

This packet includes NEW and IMPORTANT information about the 2015 June Dance Concert and should answer all of your questions. Please read through its entirety and let us know if you have any questions by contacting us at info@mmsdance.org, calling us at 562-433-5753 or stopping by the front desk.

All information is sent via email. Please read all emails thoroughly to stay up-to-date!

- Picture Day Information
- Order Forms (DVD, Program Ad Space)
- Rehearsal Information

Volunteer Sign-Up

• FAQs

- Ticket Information
- Costume Information

June Concert Tickets

Tickets go on sale April 15, 2015!

To purchase tickets, visit:

www.DowneyTheatre.com

or call: 562-861-8211

Tickets are sold online or by phone. Tickets will be sold at the door prior to each performance at an increased price.

There will be no ticket refunds or exchanges. Tickets will not be sold at MMSdance.

	THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 1ST	COSTUME FEES DUE	\$70 Per Costume
lt's not too late to become a	SUNDAY	MARCH 1ST	CONCERT FEE DUE	\$30 Per Student/\$40 Per Family
	FRIDAY	APRIL 15	TICKETS ON SALE	12:00 Noon
CLASS PARENT!	MONDAY	MAY 11	PROGRAM ADS DUE	Email JPEG of Ad with attached form.
	SATURDAY	MAY 16	Rehearsal In-House	2:30pm- Beauty and the Beast LEADS
Help us coordinate with other parents to	SUNDAY	MAY 17	PICTURE DAY-GROUPS	Schedule available by April 1st
make our 2015 June	SATURDAY	MAY 30	Rehearsal In-House	2:30pm- ALL Beauty and the Beast
Concert a success!	SUNDAY	MAY 31	PICTURE DAY-INDIVIDUALS	Reservations required. Sign-ups available April 1st.
Help share crucial information with the	TUESDAY	JUNE 9	TECH REHEARSAL	5:00pm-8:00pm Act I
parents of your class so that everyone is on the same page.	WEDNESDAY	JUNE 10	TECH REHEARSAL	5:00pm-8:00pm Beauty and the Beast & Act II
	THURSDAY	JUNE 11	DRESS REHEARSAL	5:00pm Act I 6:45pm Beauty and the Beast & Act II
Sign-up at the front desk!	FRIDAY	JUNE 12	SPRING CONCERT 2015	7:00PM
	SATURDAY	JUNE 13	SPRING CONCERT 2015	2:00PM
		JUNE 15	CLASSES RESUME	Regularly Scheduled Classes
	TUESDAY	JUNE 30	DVD ORDERS DUE	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Concert Program					
Dancer Message/Ad Sp	ace Order Form				
Send your dancer a special message or place an ad in the program! Ads are sold by space. We will not make adjustments, so please ensure that all spelling is correct.	Full Page \$75				
Name	1/2 Page \$50				
Dancer's Name Phone	1/4 Page \$35				
Email Amount Paid Check box to pay with card on file	Business Card \$25				
Please submit in PDF or jpeg format to <u>info@mmsdance.org</u> . Complete this form and turn in with payment. Due by May 11th.	Per Line \$10				
DVD ORDER FORM					
Due by June 3	30th				
Purchaser					
Dancer's Name					
Phone					
Email	# OF SUNDAY				
Amount Paid Check box to pay with card on	file				
\$30 EACH OR \$55	FOR BOTH				

CONCERT INFORMATION and FAQ'S

PLEASE INFORM THE FRONT OFFICE BY SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST IF YOU PLAN TO <u>NOT PARTICIPATE</u> IN THE SHOW TO AVOID AUTOMATIC CONCERT CHARGES.

COSTUMES

Students participating in the June Concert are required to purchase one costume for each dance they are performing in. These fees will be **charged automatically to the card on file on February 1st** if not paid beforehand. Combo classes only need to purchase one costume for their class, as they are versatile and will be used for both dances. *Costumes will not be ordered until they are paid in full.* Students will be measured for costumes during class time. *Costume fees do not include dance shoes or tights.* Tights can be purchased at MMSdance or any dance store. **\$70 per costume is due by Sunday, February 1st. A \$10 late fee (per costume) will be applied directly following the due date if the card on file cannot be processed.**

CONCERT FEE

The concert fee is required for each family and helps cover the cost of theater rental and miscellaneous production fees. Fees are \$30 for one student or \$40 for two or more students in one family is due on March 1st. This fee will be **charged automatically to the card on file on March 1st** if not paid beforehand.

DVD

A professional company will film both performances. For this reason, **no private video cameras will be allowed during the performance or rehearsals.** Order forms and detailed pricing is available in this packet.

CONCERT POLICIES

All students participating in the Concert must maintain regular attendance in their scheduled classes. Any student attending less than 75% of their scheduled classes **will not be allowed to participate in the Concert and fees will not be refunded.** There is a mandatory Dress Rehearsal for <u>all</u> dancers on Thursday, June 11th. <u>MMS dance security policy prohibits the release of ANY dancer during the</u> <u>performance.</u> Performers must remain in the dressing rooms or assigned backstage areas for the duration of the performance.

WHEN ARE REHEARSALS? Students learn and rehearse dances during their regular class time. Participants of the ballet portion (includes Creative Movement, Ballet/Tap Combo and many Ballet classes) will have additional staging rehearsals closer to showtime.

WHAT IS TECH WEEK? Tech week is about putting all of the hard work done in classes together on stage with lights. Tech gives the dancers time to get used to being on stage, going over some formations so everyone knows where to go, and making sure the stage lighting, curtains and props are all set in place. It can be time consuming, but the final product is always worth the hard work! Please be patient and respectful of the theater and tech crew. Tech week is mandatory for all dancers. Please check to see when your dances are scheduled.

WHAT IS DRESS REHEARSAL? Dress rehearsal is a run-through of the entire show in FULL costume and make-up. We do a dress rehearsal to make sure there are no major issues that were overlooked before the performance. We run this as close to the real show as possible, but if there are any major issues, we may stop to fix them. This is a great opportunity to practice any quick changes you might have. Dress Rehearsal is mandatory for all dancers. Please check your appropriate call time.

WHERE IS TECH WEEK AND DRESS REHEARSAL? Downey Theater, 8435 Firestone Blvd, Downey 90241

WHEN IS TECH WEEK? Tech Rehearsals are June 9th for Act I and June 10th for Act II from 5:00pm-8:00pm

WHEN IS DRESS REHEARSAL? Dress Rehearsal is June 11th. Call time is at 5:00pm for Act I and 6:45pm for Beauty and the Beast and Act II

WHERE DO WE PARK? Parking is located at the public designated City parking in the Civic Center.

WILL MY CHILD BE SAFE? Yes! Students check in upon arrival and check out before they leave to go home. Each dressing room has chaperones. If you would like to volunteer to be a chaperone, please contact your class parent.

HOW LONG IS THE RECITAL? The length can vary from 2-3 hours.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING/WEAR? For Tech rehearsal, make sure to wear regular dance clothes and bring all necessary shoes. Please <u>do not</u> bring your costumes until Dress Rehearsal.

DO I NEED TO BE THERE EVERYDAY FOR TECH WEEK? Not necessarily. You will need to check the tech schedule and arrive at least 15 minutes before your dances are scheduled. Everyone is required to come to Dress Rehearsal, but check and see when your dances are. If you are only in Beauty and the Beast or Act II, you do not need to arrive until 6:45pm.

DO WE NEED TO STAY THE WHOLE 3 HOURS OF TECH? No. When your onstage time is finished and your teacher has dismissed you, you may go home.

CAN PARENTS WATCH REHEARSALS? Parents may stay for rehearsals, but please do not bring guests or cameras.

DO WE HAVE OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES AT THE STUDIO DURING THE WEEK OF THE SHOW? No, all regular classes are cancelled that week.

Class parents will be contacting you soon about where and when you would like to volunteer to work at the show. There are several jobs open that need to be filled, from selling flowers and refreshments, to being a chaperone in a room backstage! We ask that you please pick at least one show to volunteer so that our show can run smoothly. Thank you in advance for your help!

REMINDER:

Costume Fees are due February 1st: \$70 each costume

Recital Fees are due March 1st: \$30 for one student or \$40 for a family

These fees will be added to your AutoPay Schedule in February and March

CURRENT/PROSPECTIVE CLASS PARENTS:

Please pick up a special packet at the front desk with job duties and contact lists (available January 15th).

Thank you SO MUCH for your assistance and dedication to MMSdance.

PICTURE DAY FAQ'S

WHERE IS PICTURE DAY? At MMSdance: 324 Redondo Ave, Long Beach 90814

WHEN IS PICTURE DAY? There are two picture days this year! The first day, May 17, 2015, is for Group photos only. The second day, May 31, 2015, is for individual photos only. Individual photos are optional, but we please ask you to come for Group photo day so that we have pictures of the entire class. Purchase is optional. Reservations are required for Individual Picture Day and will be available to schedule online by April 1st. Please check your email for details.

SHOULD I ARRIVE IN COSTUME? Arrive wearing whatever tights and undergarments you need for your costume, so slipping into costumes will be quick and easy. Limit playing and sitting in costume, we want them to look brand new for the concert!

SHOULD I WEAR MAKE-UP? A moderate amount of make-up should be worn.

HOW SHOULD I WEAR MY HAIR? Ask your instructor for their expectations.

HOW DO I ORDER PICTURES? Details coming soon!

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO ORDER PICTURES? Purchase of pictures is optional but encouraged! We do request that you come to Group Picture Day so that the entire class is in the picture!

WHAT IF I HAVE MULTIPLE DANCES? Check the schedule thoroughly and make sure you are on time for each picture.

CAN I BRING FOOD? Yes, but eat outside and not in costume. If you require a snack and you are in costume, limit it to dry snacks and water to prevent soiling your costumes.

CAN I WATCH THE PHOTOGRAPHER? <u>No parents will be allowed upstairs on Group Picture Day.</u> There is limited space upstairs and parents can be a distraction to the students and to the photographer and lessen the photo quality. We appreciate your understanding.

Individual Picture Day: Each dancer will sign-up for their time and have a one-on-one with the photographer. Parents can watch the photographer on Individual Picture Day to ensure you are getting what you want!