



## 2018 Spring and Recital Newsletter

We would like to extend our gratitude for your commitment and loyalty to Sherry Martin Dance. This year has been particularly special with the addition of our Spring Benefit. Every student enhances the culture of our studio, the energy within our classes, and the friendships built along the way. With the recital just around the corner, we are excited to present to you this year's show **I Feel Free 2018**.

### Upcoming Dates:

**Picture Days** – Tuesday, May 8th and Wednesday, May 9th

**Dance to Fight Cancer** - Saturday, May 19th (Harlem Road Community Center) 11:30-3:30pm

**Last day of class** - Tuesday, June 12th

**Mandatory Dress Rehearsal** - Thursday, June 14th at UB Center for the Arts, Mainstage Theater

**Mandatory Recitals** - Friday, June 15th and Saturday, June 16th at UB Center for the Arts, Mainstage Theater

**2018 Summer Program** – July 10th through August 3rd

### Picture Days:

Students are expected to arrive 5 minutes prior to their picture time, dressed in their costume with hair and makeup completed (please check our Head to Toe list on our website for all appropriate hair style, tights, etc...) Dancers are to be accompanied by 1 adult ONLY. NO SIBLINGS please. If your child is in multiple pictures, a designated changing area will be available. **Absolutely NO cell phones or cameras in changing areas or in the dance studio.** Picture envelopes need to be filled out prior and ready to be handed to the photographer's assistant while entering the studio. We do take everyone's time seriously and therefore stress that everyone is prepared so we are able to stay on schedule. During picture days our studio is transformed into a photography studio. For safety and simplicity it is our policy that **students only** are allowed in the room. Please remember there are no **regular scheduled classes on either Picture Day.**

### Dress Rehearsal:

The week of the show is a very busy week for all of us, so we have set up a schedule to make sure that rehearsal moves as smooth and efficiently as possible. Dress rehearsal is to be treated just as both recitals. Dancers are to have ALL hair, makeup, costumes, tights and shoes with them and complete. A designated area will be provided at this time for any students who require a "quick change". As a request from some of our families we have now added a **family changing area** for your convenience. Location TBA.

**3:30pm** - All Creative Movement dancers will be called to stage for an "on stage demo" and to run their dances

**4:00pm** - Cast Call for all **Act 1** dancers

**6:00pm** - Finale (Please note all dancers in **Act 2** will be dancing in the finale)

**6:30pm** - Dinner break for UB and Sherry Martin staff

**7:00pm** - Act 2 will start promptly

Please enter UB Center for the Arts through the main doors of the facility. All Act 1 dancers need to be seated in the Mainstage Theatre with their designated classes no later than 4:00pm. If your child is in more than one number they will report to their designated dressing rooms to drop off any additional costumes prior to entering the theater. Once dress rehearsal begins, classes will be called in order of the show and will line up in the hallway prior to entering stage. After students are done dancing, they are welcome to return back to the audience or head home to rest up. If you are dancing in **Act 2** only, you may arrive at 6:00pm to run the finale and then continue with Act 2.

Pictures and videotaping are allowed **ONLY during dress rehearsal**. It is UB's policy that photos and taping will be prohibited during both recitals.

### **Parent Volunteers:**

We are very fortunate to have so many of our parents volunteer to help out backstage. As always, we will need parents for both the **Friday and Saturday** shows. Please note most parent volunteers choose to help for one show then sit in the audience on the opposite day to view the performance. If you are interested in volunteering, an email will be sent out in the next few weeks for you to sign up :)

### **Recitals:**

Both recitals are identical shows that ALL dancers participate in. Dancers are to arrive through UB Center for the Arts main doors and immediately report downstairs to their designated dressing rooms. If your child is only performing in either Act 1 or 2 they are welcome to watch the other act in the audience as long as they have a ticket purchased through the box office.

No costumes should be worn in the lobby or audience. Students who perform in Act 1 only are free to leave after Act 1 is over. For our students safety all students must be signed out by either a parent or guardian. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. If students are interested in being a part of the finale they must remain backstage for the remainder of the show. Also, please be aware there will be no entering or exiting of either Act unless done within the 15 minute intermission. This is to respect the dancers who are performing at that time.

### **Friday, June 15th**

5:00pm - Senior and Company warm up (located in the black box theatre)

5:30pm - Cast Call for ALL dancers (excluding what is listed below)

6:00pm - Cast Call for all Creative Movement, Monday 3:30 and Wednesday 3:45

6:00pm - House opens

6:30pm - Show will promptly begin

### **Saturday, June 16th**

11:30am - Senior and Company warm up (located in the black box theatre)

12:00pm - Cast Call for ALL dancers (excluding what is listed below)

12:30pm - Cast Call for all Creative Movement, Monday 3:30 and Wednesday 3:45

12:30pm - House opens

1:00pm - Show will begin promptly

### **Recital and Show Policies:**

In order to insure our dancer's privacy, **absolutely NO cell phones or cameras** are allowed to be used in any dressing rooms or changing areas. If a parent, student or teacher needs to use their cell phone for any reason they must be located out in the hallway. Our staff will confiscate any phones used in prohibited areas for the duration of the show if this is not followed.

**Ticket Information:**

Tickets will go on sale for both shows on **Friday, June 1st**, and are \$18.50 each. Please note that by purchasing tickets from UB Center for the Arts box office you will be saving a \$2.00 service fee **per ticket**. Tickets may be purchased at the box office with no additional charge or online at ticketfly.com. **If ordering online, a \$2.00 charge will apply.**

**DVD's:**

DVD's will be available for sale **on our website**. Our DVD's are professionally taped and cost \$40.00 (plus a \$3.00 online processing fee). DVD's can be ordered until Sunday, July 15th.

**2018 Summer Program:**

We work very hard with each and every student during the school year to build and instill technique. To ensure your child's progression and growth, it is beneficial to continue throughout the summer months. If you are interested in signing up your child for this summer's 4 week program running **July 10th thru August 3rd**. Registration is now available on our website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us:

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or stop by the desk between the 1st and 15th of each month.

Good luck everyone :)

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