



Show & Costume FAQ's

When and where does the show take place? How long is it?

Our 2019 Show Weekend will take place June 13th-16th, at the Carlmont High School Performing Arts Center. Anticipated show run times are as follows:

Friday Evening – 2.5hrs, Saturday Matinee – 1.5hrs, Saturday Evening – 2.5hrs, Sunday Matinee – 1.25hr

Is it mandatory that my dancer perform in the June Show? When do I need to decide?

It is not mandatory that your dancer participate in the show, however it is definitely recommended! Dance is a performance art and the experience and confidence that they gain from performing on stage is invaluable. Participating in the show gives dancers a chance to be able to show everyone what they have been working hard on the whole year. It is truly an exciting and rewarding experience for both parents and dancers! All dancers must decide by January 26th (this is the Costume Fee due date).

How do I get information about the show?

We will hold a Parent Information Meeting on January 16th at 6:00pm in the HBDA Annex. Our Director will provide information on the show and office staff will be available for questions and concerns. You may contact our office staff at any time by email, phone, or visit our office.

Can I miss one of the dress rehearsals or shows that my dancer is performing in?

No. All rehearsals and shows to which your dancer is assigned are MANDATORY. Please put ALL show & rehearsal dates in your calendars now – if you cannot make one of the shows or Dress Rehearsal, your dancer will not be allowed to perform in any of the shows.

Can my dancer miss multiple classes before the show date?

Your dancer must be enrolled from January – June in the class for which they would like to perform and cannot miss multiple classes. Teachers add and rehearse show choreography each week, so dancers who miss too many classes will not be adequately prepared to perform.

What will my dancer do during class if he or she chooses not to participate in the show?

The first part of each class will still focus on normal class material: warm ups, across the floor exercises or center floor work, and skill practice, however the last 20 minutes of class will be rehearsal time for the show dance. Your dancer will still learn and participate in show choreography just like everyone else.

How much does a costume cost? How do I pay? What does my dancer's costume look like?

The Costume Fee is \$75 per class, due by January 26th. Payments may be made online, by phone or in studio office. There is a link available on our website (under the 'June Show' tab) for online payment. Parents may view our "Costume Binder" in the office starting in January or at the parent information meeting.

Who orders the costumes? What does the costume fee include?

Our Director measures each dancer to determine his or her size. Our office staff places all orders by the end of January so that all costumes arrive by May. The costume fee includes your dancer's costume, accessories, tights, and shipping and handling fees. It does not include shoes – please see list of required shoes for the June Show. If you order a costume and later decide not to participate in the show or miss too many classes, fees are not refundable.

When do I receive the costume(s)?

We will hold a studio "Costume Week" in mid-May. During this week, all dancers will receive and try on their costumes. Parents of younger dancers should attend the last 30 minutes of class this week for instructions. Dancers may not have any unpaid balances, otherwise we will hold your dancer's costume until payment is submitted. Exact dates will be released soon.

How long will my dancer be on stage in the show?

Each class will be on stage for 2-3 minutes, the length of their performance's song. All dancers will also participate in the final bow at the end of the show.

How many shows will my dancer perform in?

This depends on your dancer's class(es). Please see the "Who's in What Show" document for details.

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Do we need to buy tickets to see the show? How much do they cost? Is there assigned seating?

Anyone who plans on watching the performance must purchase a ticket, including children if they will sit in their own seat (lap children do not need a ticket). Show Tickets are \$24 per person. The Carlmont Performing Arts Center assigns seats to each patron, however there are no real “bad seats” in the theater, and no balcony seats. Tickets may be purchased online or by phone in the beginning in May. We will send out an email with the on sale date, link and phone number to purchase tickets. This information will also be on our website under the ‘June Show’ tab. If you have any questions about your tickets, please contact the phone number provided on our website for ticket sales. Tickets are also available at the door before shows, however we cannot promise availability for same-day purchase. Handicap seats are available.

How do I get my tickets?

If you purchase tickets online, you may bring a printed ticket or a ticket on your smartphone to the theater. You will also have the option of having printed tickets mailed to you. If you purchase tickets at the box office, you will receive a paper ticket.

What does my dancer do during the show? Can my dancer leave the show before it ends?

Dancers must stay backstage for the entire show so that they are ready when it is their time to perform and time for the final bow. Dancers may not leave the show early or return to the theater and sit with families. This disturbs audience members and we cannot keep track of dancers coming and going during the show.

Dancers 10 & under will remain with chaperones throughout the show – chaperones help them on & off stage. During the show, chaperones may bring dancers to the lobby to watch the show on the TV screen. Some parents bring coloring books or other quiet activities for their children however snacks are not allowed in the dressing room area. If your dancer has multiple dances, chaperones can help your child change, and will direct them to the proper group following their performance. After the finale, all dancers return to the main dressing room, where **1 parent** may go to pick up their dancer following the show.

Do you need volunteers for the show weekend? How do I sign up?

YES! It is impossible to put on a show without the help of our wonderful volunteers! Each Age 4-7 and Level I class needs 1-2 chaperones for each show. We also need help with chaperoning dressing rooms, selling flowers, transporting props, stage crew, lining up dancers, picking up lost & found items after the shows, and so much more. An online sign-up sheet will be available in April with more details.

Volunteers get access to purchase show tickets 1 week before the public! Chaperones will be able to sit in the audience, free of charge, when it is their dancer’s time to perform however this only applies to the show that you are chaperoning.

Any other questions? Feel free to contact our office staff!

Phone: (650) 367-7501

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 1-7pm, Sat 9-1pm