

Tiffany's Dance Academy Twinkle Star Showcase Survival Packet Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon June 26 & 27, 2010

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

When:

- Twinkle Star Showcase #1 – June 26th 10:00 a.m.
- Twinkle Star Showcase #2 – June 26th 11:30 a.m.
- Twinkle Star Showcase #3 – June 26th 1:00 p.m.
- Twinkle Star Showcase #4 – June 26th 2:30 p.m.
- Twinkle Star Showcase #5 – June 26th 4:00 p.m.
- Twinkle Star Showcase #6 – June 27th 10:00 a.m.
- Twinkle Star Showcase #7 – June 27th 11:30 a.m.
- Twinkle Star Showcase #8 – June 27th 1:00 p.m.
- Twinkle Star Showcase #9 – June 27th 2:30 p.m.

Where: Livermore High School, 600 Maple St., Livermore, 94551

Dress Rehearsal

THERE IS A MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL **DURING YOUR REGULAR CLASS** TIME AND PLACE DURING THE FEW 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. If you are in a Saturday class you will NOT have regular dance class on Saturday, June 26th and your in class dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, June 19th. Be sure to bring your camera!

The BIG DAY!!!

Show Procedures for Twinkle Star Showcases:

Arrive at the theater forty (40) minutes prior to your show start time with your dancer dressed and ready to go onstage. Dancers may be dropped off backstage no more than 20 minutes prior to scheduled start time.

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. Dancers may be dropped off backstage no more than twenty minutes before the START of their recital.

SECURITY: In order to provide the most secure environment dancers must be checked into the backstage area and checked out immediately after they finish performing. Parents are not allowed backstage because it is a security risk. This extra precaution can cause delays, so please be patient. Our primary concern is the safety of your dancer.

WHEN AND WHERE TO PICK UP DANCERS: 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.

Frequently Asked Questions and General Rules:

1. **Who supervises my child backstage?** All Twinkle Star classes will 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.
2. No food or drinks inside theater or stage area.
3. No running or playing inside any areas of the theater.
4. For the safety of the performers, NO personal video cameras or flash photography during the performances. You may take pictures and video at their in class dress rehearsal!
5. No flash photography.
6. Out of respect for the performers, please refrain from entering or exiting the theater during a performance.

7. **Absolutely no dancers in costumes or tap shoes allowed in the audience during the shows.**
8. Only certified volunteers may be backstage during the performances and dress rehearsal.

Video and Photography

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.

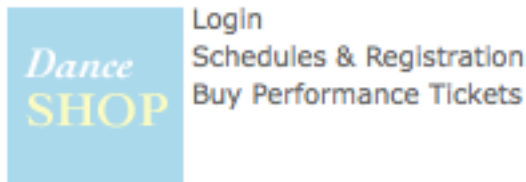
Note: *TDA does not prohibit video cameras and cameras so that we can earn extra money selling videotapes and pictures. In fact, after expenses there really isn't much left over.* We prohibit these items exclusively for the reasons listed above and since we prohibit them, we have provided a solution 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

- SSF Picture Day – May 23rd
- Pleasanton Picture Day – May 23rd
- Livermore Picture Day - June 5th
- San Ramon Picture Day – June 6th

PICTURE SCHEDULE

To find your dancer's 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](#)

STEP 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 two events. Picture Day and the actual Recital.

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 and hair. 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 shot requires a different and 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 experience 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.