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Dear parents and pupils,

A busy summer is on the way for us all at Dance Warehouse! It will be full of dancing and fun and highlighted by our biennial school show.

We are celebrating the school's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year (1995-2020) with our summer production 'A Silver Celebration'. It will bring both our Canterbury and Ashford schools together at the Malthouse Theatre, Canterbury for a week of fantastic performances with our talented pupils! It is a wonderful performance opportunity for all pupils and one for you to put in your diary now:

<b>SHOW DATES</b>	<b>THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> to SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>
<b>DRESS REHEARSALS</b>	<b>MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> and TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>

We are delighted to be at this lovely new venue but it has meant some alterations to our previous shows' format, so please do read the information below very carefully.

SHOW ALLOCATION:

**Please note there will be 8 performances in total with separate Ballet & Musical performances - Both shows will be double cast:**

**BALLET SHOWS (Green / Orange casts) will involve all syllabus ballet classes from Primary level upwards.**

**GREEN CAST: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 11am & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm**

**ORANGE CAST: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 11am**

**MUSICAL SHOWS (Red / Blue casts) will involve all other classes ie. tap, jazz, hip hop, acro, creative, contemporary, adult ballet, babies ballet and Pre-primary classes.**

**RED CAST: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm & Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm**

**BLUE CAST: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

All pupils are able to take part. The youngest pupils (pre-school and reception year children) will be allocated ONE show, and everyone else will be allocated TWO. Your cast allocation is as follows:

**MUSICAL SHOW – RED CAST**                      **Part(s):**

**MUSICAL SHOW – BLUE CAST**                      **Part(s):**

**BALLET SHOW – GREEN CAST**                      **Part(s):**

**BALLET SHOW – ORANGE CAST**                      **Part(s):**

**PRE-SCHOOL/RECEPTION CHILDREN**                      **Show allocation:**

These allocated casts relate directly to their classes and we have to insist that pupils cannot change casts under any circumstances. Casting and planning for both schools to synchronise is very complicated. We do try our best to cast pupils who attend several classes or those with siblings in the same cast, but as I am sure you can appreciate 'double-casting' 450 pupils is not an easy task and sometimes this is just not possible. We have done our best!

#### REHEARSALS:

Most rehearsals will take place in normal class times. Please note, however, the extra rehearsals schedule is attached! We expect all participants to attend every extra allocated rehearsal as these rehearsals are used to 'pull everything together' and are vital. As I am sure you can appreciate it can be very tricky putting a production with relatively limited time and our young dancers simply cannot miss these rehearsals. It would be unfair on all concerned. Therefore unfortunately should you be unable to commit to these requirements regrettably you will not be able to participate.

The **Babies Ballet, Pre-primary, Creative 1 and Creative 2 classes** will not be required to attend any extra rehearsals. All rehearsals will be in their normal class times so these young dancers will only be required to be at the theatre for the ONE show that they are allocated.

#### TICKETS:

Tickets will only be available to buy directly from the Malthouse Theatre. Please make the box office aware when booking if any disabled seats are required.

Prices: £15 (stalls & circle seats), £11 (slip seats) & £7 (standing places)

#### **PRIORITY BOOKING ONLY FOR PUPILS DANCING IN THE SHOW!**

These will go on sale on **1<sup>ST</sup> MAY**. Every performer will have an allocation of seats they can book to allow a fair choice and allocation of the seats available. The theatre box office will have a list of performers and their show allocations and will only allow the registered allocation to each performer at this time.

From **1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**, the remaining unsold seats will go on public sale and therefore family and friends will have the opportunity to buy more if they wish.

During the **priority booking period (1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May)** tickets can be booked by email:

**[boxoffice@malthousetheatre.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@malthousetheatre.co.uk)** or by telephone: **01227 287234** stating the performer's name.

When **public booking** opens on **1<sup>st</sup> June** tickets can be purchased through the online box office on the theatre's website: **[www.malthousetheatre.co.uk](http://www.malthousetheatre.co.uk)**

#### COSTUMES:

Pupils will need costumes for each dance they are performing in, and you will be required to provide these as required. We always aim to keep costs to a minimum and we will re-use costumes from our collection when possible. Some are purchased and others are sewn (any volunteers for this are very welcome!)

#### MOMENTOS:

Blue Pig will be coming to take both photographs and to record the shows. Photos and DVDs will be on sale – details to follow nearer the time.

## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Shows simply don't happen without an amazing team of volunteers. We need help backstage from DBS checked parents or those who are happy to apply for a chaperone's licence (free of charge – please ask for details). This is vital and we do need parents to specify which shows/rehearsals they are able to help with please. Those who have done it before can verify that this is not the easiest of jobs (everyone is very excited!) but it is rewarding and without sufficient helpers backstage the show really cannot go on! We will need about 12 chaperones per show. Please volunteer if you can help.

Likewise any help you may be able to offer eg. painting/making scenery, Sunday evening end of show clearing up, sewing, advertising in our programme, T-shirt and programme selling, moving scenery with a van etc is much appreciated. In previous shows those who have been involved have made a real difference and have enjoyed being part of the production from the 'other side of the curtain', so please considering volunteering to help. You can do it! Thank you in advance.

## CONSENT:

All pupils can take part if consent is given. **DEADLINE FOR CONSENT IS STRICTLY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL (END OF TERM)! Any late entries this year will not be accepted.**

By signing the attached form you are consenting to the following:

- 1) Pupils are able to attend all rehearsals and classes as listed.**
- 2) Include consent fees as follows which are non-refundable:  
£10 per pupil  
£5 for pre-school and reception year pupils doing one show  
£15 for pupils doing both the ballet and musical shows.  
Please note this is to help us with theatre hire, scenery costs etc and is NOT for costumes. The consent fee includes all extra rehearsals.**
- 3) You will provide a costume as required (see notes above).**
- 4) Pupils will be chaperoned by staff and parent volunteers (DBS checked/chaperoned licenced) at rehearsals and at the theatre, are expected to behave appropriately at all times.**

Due to changes in legislation we now have to licence the performance with a Body of Persons Approval (BOPA) through Kent County Council, so please ensure you complete the consent form carefully providing all of the information and sign to confirm your child is fit and healthy to participate in the show.

This is a very exciting opportunity for pupils – please do support us. We can only attempt it with a lot of courage and goodwill! We will do our best to make the whole experience fun and memorable for everyone involved. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us. Thank you.

Katie Marquis.

**A SILVER CELEBRATION: 16<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

Pupil's name:

Show allocation:

Date of Birth:

Post code:

Emergency Contact number(s):

Any known medical conditions or allergies:

I have read the attached letter and give consent for my child to participate in the allocated performances of 'A Silver Celebration' at the Malthouse Theatre. I confirm they are fit and healthy to perform.

I enclose my consent fee of £        (non-refundable).

I would like to volunteer to help as follows:

Signed:

Date:

**PLEASE RETURN THIS CONSENT FORM TO US BY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT THE VERY LATEST.  
ANY LATE CONSENT FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**