

Tiffany's Dance Academy Fremont and Tracy Recital Survival Packet June 26th-27th, 2010

IMPORTANT – DO NOT LOSE THIS INFORMATION. YOU MUST READ ALL CONTENTS OF THIS PACKET IN ORDER TO SURVIVE THE JUNE CONCERT EXPERIENCE!

When:

- **MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL: Thursday, June 24th for dancers ages 5+ (all Pre-Level/Jr. Level and up).** Note: there is in class dress rehearsal for dancers in Twinkle Babies 2-3, Twinkle Stars 3-4, 4-5 and 5-6 classes.
- **Tiffany's Dance Academy's Concert Schedule:**
 - Fremont Showcase – Saturday, June 26th - 5:30 p.m.
 - Tracy Showcase – Sunday, June 27th – 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

*If you are unsure at any time, after reading this entire document, about when, how, where or why; please don't hesitate to ask us. We are here to help you understand the process, as well as ensure that you are properly informed.

Where (for dress rehearsal and performances): Livermore High School, 600 Maple St., Livermore, 94551

Dress Rehearsal Information for Twinkle Babies 2-3 and Twinkle Stars 3-4, 4-5 and 5-6 classes: THERE IS A MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL **DURING YOUR REGULAR CLASS TIME AND PLACE THE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE SHOW.** This will give the instructor a chance to make sure everyone has their costume, hair and make up done correctly. Arrive at dress rehearsal at your regular class time, dressed and ready to perform. Be sure to bring your camera!

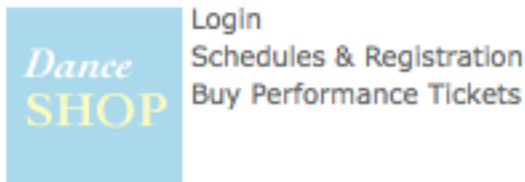
Dress Rehearsal Information for Pre-Level/Jr. Level and up classes: We work very hard to ensure that the dress rehearsal process is enjoyable and stress-free; however, it is always the most difficult part of the show. For our older dancers, this show may still be the first "rehearsal" experience for many children and parents so there are a few things you can do to prepare yourself.

Dancers must arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled start time **dressed** and **ready to perform**. With the exception of the first group of the afternoon; we need all dancers to remain in the audience until 10 minutes prior to the time for them to be backstage. This will help alleviate congestion and confusion when groups are changing. If you have more than one dance, come dressed in the first costume that will rehearse. We sometimes run ahead of schedule, so don't be late. Make sure to allow time for traffic to the theater. **There is always traffic.**

You may leave immediately following the completion of your child's rehearsal. Due to time constraints imposed by theater crew, we will not wait for late dancers, and we will not re-run dances if a dancer was missing.

DRESS REHEARSAL AND PICTURE SCHEDULE

To find your dancer's dress rehearsal and picture day times please go to www.tiffanydance.com and login to your Tiffany's Dance Academy account.



Click Login and choose your studio location.

Once you are successfully logged in, scroll to the bottom of the page. Just above Step 5 click the blue hyperlink: "Click here to view events that students are in."

Halle	Henderson	Daddy/Daughter Dance 2010	Daddy/DaughterLivermore Big Show Group A
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[Click here to view events that students are in, and costumes that the students will need for these events](#)

5 Select any additional items.

This link will take you to a page where you can see each class your dancer is registered in and the events for which that class is scheduled.

Each class has a minimum of three events. Picture Day, Dress Rehearsal and the actual Recital.

NOTE FOR PICTURE DAY AND DRESS REHEARSAL ONLY: The picture and rehearsal times we publish are your "ARRIVAL" time at the venue.
NOTE FOR ACTUAL RECITAL: The start time of actual show is published...not your arrival time at the venue.

Remember to arrive for dress rehearsal dressed and ready to perform. We run on time. Please don't be late. If you have any questions please contact us immediately.

The BIG DAYS!!!

Fremont Showcase – Saturday, June 26th at 5:30

- All dancers arrive backstage at 4:45 p.m.
- Showtime 5:30 p.m. – no intermission

Tracy Showcase – Sunday, June 27th at 4:00 p.m.

- All dancers arrive backstage at 3:15 p.m.
- Showtime 4:00 p.m. p.m. – no intermission

Tracy Showcase – Sunday, June 27th at 5:30 p.m.

- All dancers arrive backstage at 4:45 p.m.
- Showtime 5:30 p.m. – no intermission

WHERE TO DROP OFF DANCERS: Park in the parking lot behind the theater or on the street. Walk around to the back of the theater and drop your dancer off backstage. Dancers should arrive at the theater dressed and ready to perform. Dancers may not take anything with them backstage. No dance bags. If your dancer is performing in the Daddy/Daughter dance, your dancer may bring their daddy/daughter dress back with them.

Twinkle Babies 2-3 and Twinkle Stars 3-4, 4-5 & 5-6:

Immediately following their performance onstage, parents must pick their child up from the FRONT LOBBY of the theater. To pick up your dancer, exit the theater through the front door, and wait in the lobby until the dancers are brought to you by TDA Staff. You may then re-enter the theater if you wish. Dancers who wish to watch the rest of the show after performing will need a reduced price ticket to enter the audience portion of the theater.

All other dancers: After the dancers perform they will go directly back to their dressing area and wait until the finale of the show. These dancers will go onstage again for the finale. Parents may only pick up their dancers at the end of the show. Dancers will not be released to parents at any other time for security purposes.

Frequently Asked Questions and General Rules:

1. **Who supervises my child backstage?** All classes of dancers ages 8 and under shall be supervised by an adult parent or teacher volunteer during the entire run of the show. The volunteers are responsible for all dancers while they are backstage. All parents must sign their child in and out of the backstage area, where they will remain throughout the entire show.

2. **Does my dancer need to stay for the entire show?** There are two answers to this question. One for Twinkle Babies and Twinkle Stars dancers and one answer applies to all other dancers.

Twinkle Babies 2-3 & Twinkle Stars 3-4 and 4-5: After the dancers perform they will be escorted to the lobby area by TDA Staff. Parents will come to pick up their dancer in the lobby. Parent and Dancer may return to your seat if you wish, or you may leave the theater if you don't want to watch the rest of the show. If a dancer wants to watch the show, please purchase a discounted dancer ticket for your dancer in order to enter the audience.

All Other Dancers: For security purposes, we recommend that all dancers stay backstage until the very end of the show. All dancers will go back on-stage for the finale of the show, where they will take one final bow

3. **Where do I pick up my child?**

- **Twinkle Babies & Twinkle Stars Classes:** pick your dancer up in the lobby immediately after their dance performance.
- **All other Dancers Ages 5+:** You will pick up your dancer where you dropped them off – backstage. Please do not attempt to pick your child up from the stage area. *Please do not come back stage before the end of the show, as it is disruptive when audience members leave in the middle of an act.* If you would like to see a list of parent volunteers, they are located on the bulletin board in the studio

hallway.

- **Special Rule:** As a request from the backstage volunteers, only one parent may enter the dressing area to drop-off or pick-up their child. No extended family or friends in the dressing area. This is in order to avoid too many people in one place, so that we can best supervise the dancers.
4. No food or drinks inside theater or stage area.
 5. No running or playing inside any areas of the theater.
 6. For the safety of the performers, NO personal video cameras or flash photography during the performances. You may take pictures and video at dress rehearsal!
 7. No flash photography.
 8. Out of respect for the performers, please refrain from entering or exiting the theater during a performance.
 9. For our older dancers, if the dancer wants to take part in the finale at the end of the show, they may not sit in the audience at anytime during the show.
 10. Only certified volunteers may be backstage during the performances and dress rehearsal.

Professional Recital Video and Professional Action Photos: We at TDA understand *precisely* how important it is for each family to preserve their dancer's recital memories via video and still photos. We do not allow video cameras or personal cameras into the theater during the actual performance for the following reasons:

- 1) To protect the privacy of our dancers from people who post pictures and videos on the Internet. (Video clips of each dance are available on TDA's private Fan Network site. This is a subscription-based site that allows us to monitor who is watching the videos.)
- 2) Flashes from cameras are distracting and dangerous to the dancers on stage. Remember, dancers are staring into a dark space and flashes from the audience can temporarily blind them resulting in collisions on stage and or falling off the front of the stage. This is not

an issue at dress rehearsal because the house lights are on while they are performing.

3) People taking video or shooting pictures of their child on stage block the view of and distract audience members seated behind and to the sides.

4) A video taken from the audience with a non-professional camera rarely turns out to look very good due to the challenging lighting, shakiness, and heads of audience members that block the view of the camera.

No personal video cameras are allowed at the shows; however, they **are** allowed at the dress rehearsal. Each Big Show performance is professionally photographed, videotaped and edited with high end equipment. Our professional photographers and videographers do a wonderful job and are highly experienced in shooting and filming dance performances at conventions, competitions, and recitals. They produce excellent quality high definition videos.

Note: TDA does not prohibit video cameras and cameras so that we can earn extra money selling videotapes and pictures. In fact, after expenses there really isn't much left over. We prohibit these items exclusively for the reasons listed above and since we prohibit them, we have provided a solution for each dancer's family to preserve their memories on video or still photos. You may order a video at CostumeManager.com. They are truly precious keepsakes for the years to come.

Picture Days:

Fremont Picture Day – May 23rd at the Pleasanton Studio located at 5424 Sunol Blvd.

Tracy Picture Day – June 5th at the Livermore Studio located at 4046 East Ave

To find your picture times please see the instructions on page 2 under **DRESS REHEARSAL AND PICTURE SCHEDULE**. Arrive no more than 10 minutes before and no less than five minutes before your group's photo time. All dancers wear full costume, shoes, hair and makeup (check your class list on CostumeManager.com for makeup instructions). Purchasing pictures is optional, but even if you don't purchase a package we would like you to be in your class picture. Anyone who can't make it to their group picture may drop-in at their

convenience at any of our studios during their picture day to have their individual photo taken.

Picture order forms will be handed out in class and available in the office 2 weeks prior to picture days. Try to have your packet completed before you arrive for your picture time to help reduce the chaos! Each group picture requires a separate envelope. All payments are due in full at the time of the group picture. Memory Makers accepts credit cards and checks. Have dancers "picture" ready (costume, hair, make-up perfect) when they arrive. **There will be NO room to dress or do hair and make-up.

Pictures will be available to pick up at your home studio when classes resume on July 12th.

Dancers without a costume may not participate in the group photo for their class. Dancers who are not participating in the recital or have a late order costume may arrive at any time and take an individual picture in their dance class attire (or whatever attire they desire). "Buddy Pictures" are also available – they require a separate envelope.

Memory Makers is staffed with 10-15 experienced dancers and photographer assistants to help pose dancers.

Parents – refrain from entering the photo shoot areas and rooms while your child is being photographed. **Do not take photographs or snapshots of dancers in photo shoot rooms or areas.**