

Tiffany's Dance Academy
Twinkle Star Showcase Survival Packet
Fremont, SSF, Milpitas
June 2nd-4th, 2017

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

When:

- o Fremont Twinkle Star Show - June 4 10:00am
- o SSF/Milpitas Twinkle Star Show - June 4 4:00pm

Where: Chabot Community College/Performing Arts Center – 25555 Hesperian Blvd, Hayward, CA

Dress Rehearsal

THERE IS A MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL **DURING YOUR REGULAR CLASS** TIME AND PLACE DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 20-26. 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!

There will be a **Mandatory** Daddy Daughter Dress Rehearsal at Chabot College on Monday, May 29th, 2017 for SSF & Milpitas and Tuesday May 30th, 2017 for Fremont. Times will be emailed to you closer to your dress rehearsal date.

June 2017 Tuition

Students participating in the recital must pay June tuition in full. Classes run through Friday, June 30th, 2017. There is no pro-rating or refunds of June tuition.

The BIG DAY!!!

Show Procedures for Twinkle Star Showcases:

Arrive at the theater thirty (30) 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 of their Showcase.

WHERE TO DROP OFF DANCERS: Dancers should be dropped off at the backstage entrance to the theater. Please follow the Dancer Drop Off signs,

which will direct you to the sign-in table. You will sign your dancer in with a TDA staff member. From there, dancers will be escorted to their waiting area, where they will remain until it is their time to perform. Once they have signed their dancer in, parents may go wait in line for the house of the theater to open. 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 Showcase.

SECURITY: In order to provide the most secure environment dancers must be checked into the backstage area no more than 20 minutes before the start of their Showcase and they must be checked out immediately after they finish performing. Parents are not allowed backstage because it is a security risk to have a lot of extra people wandering backstage. 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 same spot where they dropped them off. To pick up your dancer, exit the theater through the lobby door, and turn left. A TDA Staff member will be at the sign in table and will release your dancer to you. 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:

Q. Who supervises my child backstage?

A. All Twinkle Star classes will be supervised by a parent volunteer, TDA staff member, Raising the Barre volunteer or teacher during their time backstage. They are responsible for all dancers while they are backstage.

Q. Do I need to send any food or drink backstage with my dancer?

A. No food or drinks are allowed inside the theater or backstage area. Your dancer will be backstage for a very short period of time, and there is a water fountain available to them.

Q. When can I leave the theater to pick up my dancer?

A. Dancers should be picked up immediately after they finish performing. Out of respect for the performers, please refrain from entering or exiting the theater during a performance. Please wait until there is a break between performances.

Q. May I take photos or video during the performance?

A. For the safety of the performers, NO personal video or flash photography is allowed during the performance. You are encouraged to take pictures and video at their in-class dress rehearsal!

Q. Can my dancer watch the remainder of the Showcase after they perform?

A. Yes! Dancers who wish to enter the audience will need a reduced price dancer ticket. **Please no tap shoes in the audience during the shows.**

IMPORTANT

- No running or playing inside any area of the theater.
- Only registered volunteers may be backstage during the Showcase.

**NO VIDEOTAPING
NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY
During Performances**

Professional Recital Video and Professional Action Photos: We at TDA understand that it is important for each family to preserve their dancer's recital memories via video and still photos. We do not allow video cameras or flash photography in the theater during the actual performance. Flashes 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.

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.

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 or smartphone video are allowed at the shows; however, they **are** allowed at the dress rehearsal. Each Big Show performance is professionally photographed, videotaped and edited. 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.

Recital Prep Items

Don't forget to purchase the items that are required for your Showcase before your picture day so that you look picture perfect and stage ready come performance time. Click on your location to get those items now! [Fremont](#), [SSF](#), [Milpitas](#)

Picture Days

- o SSF Picture Day - May 13th
- o Fremont Picture Day – May 13th
- o Milpitas Picture Day – May 13th

PICTURE SCHEDULE

The picture day schedule will be released to you at a later date. 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. 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 in July.

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.

Do not take photographs or snapshots of dancers in photo shoot rooms or areas.