



It's Show Time!

PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY FOR ALL THE CRUCIAL DETAILS

At 1:00pm & 6:30pm, Saturday, May 26, and 12:00pm & 4:00pm, Sunday May 27 the DANCE students here at the Stouffville Academy of Music and Dance will be ready to present you, family and friends, the culmination of their year-long efforts.

Join our students on a fairytale adventure, 25 years in the making: ***Dance Upon a Time***.

The recital will be held at St. Andrew's College Performing Arts Centre. 15800 Yonge St, Aurora.

The doors to the theatre open 15 minutes before show time and the shows will run approximately 2-2½ hours with a 15-minute intermission.



St. Andrew's College Performing Arts Centre. 15800 Yonge St, Aurora

Flower Power!

It is a long-standing tradition at dance performances that the stars are presented with flowers after their best performances.

Buy your flowers at the show (cash only) and you will be supporting a small business and delighting your young performer!

Stouffville Florist will be on hand at the recital to sell flowers for your dancer.



Ticket Sales Begin April 13



For your convenience tickets for the show will initially be available for sale at the Stouffville Academy.

Tickets are reserved seating. You may purchase your tickets and select your seats beginning:

Friday April 13th 6 pm- 8 pm
ALL DANCE STUDENTS

Tickets are \$25 each.

Tickets will be available at the front desk April 14 - 19 during the following hours:

Saturday 9:00 – 2:00 pm
Monday 2:30 – 8:30 pm
Tuesday 2:30 - 8:30 pm
Wednesday 2:30 - 8:30 pm
Thursday 2:30 - 8:30 pm

Beginning April 20th, all sales will be online only through our website.

Online ticket sales are BEST AVAILABLE SEATING only. **Your seats will be assigned for you** and the tickets available for pickup from the front desk.

Important Notes:

- Cash or Cheque only for in-person sales (no credit cards)
- All Tickets are final sale
- No refunds or exchanges

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Our Youngest Stars

In order to avoid exhausting our youngest dancers, all students in KinderDance will be performing in one show only. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the recital that your KinderDancer will be performing in.

Each year these students, our youngest stars, are a delight to watch and a spectacular hit with the audience. Although their presence will be missed in the other shows, some of these dancers are just three years old and special consideration must be given to their age related needs.

All other students at the studio will perform each of their dances in **twice**. Please note, we make every effort to

avoid dancers performing in more than two shows, but in some cases it is unavoidable. To see which shows your dancer will be performing in [CLICK HERE](#).

Kinderdancers & 6-8 dance groups will also have a separate dismissal procedure at the end of each show. Please read Recital Security below for details.



Recital Security

In order to keep chaos to a minimum and our youngest performers safe and happy, we enlist the help of several volunteers to staff the waiting and 'green room' areas during the dress rehearsal & recital.

To avoid overwhelming our young stars, we ask that only one parent escort the dancers to the waiting area entrance. We will post signs to the area.

Preferably, the parent who normally brings the child to dance class will sign them in. Keeping this constant does make a difference. Everything else will be new, so anything we can keep consistent

with our youngest dancers' regular class will help them feel more confident and secure. Send them with lots of **water** and their favorite snacks (*nothing messy or that will stain, please!*). Nut-Free snacks are a must as we have students with serious allergies to these products. A coloring book (*no markers*) or game is a good idea too.

The entrance to this room will be staffed and parents will be required to sign their children in at the door.

To ensure the waiting areas are as stress and confusion free as possible, *only dancers and our volunteers* (no parents)

will be allowed into the waiting areas at any time, **including intermission**. We will page you if there is a problem or your child needs you. Dancers may not leave mid-show.

At the end of the show, KinderDancers' & 6-8 groups' parents will be asked onstage to retrieve their dancers (and belongings). All other dancers will meet parents at the entranceway (where they signed in). In order to alleviate congestion and speed up dismissal, we ask that one parent only comes to collect their dancer.



Between the Shows

For those dancers performing in two or more shows:

Don't forget to purchase your **pizza tickets**, when you come in for your recital tickets! Pizza will be served between the shows.

Rather than rush your performers off the premises to find something to eat between shows (there's not too much

around), they (and anyone else interested in hanging out!) are invited to stay, relax, and enjoy pizza for dinner.

Tickets are \$3.50 each (1 ticket=1 slice), or \$4.00 at the show.

Please purchase your tickets in advance, so we know how



much pizza to order (and so you get a better price!).

The concession stand will also be open between shows as well offering **snacks, pop, water, and coffee**.

****Remember to bring your tickets with you to the Recital!****

Class Photos

In order to have the photos ready shortly after the recital, Trillium Dance Portraits will be in to take photos on Sat & Sun, April 14 & 15 beginning at 9:00am. All Dancers will receive a class (group) photo, so attendance is mandatory.

For those of you who would like an individual (or sibling) photo taken, order forms will be sent home the week beforehand.

Please make sure you send order forms in with payment on April 14/15 or individual photos will not be taken.

In order to help us stay on schedule we do ask that you fill out your forms and payment in advance. This way we can keep the line moving quickly for everyone. They are available at the office.

Students must arrive at the studio in full costume with hair up properly (in a neat bun with bangs pinned back) and make-up done. For young students makeup is optional.

DO NOT PIERCE YOUR DANCERS EARS BETWEEN NOW & THE RECITAL Jewellery, nail and toenail polish are NOT permitted.

NO earrings, necklaces, bracelets, rings. Leave them at home so they don't get lost.



Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the online photo schedule, or you can find hard copies to read while in the office. Please be prompt! It is impossible to stay on schedule otherwise.

We are on a very tight/ambitious schedule. In order to stay on schedule, and to provide dancers who have quick costume changes with some privacy, dancers only (no parents) are permitted into the main studio or dancers' lounge/change-room while photos are being taken.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We can only have success staying on schedule when these few simple rules are followed.

Recital Costumes

Recital costumes will be handed out in class the week before photos. Dance students (girls) are expected to supply their own tights (as per dress code). Pink tights are required for Ballet. Suntan tights are required for all other subjects, unless otherwise specified. Acro dancers are required to have footless or convertible suntan tights. Please check to make sure they have no holes in them. All dancers must have the correct shoes, as outlined in the dress code. For your

convenience, tights and shoes can be purchased at the school or at any dancewear supply store. Boys are to wear matching socks with their costumes (bare feet for KinderDance boys).

Please note: Costumes are not to be worn until the recital, except for picture day and the dress rehearsal. All outstanding accounts must be paid in full before costumes may be picked up. We thank you in advance for your prompt cooperation.

Recital Videos

We are working with a video company again this year that specializes in dance performances, to film the recitals in order to record and preserve your child's performance.

DRC Video will be recording all shows. We have worked with them for many years now and they have always done an excellent job!

All dancers and their families will have online access to the recital video, in HD. You will be able to share the link with family and friends around the world. You will be emailed a link and password to access the video approximately 3 weeks after the show.

Each family may order one complimentary DVD of one recital from DRC. You just have to pay shipping!

PLEASE NOTE: Video recording and photography are not permitted during the show. Phones being used during the performance are very disruptive. Please be respectful of the dancers onstage and the people sitting behind you. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

The Finale Rehearsal

The last day of regular classes this year is Saturday, May 19th.

We are holding finale rehearsals at STOUFFVILLE ACADEMY (86 Ringwood Drive) on Tues, Wed, and Thurs, May 22, 23, and 24.

All students participate and the rehearsals are a fun, no pressure affair. Dancers are to wear their regular uniform (**NO costumes**) for this rehearsal.

Here is the finale rehearsal schedule:

MAY 22: 5:30 - 7:15pm All Students in **Recital 1** (Kinderdancers arrive at 6:30)

MAY 23: 5:30 - 7:15pm All Students in **Recital 2** (Kinderdancers arrive at 6:30)

MAY 24: 5:00 - 6:15pm All Students in **Recital 3** (Kinderdancers arrive at 5:45)

MAY 24: 6:30 - 7:30pm All Students in **Recital 3** (Kinderdancers arrive at 7:00)



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The Dress Rehearsal

The dress rehearsal will be held at the **St. Andrew's College Performing Arts Centre**. Due to the length of the weekend and challenges for families and the theatre, we are experimenting with eliminating the traditional Friday night dress rehearsal. We will be staggering arrival times and rehearsing before each show on Saturday and Sunday, May 26th and 27th this year.

This is a mandatory and important rehearsal for all students. Dancers will receive an email shortly with the call (arrival) time for each of their groups. A reminder will be sent the week of the recitals.

Provided everyone arrives on time, we'll be able to start the shows on time. Teens and competitive dancers should expect to be at the rehearsals most of each day. Please make sure you arrive on time so we can stay on schedule.

Please make sure that your dancer has had something to eat beforehand, and send them with a snack/light meal and water as they'll have a break before each shows begin.

It is also a good idea to send them with a book or homework to keep them occupied while they wait for their turn to rehearse. Once they arrive for rehearsal they will stay with us until after the show is over.

In an effort to make sure that we run on schedule, **dancers only (no parents)** will be allowed into the auditorium. It only takes a few latecomers and/or interruptions to throw us behind schedule. We are really counting on your help and cooperation to stay on time.



It's Summer Camp Time

Enrich your child's summer and keep them active with a wide variety of summer camps to choose from at Stouffville Academy.

Musical Theatre Camp is for the student who wants to do it all. Come spend the week singing, dancing and acting! Days are spent learning songs, choreography, working on character development and developing vocal technique for choral and small ensemble singing.

Drama Camp is the place where we welcome the drama! Participants will work on their public speaking and writing skills too, through script work, improvisation, and fun theatre games.

Our **Dance Intensive** fills quickly, so sign up early for this one! Each day is filled with exciting classes in Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Acro, Hip Hop & Contemporary. This is a great way to try out something new without a long term commitment as well

as maintain skills and fitness throughout the summer.

Junior Stars Camp is ideal for the young performing artist (4-7 years).



Students will explore all of the performing arts (dance, music, drama) along with fun crafts and games. **We are also excited to introduce Gymnastics this summer at Jr. Stars!**

It's also the chance to participate at the same time as an older sibling.



Students will perform for family and friends on the last day of each camp.

Looking for a fun and active alternative to daycare for your kids this summer?

We've got you covered.

Stouffville Academy has camps running every week ALL summer.

For a full list of dates visit:

www.stouffvilleacademy.com

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

And, while you're there, don't forget to register early for your 2018/2019 Dance, Music and Drama classes before they fill.

Recital Day Guide for Parents

Your child's first performing experiences are exciting and magical to say the least. With your help, we make every effort to keep your budding young star feeling cared for and stress free as they step on stage for their dance debut! Please follow the instructions below and ask for assistance at any time.

1. Please do not come into the theatre more than 45 minutes prior to your show time (*no more than 15 minutes for Dress Rehearsal*). Enter through the front of the theatre. Guests remain in the lobby, one parent and the dancer should proceed to the check in area for sign in.
2. Only one parent needs to sign their dancer in and out. The check-in will be alphabetical. Please sign your child in. No one will be admitted behind the check-in table unless they are a dancer in costume or a volunteer.
3. There is no room at the theater to change and make up your child. Dancers need to arrive in costume and full make-up, with hair in a bun with bangs pulled (gelled, pinned) back. Per dress code, dancers must have the appropriate shoes and tights (no holes). Leave valuable items at home: Jewelry, earrings, nail and toe nail polish are NOT permitted.
4. **Mom, Dad & Guests: DRESS UP** for a night (or morning or afternoon) out! While it may be a recital to you, for our young dancers it is bigger than a Broadway Premiere! Help to make it an event for them by dressing the part; we will too!! Your child will love to see their parents and guests dressed for their special occasion.
5. If you are in more than one show and ordered pizza, please remember to bring your tickets. It will be available between shows. Please note that food is not allowed out of the lobby area.
6. If your child has a separation issue you are more than welcome to stay with them in the lobby until they are comfortable. ***If, for any reason, we feel your presence with your child is warranted, we will page you. Parents will not be allowed visitation to the backstage area or pick up during the show or at intermission.***
7. There will be a twenty-minute intermission during the show. You will not be allowed entrance to the backstage area during that time. Dancers must stay until the end of the show.
8. If you decide to bring your own snacks, all snacks must be nut free as we have students with serious allergies to these products. To protect costumes, please also make sure they are light dry snacks, and water. You may also send toys/games. A blanket/towel to define their personal space is also helpful. Please bring all personal belongings and snacks in an identifiable personal bag. There will be movies for the children in the backstage area, games, and they are with their friends. ***They will be having fun!***
9. At the end of the Finale, KinderDancer parents will be asked onstage to retrieve their dancers (and belongings). **The audience will be asked to remain seated until all children have safely cleared the stage.** All other dancers will meet parents at the entranceway (where they signed in). In order to alleviate congestion and speed up dismissal, we ask that one parent only comes to collect their dancer. Please ask all guests to respect our safety procedures. After you have signed your child out, they will be released to you. For safety reasons, your child will only be released to the parent who signed in. To avoid overcrowding at the check in/out area please ask your guests to meet you in the lobby area or outside the theater if weather permits. Please do not crowd the check out area.
10. **NO photography during the performance.** The flashes are blinding to the eyes of dancers and potentially dangerous. It is distracting to the other audience members, particularly those seated behind you. It also appears on the video of the performance. You are welcome to take photos before or after the show. Please make sure cell phones are turned off as well. Please ensure your guests are aware of this policy.
11. **NO video recording is permitted.** The display light is distracting to the other audience members, particularly those seated behind you. We have a professional videographer in place to film the show and ALL Dance Families will have online access to the High Definition Recital Video. Please ensure your guests are aware of this policy.
12. ENJOY A WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE! Your enjoyment, our student's safety and happiness are our primary concerns. Please ask questions to clarify any of our requests. Your cooperation goes a long way to help us help you and your dancer(s) have a truly *wonderful* day at the show.