

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled and excited that your dancer has decided to participate in our fun end-of-the-year recital “**Alive. An Afternoon of Inspiration.**” Below are the answers to all your questions regarding recital, dress rehearsal and picture day.

WHERE: Our recital will be held at the Dennis Flyer Theater at Camden County College in Blackwood, NJ. (Lincoln Hall Jefferson Dr, Gloucester Township, NJ 08081) When you enter the theater lobby head to the right, down the hall and follow signs to backstage area for dancer drop off.

TICKETS: You will need to purchase a ticket to each show you attend. For your convenience tickets can be purchased online at Mainstage.org and at the Dance Studio, Monday-Thursday ONLY between 5-8pm. Tickets will go on sale APRIL 15, 2015. All purchases will be for reserved seating only, which we hope will make for a more relaxing day. You may purchase a regular single show ticket, or a double show ticket. Double Show tickets MUST be purchased at the School of Dance and are for the same seat ONLY, for both shows. Double Show tickets are ONLY available Pre-Sale. Last day to purchase a double show ticket is during Dress Rehearsal, if they are not sold out. Single show tickets will be the ONLY kind sold the day of the recital. Please remember there are 2 DIFFERENT shows. Please make sure you buy tickets for the show your child is dancing in.

Ticket prices are:

Adult: Single \$20 Double \$35

Seniors- 65+ : Single \$15 Double \$25

Children Under 12: Single \$10 Double \$15

DRESS REHEARSAL : Our dress rehearsal is set for **Saturday June 25, 2016 from 9am-6pm.** Dancers will need to be at the **mandatory short dress rehearsal** at the Dennis Flyer Theater, at their designated time ONLY. Dress Rehearsal schedule will come out in May. Please do not make plans on this day. Each class will have 10 minutes on stage in full costume with lights. Please remember this is your dancer’s ONLY time to

practice on stage for their important day. Dress rehearsal means **costume, hair and makeup** for those of you who are new to the dance studio. Please be on-time and ready to go at the start of your time. We do not have time in the busy day to wait for dancers. We generally run on time. All tap dancers should wear “socks” OVER their tap shoes until performance time at **Dress Rehearsal and Recital.**

PERFORMANCE DAY: Our recital is set for **Sunday, June 26, 2016** with 2 DIFFERENT shows at **2pm and 4:30pm**. Each class is only in ONE of the shows. Dancers will need to arrive 30 minutes before show time in costume, hair and make-up. All dancers must report backstage to the “Check-In” Table. (Please follow signs from theater lobby to the right.) Check- In at the table then please bring your child to their designated dressing room given to you at Check-In. There will be a group chaperone in each room. We will be providing chaperones to take care of your child’s needs backstage so that you are free to enjoy the show. If you would like to volunteer backstage, please contact Tara at Tara@Mainstage.org. If your dancer has quick costume changes please let us know so we can make special arrangements. In the holding rooms we will have class signs with each class/ teacher listed (Example: Miss Tara Wed 4:30 Ballet/ Tap) Please have your child sit in their designated area. Then you are free to take your seat. Please be seated 15 minutes prior to the show for the pre-show video, which will include all the dancers in the studio. There is NO INTERMISSION. All students stay backstage from the start of the show until bows. **NO EXCEPTIONS. EVERY CHILD MUST BE SIGNED OUT BY A PARENT OR CHAPERONE AT THE SIGN-IN TABLE.** After the Show parents will need to pick up their dancer from their backstage holding room. All tuition MUST be paid and up to date in order to participate in the recital.

PICTURE DAY: Picture day is **Sunday May 1, 2016 at the School of Dance from 9am- 6pm**. Schedules are included in this packet. Photographs are a great keepsake. **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.** If you would like a class or individual portrait of your dancer, our professional AWESOME photographer, who specializes in jumps and motion, and is the photographer for several dance magazines and catalogues, will be shooting us again this year. Please come with cool ideas for jumps or motion shots! We got some truly AMAZING shots last year! We ask that all dancers attend the photo session so class pictures are complete, however it is not mandatory to purchase pictures. Picture details and pricing is attached. Parents will need to plan to stay with their child or have a chaperone. Each class has 10-15 minutes for pictures. Pictures are in FULL COSTUME (including tights and shoes) HAIR AND MAKE-UP. Please be on-time and ready to go at the start of your time. We will not wait. It is a tight schedule and we will be ON-TIME.

HAIR REQUIREMENTS: Hair should be parted on the left, in a low, gelled back bun, with a hair net the same color as the dancers hair. Please make sure the bun is secure and bobby pinned. No Fly Aways. ALL CLASSES WILL WEAR THEIR HAIR THIS WAY UNLESS APPROVED BY DIRECTOR. Many of our dancers are in back-to-back numbers and do not have time for hair changes. Dancers 6 and Under can wear their hair however the parents see cute.

DVD: A professional DVD of your choice will be available for purchase through a private company. For more information, details and prices see attached page. We have a new videographer this year with lower prices and a great digital download option. Don't miss your chance to save your dancers moment on stage forever. **PRE-ORDER ONLY.** (All orders due by the end of Dress Rehearsal. NO SALES WILL TAKE PLACE AT RECITAL OR AFTER) **There is NO flash photography or video tapping in the theater. Please tell Friends and Family- THIS WILL BE ENFORCED.**

FLOWERS: For your convenience, if you would like to purchase flowers for your dancer, we will have them available for purchase on the day of the recital. They are a beautiful and wonderful way to make your dancer feel special. A Flyer is attached if you would like a special arrangement pre-ordered.

RECITAL T-SHIRT: We have designed a fantastic recital shirt for this year's event, which includes all the dancers names. An order form is attached with more info and design. **PRE-ORDER ONLY Due May 14, 2015.** (No Shirts will be sold after the May 14th deadline)

COSTUMES: Costumes will be distributed during class in April. Costumes should only be worn 4 times- 1st to try on, 2nd on picture day and 3rd and 4th for the dress rehearsal and the recital. After recital, costumes can be worn whenever. Please do not allow your child to play dress-up in their costume before recital. We want everyone to look clean and fresh on stage. This INCLUDES shoes and tights. Please make sure shoes and tights fit and are free of holes or other damage.

TIGHTS: All Ballet classes will wear Pink footed or convertible tights and all other classes will wear Tan tights unless specially noted by the teacher. For your convenience we have included an order form for tights. They are very inexpensive and we have them in-stock if you need them.

PROGRAM ADS: We do have AD space for sale for the program. It's a great way to send a special note to your dancer as well as advertise your company. Ad info. is attached. **DUE May 14, 2015.** All Graduating Seniors, please submit a baby picture with a short memo for the program.

VOLUNTEERS: We need volunteers for picture day, dress rehearsal and recital day. Please email Tara at Tara@Mainstage.org if you have not already.

STUDIO CLOSURES: Summer Dance Camps begin in July as well as Summer Stage. There are NO regular classes during July and August. Early Fall Enrollment will begin the beginning of August. Please watch emails for dates and times for the biggest discounts. MainStage has many exciting Summer programs including our Week Long Dance Camps, Summer Stage, and Titanic. Please check out MainStage.org for more info and registration.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER: This is a reminder that students are only allowed **3 absences allowed per class** between April 1- June 26th. If a student misses more than 3 classes, the teacher will stage the student out of the dance. There is no refund for costumes or recital fees. If there are on-going injuries or illness the students are still responsible for attending class and learning the choreography, via video, note taking, etc. If a dancer is injured for too long of a period, the dancer will be staged out of the choreography they missed while injured, and staged back in, if the dance has not yet been finished, from the point where they return. This will be enforced in ALL classes. Please be aware that all parents signed this commitment in the Fall Registration Packet and when registering for the recital.

We hope that you are pleased and entertained with The MainStage School of Dance's Spring Recital "Alive! An Afternoon of Inspiration." 2016. Please feel free to contact us with any other questions.