHECKLIST"**.

SNOW CANCELLATIONS: Classes are cancelled when there is a "Level 3" emergency warning. Classes are usually held during "Level 1" and "Level 2" emergency warnings. However, the weather frequently change in the afternoon hours, so please listen to WHMQ, WFIN & WKXA for our cancellation notice. If you're still in doubt, please call the studio **after 2:00 P.M.** and listen to the message. And as always...use your own discretion.

LOST & FOUND: Check our lost and found box in the entry way for any item that you may have lost during the year. In February and June, these items are donated to the Salvation Army.

FUN FEBRUARY: Back by popular demand, "Fun February" will run February 11 – 14. Your dancer may bring a parent/guardian into the dance class. Your dancer will teach you the basics of dance, give you a small workout and will learn self-confidence by performing for you and having you take an active roll in their learning. Please wear clothes you can move in, and a pair of tennis shoes or socks. Come prepared to move a little and LAUGH A LOT! (Classical Ballet and Jazz levels do not participate in this activity.)

SUMMER CLASSES: Each year we have 2 summer dance sessions for students who would like to try 4 days of a new form of dance. If interested, you may pick up a summer schedule in the office in April.

DANCE CAMP: We highly recommend dance camp for all dancers over the age of eight. All camp dancers return home more educated and highly enthused about dance. Camp information will be posted on our bulletin board.

2008 – 2009 CLASS REGISTRATION: Registration for our fall dance season is now in progress. We have a waiting list of new students wishing to enroll with us. All current students wishing to enroll must **turn in your "Registration Form" by May 29th**, to avoid class shut-out. Our class scheduling will begin shortly after the show. In July you will receive a new fall brochure with your class time printed inside. If your time is not satisfactory, please call and we will do our best to re-schedule you. If you register after our scheduling is complete, we cannot guarantee your placement with your present class.

DANCE PHOTOS: NOTE.....NEW PROCEDURE!

Sign the photo appointment schedule in our waiting room beginning February 18th. Photos will be taken AT BECKY'S SCHOOL OF DANCE March 7th – 9th and 14th – 15th. The photos will be taken by Susan Schetter of Inspiring Images. Susan has supplied the beautiful photos in our foyer. You will not be pressured to buy. If you have your photos by Susan, your child's photo will be displayed on our wall the following dance season. Remember...if you want to put your child's picture in our "Souvenir Program" you'll need to select a pose and let Susan know which you have chosen. See attached ad form.

AWARDS: Posted on our bulletin board is a list of 2008 "DANCE AWARD RECIPIENTS." All 5 Year awards are handed out at dress rehearsal, May 30, at 6:00 SHARP. The 10 and 15 year awards will be presented at the end of each performance. Recipients of the 10 and 15 year awards will need to remain onstage after each Grande finale. If you would like your trophy presented to you at both shows, be sure to give your trophy to a backstage crew member after

the first show. If you have been with our studio 5, 10 or 15 years and your name is not listed on the board, please let me know by March 1st so I can order your award.

DRESS REHEARSAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There will be a “Sign Up Form” in the waiting room. Each class must have 2 parents from the class to sit with them in the (main floor) auditorium, to keep them seated, quiet and safe. All other parents need to go to the balcony during the rehearsal. For helping, you can give your dress rehearsal admittance ticket to someone else to take photos or video. Please sign the **“Dress Rehearsal Sign Up Sheet”** if you would like to volunteer. Thank you in advance for your help!

PERFORMANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: NOTE: NEW PROCEDURE!

On performance day, each DRESSING ROOM must have 8 volunteer parents from the studio, to be with them in the dressing rooms, to keep them occupied, quiet and safe while they wait to be called to the stage. (4 for each half of the show). Each parent will be in charge of ALL CHILDREN IN THE ROOM- not just their child’s class. We will take the first 8 volunteers to sign up. You need to volunteer only for the 1st half or the 2nd half of the show. If you volunteer for the half that your child dances in, you will still be able to see them perform. Room volunteers are in the “first lottery” for tickets. Please sign the **“Curtains Up” Volunteer Sign Up Sheet** in the waiting room.

USHERS AND TICKET TAKERS: All previous volunteers willing to help again this year should sign up in the office. We do prefer you to help both shows...if not...let us know which show you can help. We often have usher positions open up, so anyone interested can sign up in the office. Usher and Ticket Takers are in the “first lottery” for tickets.

“CURTAINS UP” DVD: Mr. Trig Simon of Video Images will video our Production again this year. This is a lasting memory for your child. Orders can be placed and pre-paid in our office or at the back of the auditorium during dress rehearsal.

SHOW TICKETS AND SOUVENIR PROGRAMS: See forms that follow and read all information.

FAMILY PHOTOS & VIDEO: NO VIDEO CAMERA’S OR PHOTOS ARE PERMITTED AT OUR “CURTAINS UP” PERFORMANCE. You may however, do your own video and photos at dress rehearsal. All video cameras need to be set up in the balcony or along the outside aisles of the main floor. Do not obstruct the inside aisles or the front of the stage.

FLOWER SALE: Our “Disney World Bound Dancers” will be sponsoring the “Curtains Up” flower sale. Bouquets will be available for purchase in the auditorium lobby before the performance, thus relieving you of an extra trip to the florist on an already hectic day. Our “New York” Performers would like to thank everyone who supported last season’s fund raisers. They learned a lot and the parents, as well as, the dancers had a great New York experience.

SHOW TIGHTS: Check the costume book on our office desk to find the style and color of tights your class will be wearing for the performance. Purchase your tights now. I cannot guarantee availability of tights in May.

LOST DANCE SHOES: We can return lost dance shoes and other articles to the proper owner...only if your child’s full name is on them. PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

WHERE DO YOU FIND YOUR DANCER AFTER THE SHOW?

All very young dancers will be released from the stage to their parents following the performance. After our award presentation, we will ask one class at a time to stand up. It is at this time you may come forward to get your child. **THE CLASSES THAT REMAIN ONSTAGE WILL BE POSTED IN THE STUDIO.** All other classes should be picked up in their dressing rooms. **MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHERE TO PICK UP YOUR DANCER!**

2008 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- February 18 – March 6.....Schedule photo appointment (at the dance studio) and sign the rehearsal and performance volunteer forms.
- Now – March 8.....Purchase all tights prior to photos (see costume book on desk for style and color)
- Now – May 31.....Register for 2008-2009 classes
- March 7-9 & 14-15.....Photos taken at Becky’s School of Dance
- March 17- April 17.....Select one of your child’s photos for on our wall and one for our souvenir program ad you may want.
Souvenir Program Ads (with payment) are due by April 17th.
- March 21 - 30.....Spring Break.....No dance classes
- April 17.....All Performance “Room Volunteer” and “Usher” ticket orders should be in and Photo Ads.
- April 24.....All ticket orders should be turned in.
- May 1 – 8.....Last tuition payment due. ALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE CLOSED.
- May 1 – 8.....Pick up “Curtains Up” tickets at the desk.
- May 26.....Memorial Day.....No Classes
- May 29.....Last night of dance classes. Last chance to take care of all business.
Registration Forms are due for all 2008-2009 dancers.
- May 30 at 3:30 P.M.....Judy’s levels 1 –2 arrive at Central to warm up – meet at stage door in costume ready to rehearse
- May at 4:15 P.M.....Dress Rehearsal begins at Central Auditorium – make sure you know when your dancer needs to arrive
- May 30 at 6:00 P.M.....5 Year awards will be presented on stage at Central Auditorium
- May 30 at 6:00 P.M.....Judy’s levels 3-6 arrive at dance studio to warm up
- May 30 at 8:30 P.M.....Judy’s levels 3-6 need to be ready at Central for rehearsal
- May 31 at 10:45 A.M.....Judy’s levels 3-6 arrive at dance studio to warm up
- May 31 at 12:00 P.M.....Judy’s levels 3-6 meet onstage at Central for rehearsal
- May 31 at 12:30 P.M.....Judy’s levels 1-2 (for 1:30 perf.) arrive at Central – meet outside stage door in costume ready to rehearse
- May 31 at 1:00 P.M.....All dancers who perform in the 1:30 show, should be in dressing rooms
- May 31 at 1:30 P.M.....Afternoon performance of “Curtains Up 2008”
- May 31 at 4:30 P.M.....Judy’s levels 3-6 arrive onstage to warm up
- May 31 at 5:30 P.M.....Judy’s levels 1-2 (for 6:30 perf) arrive at Central – meet outside stage door in costume ready to rehearse
- May 31 at 6:00 P.M.....All dancers who perform in the 6:30 show should be in dressing rooms
- May 31 at 6:30 P.M.....Evening performance of “Curtains Up 2008”

QUESTIONS? Our policies and procedures are designed to alleviate confusion and to help keep our students stress free and safe. If you have any questions about any procedure.....**please ask!**

This can be a confusing time for 1st year parents and no question is too silly. You are all important to us and we want to make this as easy and pleasurable for you as we can.

We’re very excited about our production. Our teachers are enjoying the responsibility of teaching your children in the world of dance. These dancers are enthusiastic and wonderful to work with. I’m sure you will be very proud of their accomplishments on performance day. Thank you for your cooperation and your patronage. We ask you to bring lots of energetic applause to rehearsal and to “Curtains Up”.

And so.....**ON WITH THE SHOW!**

PERFORMANCE “DO’S” CHECKLIST

1. DO close your payment account by May 7th. A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed after that date. PLEASE NOTE:
All unpaid accounts will result in your dancer not performing on stage.
2. Do bring lots of generous applause to the rehearsal and show as it reinforces confidence.
3. Do bring something quiet for your little one to do in the dressing rooms during the show.
4. Do check our posted show scenes and know...
 - a. the name(s) of your child’s dance(s) and which shoes to wear 1st
 - b. which scene your dancer is in.
 - c. your teacher’s name.
 - d. which dressing room your dancer will be in at the show
 - e. what time you should be at dress rehearsal

5. Do know, if your child is in multiple classes, does she have enough time between dances to change costumes. NOTIFY ME NOW...of any problem. After the program goes to print, it's too late.
6. Do make sure your shoes are the proper color. Tap, Jazz and Lyrical shoes are tan. Ballet shoes are pink. Boys shoes and Hip Hop shoes are black. A few exceptions apply.
7. Do take all of your photos and videos at dress rehearsal.
8. Do keep this information sheet for reference.
9. Do allow yourself plenty of time for parking, entering the school and finding your proper area.
10. Do come to rehearsal and the performance in full costume and make-up. Make-up includes eye color, mascara, blush and lipstick. The bright stage lights will make it hard to see your child's facial features. If you find this true at rehearsal, use more color for the show.
11. Do enter Central Middle School at the Cory Street entrance, through the back set of doors - closest to the back parking lot.
12. Do be sure to order your program ad, your tickets and turn in your registration forms by their deadline dates. See the following forms.

PERFORMANCE "DON'TS" CHECKLIST

1. Do Not bring cameras of any kind to our show. It's distracting to our dancers and rude.
2. Do Not bring food or drinks into the school. Also, it is a No Smoking facility.
3. Do Not send food, drinks or gum with your dancers. It ends up on costumes.
4. Do Not enter the stage area. For safety reasons, no one is permitted inside the stage doors.
5. Do Not come to the dressing rooms during intermission. It gets too congested and makes the area unsafe for your dancer. If there is a problem in the dressing room.....we will find you!
6. Do Not allow your child in the audience in costume. A BIG SHOW NO NO! Street clothes only! There will be no exceptions.....YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

DRESS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE INFORMATION... **KEEP THIS FOR REFERENCE**

IMPORTANT DRESS REHEARSAL NOTE: FOR SAFETY PURPOSES, WE HOLD A "CLOSED" REHEARSAL. NO SIBLINGS OR GUESTS ARE PERMITTED. ONE ADULT PER FAMILY WILL RECEIVE A REHEARSAL ADMITTANCE TICKET WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR PURCHASED PERFORMANCE TICKETS. DUPLICATES CANNOT BE GIVEN OUT FOR LOST TICKETS. PLEASE DO NOT ASK.

DRESS REHEARSAL.....FRIDAY MAY 30THAT CENTRAL AUDITORIUM- PROCEDURE:

- 1..Come at your scheduled time, come directly into the auditorium and locate your seating area designated by a sign with the name of your show dances on it. Be seated having the proper pair of dance shoes on for your first dance. It is at this time that the "REHEARSAL VOLUNTEERS" will be seated in this same area. ALL OTHER PARENTS will proceed to a seat in the the balcony to watch their dancers and APPLAUD GENEROUSLY!
2. All "5 YEAR AWARDS" will be presented promptly at 4:45 (for recipients in all scenes)
3. Stay seated until you are called to the backstage area. Take all dance shoes with you. At this time the volunteers will go with the class, until dancers are inside the stage door. You then may go back to the auditorium to watch them and take pictures and videos.
4. Immediately after your class has finished their dances, parents should pick their dancers up at their assigned seating area. You may leave. Volunteers must stay until all dancers have been picked up.
5. GRAND FINALE WILL NOT BE REHEARSED

"CURTAINS UP".....SATURDAY, MAY 31STAT CENTRAL AUDITORIUM- PROCEDURE:

1. Our performances are at 1:30 and 6:30. Please be in your proper dressing room ½ hour early....dressed and ready to go.
2. ALL DANCERS Enter the Cory Street doors. DO NOT ENTER THROUGH THE HANDICAP ENTRANCE.

3. Locate your proper dressing room, designated by your child's dance title outside the door.
4. Put your child's extra dance shoes in the designated cardboard box. **SHOES MUST HAVE YOUR DANCERS NAME ON THEM.**
5. Leave your child with the room volunteers. **PLEASE** do not linger in the room, as it is very difficult to watch little dancers with "big people" around the room.
6. Flower bouquets can be purchased for your dancer in the Auditorium lobby.
7. Please be seated before the show begins. We'll open the curtain on time!
8. Again.....Bring lots of Applause! Lots of Applause! Lots of Applause!
9. Make this a special night for your dancer.

BECKY'S SCHOOL OF DANCE

*** "CURTAINS UP" TICKET ORDER FORM ***

STUDENTS LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

DAY OR CELL PHONE _____ P.M. PHONE _____

DANCE TEACHER _____ CLASS DAY _____ CLASS TIME _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE REC'D: _____

CK #: _____

TICKET AMT: _____

TUITION AMT: _____

MISC. _____

AFTERNOON

SEC _____ RW _____ SEAT _____

SEC _____ RW _____ SEAT _____

SEC _____ RW _____ SEAT _____

EVENING

SEC _____ RW _____ SEAT _____

SEC _____ RW _____ SEAT _____

SEC _____ RW _____ SEAT _____

- BE CERTAIN TO CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU ARE AN USHER, A TICKET TAKER OR A PERFORMANCE ROOM VOLUNTEER**

If you have signed the "ROOM VOLUNTEER" forms in our waiting room, or have notified the front desk that you will USHER or TAKE TICKETS, YOU WILL HAVE FIRST CONSIDERATION FOR SEATING PREFERENCE. **YOUR TICKET ORDER FORM MUST BE TURNED IN BY APRIL 17TH**. Please note that as a performance volunteer, you will be able to watch your child perform. Details will be given to you along with your tickets in May.

ALL OTHER TICKET ORDERS SHOULD BE TURNED IN BY APRIL 25TH. SHOW TICKETS CAN BE PICKED UP IN THE OFFICE AS YOU MAKE YOUR FINAL TUITION PAYMENT THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY. ANY REMAINING TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE DESK OR AT THE PERFORMANCE.

ALL SEATS ARE RESERVED AND NON-REFUNDABLE
INCLUDE CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT WITH THIS TICKET ORDER FORM
ALL CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF 3 MUST HAVE A TICKET
ALL TICKETS ARE \$10.00 **AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____**

1. NUMBER OF TICKETS FOR THE MATINEE PERFORMANCE _____

2. NUMBER OF TICKETS FOR THE EVENING PERFORMANCE _____

3. SPECIAL NEEDS _____

(specify wheelchair ticket needed or wheelchair transferring to a reserved seat) Please list your special need IN DETAIL, so you are seated in the best possible location for that need.)

INDICATE YOUR SEATING PREFERENCE. NOTE: If you are not a volunteer, it is probable that you will not receive center section or close to front. Also...many people like seats on the side their children dance on. It's a good idea to know if your child is on the East or West side of the stage prior to ordering tickets. Your teacher can help you with this.

(Check one) Main Floor Seating _____ Balcony Seating _____

(Number 1st & 2nd choice) East Section _____ Center Section _____ West Section _____

(Number 1st & 2nd choice) Close to front _____ Middle _____ Back of auditorium _____

PROGRAM AD FORM

STUDENT'S NAME _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:		
DATE REC'D _____	CK# _____	CK AMT _____
# OF PIC'S SELECTED AT INSPIRING IMAGES _____		# GIVEN TO US _____
NAME OF SPONSOR _____		

This is our 44th annual production of "Curtains Up." You have the opportunity to remember this day in a very special way - by placing your child's dance photo and a special message in our souvenir program. It is a wonderful keepsake for a special childhood experience. Who pays for this special momento? Many local businesses are more than happy to advertise their business and sponsor your child with a photo ad. Family members also enjoy having the opportunity to make this event even more special by purchasing the ad. These ads are printed in 2,500 programs and handed out at "Curtains Up." Please see sample programs in our waiting room.

TO ORDER YOUR SOUVENIR PROGRAM AD:

1. Complete this application form.
2. Locate your sponsor and secure payment from them.
3. Have your child's photo taken at the studio by Inspiring Images during our studio's scheduled date.
4. Pick up your PHOTO PROOF SHEET from Inspiring Images.
5. Select your favorite photo number and notify photographer (423-2468) that you are placing this ad.
6. Be sure to indicate that photo number on this order form.
7. Submit, with this form, a computer printout, a business card or a sketch of how you'd like your ad to appear, along with payment to Becky's School of Dance and present to the dance studio office.....
NO LATER THAN APRIL 17TH. Be sure to include a special message to your dancer. You can find ideas from old programs in our waiting room.

**WE WILL SUPPLY YOUR SELECTED PHOTO TO THE PRINTER
AT NO EXPENSE TO YOU.**

CIRCLE THE AD SIZE YOU WANT (Prices apply to individuals or groups sharing an ad.)

<u>FULL PAGE</u>	<u>HALF PAGE</u>	<u>QUARTER PAGE</u>
\$ 170.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 55.00
1 – 5 photos or group	1 – 2 photos	1 photo

STUDENTS NAME _____

PARENTS NAME _____

COMPANY OR SPONSOR NAME _____

POSE # SELECTED FROM INSPIRING IMAGES'S PHOTO PROOF SHEET _____

DAYTIME OR CELL PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

AGAIN: Attach a computer printout or business card to this form....OR....on the back of this form, show a brief sketch and include a message to your dancer. Please make sure your lettering is clear.