

December 21, 2019

Dear Belletete Families,

Belletete Ballet Studio and New England Dance Project are joining forces to produce an amazing, combined end of the year Dance Showcase for the fifth year in a row...and it keeps getting BETTER! Welcome to our 5th Anniversary Showcase!! I can't wait!

You are receiving this packet because your child(ren) is enrolled in a class that will be performing in the Dance Showcase. Each dance class will learn and perform one dance piece.

Please fill out the attached Participation Form and return with Costume Deposit & Participation Fee by January 10, 2020.

General Information

***Date of the show: Saturday, May 30, 2020**

(Show times TBD~10:30am & 3pm likely...we may add a third performance)

***Dress Rehearsal will be held on Friday, May 29th.**

Class Rehearsal times TBA between 4-9pm. Please be sure to save this date. It is important that the dancers are present for blocking rehearsals so they are able to acclimate to the stage, lights, and costumes.

***Performance is a key piece of learning, creating and expressing in dance.**

The opportunity for your dancer to perform alongside their friends and older, more advanced dancers expands their knowledge of dance as a whole. Watching other styles and levels perform opens a new world to the younger dancers and sometimes inspires them to try new and exciting styles.

***Participation is optional**, however most dancers absolutely love to be the center of attention and dance on a real stage with lights, costumes and makeup! In my 30+ years of working with children, I have only had two children choose to not perform. Don't get me wrong, I have had children tell me that there was no way they were going to do it...but they are usually the ones that light up the stage and beg for more. :-)

***Costumes:** As a studio, I would like to keep the cost of the Showcase down so that all of our families are able to participate comfortably. I do my best to keep the cost of costumes as low as possible by shopping online discount companies, local stores and creating, making, and altering costumes myself. Most costumes run between \$30 - \$60. **There is a \$25 costume deposit required for each class/dancer.** This cost covers any initial costume costs including shipping and handling. Costumes will need to be ordered in early February in order to assure that we have them on time. Costume Balance will be due prior to the release of costumes.

***Participation Fees:** This fee covers the cost of the theater rental, stage manager and tech crew. **There is a \$20 participation fee per dancer.**

***Photo Day:** Class and Individual Photo Days will be held Tuesday, May 28th and Wednesday, May 29th. Specific class picture times TBA. Please mark your calendars.

Please see Belletete Ballet General Policies for further information regarding Showcase fees. <http://www.belleteteballet.com/class-descriptions>

Quick Reference - What I Need to Know

Save the Dates:

Picture Days: 5/26 & 5/27 ~ 4-8pm

Dress Rehearsal: 5/29 ~ 4-9pm

Performance: 5/30 ~ Times TBD

Participation Form: Completed and submitted by January 10th

Concert Participation Fee: \$20 due January 10th

Costume Deposit: \$25 due January 10th

How can I help?

We will be looking for parents to volunteer their time and talents.

Be sure to keep your eyes out for the volunteer sign-up sheet!

Belletete Ballet Studio
Dance Showcase 2020 Participation Form

Please complete this form and submit it by Friday, January 10th

Student Name _____

Yes*, my student will be performing in the 2020 Dance Showcase on May 30, 2020__

Parent Signature _____

No, my student will not be performing in the 2020 Dance Showcase on May 30, 2020__

Parent Signature _____

<u>Class</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>
_____	_____
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*Please note that by agreeing to participate in the Dance Showcase, your instructor is counting on you to be present and attentive during class time to learn choreography and be an active part of your dancing family.

Concert Participation Fee:	\$20 x #of students	_____
Costume Deposit:	\$25 x #of students/classes	_____
Total Due		_____

Thank you for your prompt payment.