

## **Recital 2020 Procedures and Instructions**

Please see the schedule attached to this email for your child's specific filming time slot. We will bring dancers in, class by class, to perform on stage and be filmed. Once we have wrapped up these 4 days of filming, we will put a DVD/digital link together for purchase. Please read through this information carefully and remember, this is optional! We know this has been a tough year, but we are excited to have this opportunity!

**1. We are providing a performance opportunity for our DANCERS-** Our dancers have been the driving force behind all of this. Our dancers kept us dancing and motivated on zoom. Our dancers are the reason we couldn't wait to get back into the studio. And our dancers are the reason we are working so hard on this recital. This time is for our dancers! This is their time to celebrate, their time to shine and their time to bring an exciting closure to the longest dance season of their lives! They have worked hard, and this is for them!

**2. Parents are asked to stay well informed with recent state/county mandates, to respect the guidelines and instructions presented and to support DDC through these filming days-** If at any time you are not comfortable with the guidelines we have laid out or you feel you are not able or willing to respect these directions, you are asked to re-evaluate your involvement. You have two options if attending in-person to film on stage is not for you:

- 1) You may film your dancer from home or
- 2) You may opt out.

We have been very clear that this is optional. Please know if you arrive to have your child dance on stage and be filmed, you are agreeing to 100% respect and support the DDC community through this.

We know our dancers are your children and without you, we wouldn't have had the privilege of working with them this year. We thank you for the support and dedication you have already made to DDC and we are hopeful that these 4 days of filming will run smoothly and be an uplifting time for our dancers. Thank you for your help with this.

**3. Please respect social distancing rules at Calvary Church-** There will be signs reminding you to do this.

**4. Please wear your mask at all times at Calvary Church-** When arriving, exiting, walking around the facility, walking through the backstage area, and waiting for your time slot, you must wear a mask. All Calvary staff and DDC staff will wear masks. Dancers do NOT need to wear a mask when actively engaged in dancing/performing but should wear a mask at all other times in the building. If you would prefer that your child wear a mask while dancing, we will welcome that! But we are not requiring masks on stage. Calvary has a large stage and we plan to spread dancers out as much as possible.

**5. 25-person limit per room-** The new guidelines require patience, flexibility, and cooperation. We are limiting the number of staff allowed backstage at a time in an effort to keep our numbers down. The backstage, stage and auditorium area count as one room so we must keep that number less than 25 at all times (Calvary staff working up in the tech booth do not count in that 25). This means, ideally only ONE parent will attend with their dancer. We understand that you want to bring your entire family but, in some cases, this would set us over the 25-person limit. This presents a safety issue and is not fair to the other dance families respecting these new guidelines. Parents, please help us with this!

Some classes have just 1-5 dancers expected to come dance on stage. In that case, each dancer could have one to two guests watching as well as our DDC staff and we would be under 25- no problem.

Some classes have 6-15 dancers expected to come dance on stage. In that case, we need your help keeping our numbers low and ask that only one parent attend.

We know this is hard and a sad reality, but this is what we are currently dealing with and aim to keep everyone safe. Again, if this is a major conflict or issue for you, we ask you to consider filming from home where your entire family can watch your child perform.

**6. We are filming the dances this year-** All home and stage performances will be included in our DVD/digital link and as stated in previous emails, this DVD/link will be for sale later this summer. The on-stage dancers are being professionally recorded by Calvary Church using the church's equipment and technician. The final editing and production of the show will be done by James and Dina Winter. Because this is being professionally recorded, there will be **NO** pictures or video taken in the auditorium.

**Picture taking and video recording are strictly prohibited.**

7. **Arrival-** Please arrive 20 minutes prior to your scheduled time. We hope to run on time but occasionally run ahead or behind schedule. Thank you for your patience!

Enter through Door #2. We will have staff and signage outside to help you. Please pack light! Arrive with your hair done, makeup done and costume on. If you have more than one costume, please keep as much in your car as possible to limit the number of belongings coming into the building.

8. **Bathrooms/Dressing Rooms-** The lobby bathrooms are open to all. We have ONE Girls dressing room open during these 4 days of filming- Room 218. This room is located at the far end of the lobby and is where our individual pictures are usually taken during dress rehearsal (for those of you who are familiar with this space). Again, no more than 25 people are allowed in this room at one time so please only use that room if it's absolutely necessary. This is not a hangout room or a room for childcare! This is a dressing room for females who have more than one dance and need to change quickly. Masks are required in this room. If you are there for multiple dances, please exit the building to rest, eat or get fresh air. Please only use Room 218 to change.

9. **Exiting-** When your dancer is finished performing, congratulations! We are so proud of you for completing a crazy dance season! Your hard work has paid off! Please take all of your belongings with you as you exit and please clean up after yourselves (including bobby pins!). Don't forget to wear your mask as you exit the building and be on the lookout for DVD/digital link sale order forms.

10. **Showering Miss Amanda-** There will be a table set up in the lobby for Miss Amanda. Miss Amanda cannot be with us in person at recital because her due date is that week! Miss Amanda is expecting another baby boy and is registered at babylist.com. This is optional, but if you would like to drop off a baby gift, we will make sure Miss Amanda receives it after recital weekend.

11. **And lastly, we have created a QR code to welcome donations-** We have tried to remain transparent during this time so we once again would like to explain that our usual ticket sales offset the rental fees associated with Calvary. We are not doing ticket sales this year but are still providing this performance space and we would welcome donations at this time. Please know this is completely optional. Thank you for your continued support! We are grateful for the chance to work with your children, share our love of dance with them and be a part of your family's lives- even during a pandemic! Thank you for being #DDCstrong!