

Important 2019 Rehearsal & Performance Information For WSD Parents & Students

WSD's 2019 Gala Performances will be held **Monday, May 20th (Victoria Day) to Wednesday, May 22nd** at the beautiful Living Arts Centre in Mississauga. Tickets go on sale, online at 10am and in-person at 11am, on **Saturday, April 6th** at LAC Box Office. Please consult the attached for information regarding ticket purchasing, policies, procedures and pricing. Additional theatre and ticket purchasing information is available at www.livingartscentre.ca. The pleasure of watching your children perform on stage is a once-a-year special event; to avoid disappointment, please make sure to purchase your tickets in due time.

Performance Q & A's

Where do we sit? There isn't a bad seat in the house at LAC! Balcony seats will give you a great perspective of the entire stage, while orchestra seating will allow you to be closer to the action. Please visit livingartscentre.ca, Theatre Performances/ Seating Maps, for a view of Hammerson Hall's seating options.

Dress & Technical Rehearsal Each year, WSD stresses the importance of the Dress & Technical Rehearsal. This year's Rehearsals are being held on Sunday, May 19th and Monday, May 20th (Victoria Day). All students are required to attend in full costume, with hair and make-up applied, as if it were the actual performance. This is the only opportunity for teachers and technicians to test the lights and special effects, and to ensure all details of the performance are adequately prepared and coordinated for a professional presentation.

Why does my child have to attend Dress Rehearsal? It is imperative that every student attends their scheduled Dress Rehearsal, as it is crucial they become familiar with stage dimensions, spacing, entrances and exits, lighting and special effects. It is essential for dancers to be confident with the space around them. This will ensure a smooth running and professional performance.

What time does my child have to arrive for the D & T Rehearsal? Rehearsal Schedules will be handed out in all classes in early April. If your child takes more than one class, she/he will be required at more than one rehearsal time; please check your schedules carefully. Cooperation with prompt arrival is extremely important to ensure rehearsals run smoothly and according to schedule. Please note before and after the rehearsal, children are the responsibility of their parents. WSD cannot provide supervision or be held responsible for students or their belongings.

Is the Performance order the same as the D & T Rehearsal order? No. Dress & Tech. Rehearsal order is completely different than the actual performance itself.

Why are my children performing on different nights? All three evenings have a different cast of performers; deciding which class performs which night has many determining factors. We have taken various considerations into account, including back-to-back classes, number of performers and pieces per night, performers who have quick changes from one piece to the next, students who are unable to perform on a specific night, etc. We do our best for the majority, but unfortunately and regretfully, we

cannot always accommodate a family's or individual's request or preference.

Why does my child have to wear make-up & slicked back hair? In any professional theatre production, hair and make-up are considered an important part of the performer's costume. The primary object of make-up on stage is to accentuate the dancers' features as well as define the eyes and mouth, which would otherwise appear flat and featureless under the glare of LAC stage lighting. Like the clothing aspect of the costume, hair and make-up help to portray a character and to create a uniform, professional look for the piece. Performance make-up also allows facial expression to be seen from a greater distance.

What to expect on Performance night Performances start at 7:00 pm. Students in Pre and Junior Ballet, Pre-Jazz plus performers in Levels 1 through 3 should arrive no later than 6:30 pm; all other students, by 6:00 pm. To help avoid injury, all dancers must sufficiently warm up prior to performing. Please take into account traffic and the distance to Mississauga. Maps are posted and available online through LAC website.

What to wear Performers arrive to the theatre in full costume with hair done and make-up applied. Dancers should wear a zip or button-up shirt/hoodie to avoid messing up their hair and costume.

My child is only 3 and can't stay up past 8:00 pm While we understand every parent's desire to ensure consistency in their child's routine and schedule, we also consider our year-end Gala Performance a special event, and one which should be celebrated in its entirety. Dancers are therefore not permitted to leave the backstage area at any time during the Performance. This is not only a professional norm, but also necessary for security reasons. By securing our backstage environment, WSD is able to provide an uninterrupted performance for our audience while ensuring a safe, controlled area for all students.

Can I stay backstage with my child? Although we encourage parents to enjoy the performance from the audience, if you would like to volunteer backstage by assisting an entire class of students, WSD thanks you. Several volunteers are required each evening, and will be responsible for looking after a group or groups of student performers with the help of one or two other adults and/or senior students. All volunteers will be identified with a WSD tag and provided with guidelines and attendance lists prior to each performance.

Can I send my performer with snacks and games? Yes, parents are encouraged to pack items that will keep children quietly occupied. Please use your discretion when bringing items that could potentially be lost or left behind. Also, please remember to stick to water and, as always, and most importantly, only **NUT-FREE** snacks.

What time will the performance end? We realize it is a school night for WSD students and a work-day for parents; we therefore aim to have the performances end by 10:00 pm.

March 11—16	March Break—WSD Closed. Have fun and stay safe!
March 18	Processing Date for Spring Term Tuition Payments.
March 25—30	Regular classes begin for the Spring Term. Perfect attendance is essential this term.
April 1	2019/20 Student Recommendation Reports will be available this week.
April 6	Priority Registrations for Summer 2019 and 2019/20 school year are now being accepted.
April 19	Tickets for WSD's 2019 Gala Performances now on sale at LAC Box Office.
April 20	Good Friday—WSD Closed.
April 21	WSD Open—Classes held as usual.
April 22	Easter Sunday—WSD Closed. No rehearsals.
April 22—24	Easter Monday—WSD Open. Classes held as usual.
April 27—May 3	Society of Russian Ballet Examinations, WSD, Studio B.
May 6	WSD Picture Week—please come to your regular class in full costume, hair and make-up.
May 18	Progress Reports handed out in all classes starting this week.
May 19	Final day of classes for WSD's 2018/19 school year.
May 20 Victoria Day	D & T Rehearsal at LAC, Mississauga. Schedules posted on WSD website, under <i>News</i>
May 20-22	D & T Rehearsal for Sr. Dance, ITP & PPP Students.
May 23-24	WSD's 2019 Gala Performances, Living Arts Centre, Mississauga, 7:00 pm.
May 27	WSD's Post-Performance Closure.
	Admissions Office and The Boutique open for 2019/20 Registration and Summer Sale— Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 10:00am—5:00pm, Thursday 'til 8:00 pm. Closed Fridays (Hours subject to change).

SUMMER 2019 IS ON ITS WAY and WSD IS WELL PREPARED

TWINKLE TOES, WSD's 4-week fun-filled pre-school dance program for students and friends, aged 2½ to 5, returns this summer, along with our popular weekly Summer **OPEN BALLET CLASSES** for participants 13+ years of age. Please check WSD's website, under *News*, or drop by the Admissions Office for more info & to register. Watch for information on **WSD'S ITP/PPP REUNION WEEK** to be released soon.

SUMMER PROGRAM INFORMATION IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Congratulations to WSD students, Neva Cinelli, Emily D'Agostini, Lara Della Fortuna, Carissa Greco, Halle Hinkley, Ava Maggisano, Chiara Rizzo and Simona Todaro for having been chosen for roles in the upcoming production of "Beanstock", a full scale touring musical theatre show presented by Education Arts Canada! Check WSD'S socials for info on upcoming performances. A huge thank you to Ms. Sharon for choreographing and organizing the production process and to Ms. Taylor, WSD's Rehearsal Leader. ♥

WSD Code of Conduct at LAC

WSD promotes responsibility, respect, civility and dance excellence in a safe learning and teaching environment. Every WSD Student and Parent is expected to behave in a respectful and professional manner in all dealings related to their enrollment. Any form of discrimination or harassment is strictly prohibited and the School considers all complaints seriously. **Behaviour that is disrespectful, offensive, intimidating or humiliating, either intentional or otherwise, will not be tolerated.**

STOCK UP ON PERFORMANCE RELATED MERCHANDISE IN THE BOUTIQUE

Don't wait until it's too late— check our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram posts regularly for the latest Boutique offers and take advantage of **TB's Great Weekly Specials!** Stock up on tights, hair pins, nets, nude body liners, dance bras, gel foot products and garment bags for your dancer. Ballet slippers, jazz boots, tap shoes or dance sneakers feeling too tight? Perhaps it's time to invest in a new pair. It is extremely important that your child's dance shoes fit well, are clean, comfortable and in good condition for stage use. Bravo to you for being prepared!

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