

VanDance Year End Information Overview for “Game of Life”

May 26, 27 at 7:00 nightly

- All students who participate in classes at VanDance will perform in year end show performances.
- **Outstanding Accounts:** VanDance studio requires all accounts to be paid up before participation in yearend show is allowed. Dancers have received our services all year; please clear up your fees that are outstanding. In addition, all festival accounts to date (except those participating in Company as we are not quite done) Email erica.hunt@vandance.ca for your balance if you require the correct amount. Accounts **must be paid by Wed May 10, or sooner. Erica will be in the office Wed of this week clearing up all accounts.**
- **Tickets** are \$15 each (+ ticket centre charge of \$2/ticket) and Go on sale to the General Public on **Monday May 8** at Enmax Ticket Centre box office location only. As these are sold as assigned seats, everyone needs a ticket who is taking up a seat. Yates location is closed due to renovations but will be open for 3 hours prior to the event for ticket pick up and a half hour after the event for pick up.
- Please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. We are only doing 2 shows, and usually do 3. If we need to add a matinee on Saturday, it is a possibility but I'd like to keep it at two shows. If by chance there is a sell out, we have the option of adding a Sat matinee.
- **Some things to remember about tickets:** 329-SEAT is how to purchase by phone, enmaxcentre.ca is how to purchase online.
- **Shows:** On an attached page, there is a detailed sheet which tells you which one of the 3 shows your child is performing in. **When you go to purchase tickets, be sure you are purchasing for the correct show.**
- **Tights/Shoes/Accessories List:** This list will be emailed out. Please watch for it! This is a detailed list of what each student is to supply. Costumes are supplied for all of our female students (as you have paid a \$30 costume fee). Tights, shoes and accessories are not supplied and will need to be ready to go for picture day. Male students, if we are providing a costume for you, a \$25 costume fee is now due, most will be providing your own, please bring it in for your teacher to see immediately.
- **Picture Days: May 16 at the Lethbridge Studio Detailed Schedule attached.** Please come into the office to pick them up immediately if you missed getting envelopes. Even if you are not purchasing pictures, you are required to be in the group picture so please show up! These forms need to be turned back in by Friday May 12. **No late returns will be accepted.** File into appropriate folders on the table provided in front of the office. Please come looking your best picture ready with hair properly done and light make-up.
- All **festival students** are required to bring your festival costumes **and headpieces** on Picture Day and then return costumes to the Yates to be set up in dressing rooms on **YOUR YATES REHEARSAL DAY.** All headpieces should be returned by the Parent rep in the bag that was provided on picture day...then our counts are done! Many students forget them this night and we will send you home to get them as we need to count all costumes and headpieces the evening before the show. **EVERYTHING MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR!** This is **IMPORTANT** that it gets done! It is always my biggest fear that someone will not have a costume for yearend show.
- **Rehearsal Week (May 24 and 25):** We have booked the Yates Theatre for the few days prior to the show in which all classes will be required to attend a **mandatory** spacing rehearsal and run thru. This rehearsal is extremely important! We will try to stay right on time. Your children are to be dropped off at the side theatre door (STERNDALE BENNETT), you may wait in the hallway for them as they will only be 15 or 20 minutes per DANCE but will be expected to star for their class's rehearsal time. We will not release students until a parent is present to pick them up. Do not send them with lots of clothes and items, **no food! Only water** is allowed in the theatre. See attached schedule for proper times. Do not be late! We need to be punctual for these rehearsals as we are scheduled tightly. Let the teachers have this crucial time with the students. Absolutely no running around the Yates or foyer!!

- **Volunteers:** Unlike other studios, we do not charge a fee to those parents who don't help during our show, however, to run a show of this size it takes about 40 volunteers each evening. We ask that you volunteer your time for one of the shows. This frees you up to see a show that your child performs in. We are always short help and this makes the show stressful for the students and we want this to be a non-stress, fun experience for all! There will be a sign up sheet posted for the month of May and we ask that everyone sign up for one show. Thank you for your attention to this matter. The lists are now posted.
- **Show Week:** All students must arrive via the Yates backstage door (at the roundabout behind city hall). Volunteers are required to be in the building **by 6:00 (NO LATER!)** on show nights. Students must arrive between 6:15 and 6:30 show nights'. We adhere strictly to these times as we are required to have 200 students dressed and ready for Act 1 at ShowTime...**do not be late.** Your child may not be dressed and ready for the show if they are late! All students must come with hair and make-up done and with tights (no underwear under tights!) for their first dance. Carry all shoes and additional tights, along with a clean snack in a clearly marked back pack or bag. Try to wear a robe or sundress ovetop so it is easy for the dressers to help you. Mark every shoe, every tight, every item they bring with their name, first and last!
- **Videos** of the entire show will once again be filmed and sold by Cogo Productions. They do a stunning job and this is a great family souvenir. We will not be doing any presales. You may place your order in the lobby of the Yates on show nights/afternoon. Videos are \$45.00 and cheques are payable to Cogo Productions. These videos have every group dance from the entire season on them (all shows!).

Hair

Festival students we do not change hairstyles at Year End!

- Hair is to be in a mid bun, no part for ALL dances (excluding Tiny Tots and Kindertots and Rec Hip Hop)
- Tiny Tot and Kindertot Hair is in a ½ Pony pulled back off the face and Very Curly!!
- Pictures are posted on vandance.ca of hair and make-up.

Tights...I will not be sending a hard copy of this home. Please watch for email regarding tights and shoes.

- Tights same as Festival for Festival Students (if unsure, look at vandance.ca for this info or attached email)
- All pink, beige and black tights are matte...not shimmer!
- Recreational students, see emailed list.
- Be sure tights are clean, and in good condition. No holes or runs! All tight available at Classique Dancewear
- Please no nylons or "pretend" tights. Let's all match and look fabulous!!

Shoes

- Shoes same as Festival for Festival Students (if unsure, look at vandance.ca for this info or attachment)
- Recreational students see email list.

Make-Up

Please go to vandance.ca for photographs!

- **Dark Stage Make Up for everyone. Please follow these steps.**
- Start with foundation 1-2 shades darker than skin tone
- deep plum blush, brown shades of eye shadow using lots of white highlighter both above and below the eye
- mascara or false eyelashes(preferred)

- eyeliner (wings) which makes 2 parallel lines one from below the eye, one from corner of the eye and out about 1/4 of an inch
- lip liner and a deep red/deep red lipstick a good color is L'Oreal #312 Ravishing Red or Covergirl #915 Red Siren
- Make up should enhance your child's already beautiful face. It should be done with care.
- Anyone with specialty make up bring makeup remover and a wash cloth!
- Large Rhinestone Ear rings for everyone.
- No jewellery or nail polishes (unless called for as accessories).

Reminders

- All Patten Tap shoes must have elastics not ribbons. Wear black golf socks to make them closed in if needed.
- Do not go out and buy new shoes of any style for your dances. Post on the website or Facebook what you have for sale and what you need. Also, check the boxes of shoes at the studio.
- **No** panties under tights unless called for on tights list.
- **No** jewellery or nail polish (unless called for as accessories).
- All black fishnets should be worn with beige matte tights underneath for shine and for comfort.
- Anyone showing midriff in a costume, may buy a full beige body stocking for under it if you wish.
- Any costumes that you are asked to costume yourself, must be brought in advance so they aren't forgotten. Bring them to Yates rehearsal on May 24 and 25. Dressing rooms must be set up these days.
- No dangly earrings but large rhinestone studs for all dances are appropriate unless otherwise specified.

Attached is a table showing:

1. What show Your Child Performs in.
2. Picture Day and Time
3. Rehearsal Day and Time at the Yates
4. Color coding stands for the dressing room they have been assigned too. These colors do not show on hard copy.

Watch for Next Year's Registration Information to go out in May. Information and Pre Registration Begins May 17

We are also hosting INSPIRE Workshop this summer on August 23-25. It is also being held in Moose Jaw Aug 20-22

I have made the decisions on which dances perform in each show based on the students we are missing during year end as well as costume change time. Also, the size of class and age makes a difference as to how many shows they perform in. Please let me know this week if there are any issues, before tickets go on sale!!!!

I may also need to add several small group dances to other shows for costume change time however it won't be ALL of the dances.

Grad Solos: We will be doing grad solos in Friday night's show. (KYRO, JESSICA, RUTHANNE)

Let's make this year's show a really fun and organized time for our students! I truly appreciate the time and effort of all the teachers, students, costume ladies and year end parent volunteers.

Thank you in advance!

Vanessa