

Dress Rehearsal



YOU SHOULD BE DRESSED AND READY TO REHEARSE YOUR ROUTINE(S) ACCORDING TO THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE

Dress Rehearsal will be held at the Groton Dunstable Performing Arts Center located in the Groton Dunstable Middle School. The Dress Rehearsal is a time for the instructor, lighting technician and stage director to work out technicalities and any difficulties before our production. Most importantly it is a time for the student to gain a level of comfort performing on the stage. Therefore it is extremely important that all students and parents follow the dress rehearsal procedures listed in this notice.

Students should be DRESSED AND READY to rehearse each routine according to the attached schedule. We will not be able to wait for those not ready or not in attendance when their class is called. Please note that traffic can be very heavy on Route 119 during the afternoon commute. Please allow ample time to reach the Performing Arts Center.

*No Dance
Classes
May 25 thru
May 31 for
Dress
Rehearsal.
Dance Classes
will will be
held June 1
thru June 5.*

Please enter the school around the left side of the building by the baseball field backstop. A sign will be posted marking the correct door. This will also be the entrance for the performers on the day of the recital. Upon entering the school, follow the signs to the changing rooms. Younger students should be accompanied by one female adult who will assist them with changing etc. In order to ensure a comfort level for all of our students, males are not allowed in the changing rooms. Do not change in the auditorium. Care should be taken that you have all your costume pieces and shoes when arrive at the rehearsal AND when you leave. Lost costume pieces cannot be replaced. Make-up may be applied, but please be careful not to get any on costumes. When you are in your costume you may proceed into the auditorium and find a seat. Try to stay with members of your class while waiting for your class to be called to line up. Do not sit in the first five rows.

Each class will have one class picture taken at the dress rehearsal. After your first number is finished, unless directed to the photographer for the class picture, you should immediately change costume to prepare for your second number, after which your class picture will be taken. Classes directed to the photographer after their first number should change costume immediately after the class picture is taken. Individual pictures should NOT be taken at this time. We can not wait for anyone who is not ready for their second routine. Students who have completed their rehearsals are welcome to stay and watch as other classes rehearse. All children are to be accompanied by an adult who must be completely responsible for ensuring that the child is quiet, well behaved and seated at all times. Running around will not be tolerated. Students and parents in the auditorium must be seated beyond the first five rows. Please do not linger around the stage or pit area. There is to be no talking while dancers are on the stage. The auditorium should be quiet out of respect for the instructor and dancers who are trying to master their routines and staging. It is extremely important that dancers and instructors are not distracted during their only opportunity to practice on the stage.

The theatre's management does not allow anyone to bring food or drink into the theatre, dressing rooms or classrooms. Food will only be allowed outside or in the lobby area. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on school grounds. Also students should not use tap shoes on the tiled lobby floor.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

- Backstage staff
- Ushers and ticket takers
- Chaperones
- Class Mothers

PICTURES

Flash photography is allowed during dress rehearsal only. Non-flash photography from your seat is allowed during the recital. We are pleased to once again have Traci McCabe Photographers as our photographer this year. They will be set up in the school cafeteria both rehearsal days beginning at 3:30. You may order a class photo, and/or have individual photos taken if you desire. An order form will be sent home prior to dress rehearsal. Please bring the completed form with you to dress rehearsal. Be sure to turn in the order form at the photographer's desk when you enter the cafeteria. This is how they know you are there and waiting to be photographed for individual pictures. You may arrive early or remain after your rehearsal time for individual pictures. You should not attempt to have individual pictures taken between the rehearsal of your dances as this may cause you to miss your time on stage.

VIDEO

We will be offering a professional DVD of the recital. Order forms are attached.

Theatre policy and United States Copyright Laws do NOT allow videotaping of the recital. We DO allow videotaping of dress rehearsal. If you choose to videotape the rehearsal, please stand back beyond the first five rows. Do not plug your camera into the outlets in the front of the stage. Please do not try to get your child's attention when video recording or taking pictures while they are on the stage. This time is for the instructors and performers.

CLASS MOTHERS AND CHAPERONES

We are looking for volunteers to be class mothers and/or chaperones. If interested please sign up at the studio or during rehearsal. Class Mothers will be responsible for seeing that the students in their assigned class are changed into their second costume. These mothers will be the only parents who are allowed in and out of the dressing rooms after the show begins. Once the students are changed and ready for their second number the Class Mothers will proceed back into the auditorium where they will remain until the conclusion of the show.

Chaperones will remain in the dressing rooms during the entire show. If your child performs in both shows please consider volunteering to chaperone the show you are not attending.

RECITAL/TICKETS

The recital will be held on June 6. We produce two shows 11:30 and 3:30 on this day. Show assignments have been sent home. If uncertain as to your show assignment, please contact the office or look for postings in the studio lobby. Detailed ticket information will be sent home. Everyone must have a ticket regardless of age. All seating is general admission. We do ask families with smaller children to please be courteous of others. Small children tend to tire easily and become distracting to the dancers and others in the audience. Tickets are non-refundable.

RECITAL TEE SHIRTS

Tee shirts will be available to commemorate our 2010 recital "Gnome Adventure". The names of all students will appear in list form on the back of the shirts. Shirts will be available by pre-order **ONLY**. Tee Shirt order forms must be returned to the office with payment by May 13.

DIRECTIONS TO GROTON-DUNSTABLE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Take Route 110, Route 495 or Route 40 to Route 119W. Travel through Groton center, remaining on Route 119. The school complex will be on your right following the Groton Exchange. The entrance is directly off of 119 and is marked by a white marquee sign. The Performing Arts Center is located in the Middle School which is the center building in the complex.