

**April 2017**

**SWINDON DANCE – SUMMER GALA – 2017**

Dear Performer,

We are thrilled to let you know that we are hosting our end of year Summer Dance Performance at the Wyvern Theatre on **Sunday 23rd July 2017** to celebrate the end of a fantastic year in our Community classes at Swindon Dance….. And we are delighted that your class is taking part (please find the full list of the Community Classes taking part below).

We are at the beginning stages of planning our busy day but we would like to give you as much information as possible in advance to help you organise your day. Please see the details below.

**YOUR PERFORMANCE PIECE:**

Your class teacher will be working with you/choreographing your piece during your regular class time. Depending on your class you **might** be asked to come in for 1 OR 2 additional rehearsals to put your piece together if your group is being combined with another group. However we will give you plenty of notice to arrange this for the best time that works for your group.

**TECHNICAL/DRESS REHEARSALS:**

We have a total of 22 groups taking part, which is fantastic **BUT** busy! We only have access to the Wyvern Theatre stage for one day only so we will be calling every group in at various times throughout the day to have a 15 minute Technical/Dress Rehearsal on stage on the same day as the performance. Once your technical Rehearsal has finished you are free to go home and return again in the evening (unless you are performing with other groups then you will need to stay for their Technical Rehearsal). Please see below for the Schedule:

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| **GROUPS** | **TECH/REHEARSAL TIME** |
| **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CLASSES:** |
| 1. Saturday Jazz 8-10 and 11-12yrs combined
 | 11.15-11.30AM |
| 1. Sat Movers creative 8-10yrs
 | 11.30-11.45AM |
| 1. Just For Boys
 | 11.45-12PM |
| 1. Primary Steps- level 3
 | 12-12.15PM |
| 1. STEPS2 level 1
 | 12.15-12.30PM |
| 1. STEPS2- Level 2
 | 12.30-12.45PM |
| 1. Children’s and Youth Tap combined
 | 12.45-1PM |
| 1. Just For Kicks
 | 1-1.15PM |
| 1. Saturday jazz- 13-16yrs
 | 1.15-1.30PM |
| 1. Youth Ballet Level 2
 | 1.30-1.45PM |
| 1. Youth Contemporary
 | 1.45-2PM |
| 1. Stereotype
 | 2-2.15PM |
| 1. SYDCO
 | 2.15-2.30PM |

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| **ADULT CLASSES** |
| 1. Salto!
 | 3.30-3.45PM |
| 1. Wednesday Jazz 1
 | 3.45-4PM |
| 1. Monday Jazz 2/3
 | 4-4.15PM |
| 1. Ballet 1 & 2 combined
 | 4.15-4.30PM |
| 1. Contemporary 1
 | 4.30-4.45PM |
| 1. Tap 1, 2 & 3 combined
 | 4.45-5PM |
| 1. Salsa
 | 5-5.15PM |
| 1. Bharatanatyam
 | 5.15-5.30PM |
| 1. Swingout Swindon
 | 5.30-5.45PM |

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| **BREAK** | **5.45-6.30PM** |
| ALL PERFORMERS IN THEIR DRESSING ROOMS | 6.30-7.30PM |

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| **PERFORMANCE** | **7.30-10pm** |

**PERFORMANCE CALLING TIMES:**

If you/your child is going home after their Technical Rehearsal before the performance please can we ask all performers to be back at the Wyvern Theatre (via the Stage Door – To the right of the Theatre) for **6.30pm**.

**SIGNING IN/OUT OF THE WYVERN THEATRE:**

**During the day:**

When you arrive at the Wyvern Theatre for your Technical Rehearsal please can we ask you to come through the main theatre doors and meet your class teacher in the foyer 15 minutes before your technical rehearsal is due to start. Your class teacher will sign you in when you arrive and will sign you out again after your rehearsal has finished once your parent has picked you up.

**During the evening:**

If you choose to go home and come back again for the performance in the evening please come in and out of the Wyvern Theatre via the stage door which is to the right of the Wyvern Theatre. You will not be allowed access to the changing rooms through the front of the building via the stage. Please can we ask all performers to sign in at the stage door when they arrive and sign out at the end of the evening. **Please note. No child/young person will be allowed to leave the building without being signed out by their parent/carer**.

**VALUABLES:**

Please be aware that the Wyvern Theatre will be very busy during the day with lots of performers and staff members going in and out of the building, therefore we strongly advice that you keep your valuables to a minimum. Although every performer/group will be assigned shared changing rooms in the evening there will not be any lockers available. Swindon Dance cannot be held responsible for any personal belongings at any part of the day.

**COSTUMES:**

Your class teacher will go through/ inform you of your costumes during class time. Please wear your full costumes for your technical rehearsal on stage.

**TICKETS:**

Tickets are now available to buy directly from the Wyvern Theatre Box Office and are priced at £15 (Adults) and £9 (Under 16yrs).

To purchase your tickets online please go to: [www.swindontheatres.co.uk](http://www.swindontheatres.co.uk) or ring their Box Office on 01793 524481.

Swindon Dance does not have access to the tickets so please contact the Wyvern Theatre directly if you would like to purchase tickets. Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis and are unlimited on how many tickets you would like to buy.

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE:**

Please complete the form below to inform us of your availability for the performance. Please hand the completed slip into your class teacher by the end of the week commencing Monday 15th May 2017.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on the details below if you have any questions regarding any of the information included in this letter.

In the meantime we hope you have an excellent term working on your performance piece and we can’t wait to celebrate with you all with some fantastic dancing on the **23rd July 2017!!!!**

Best wishes,



**Katie Purcell – Education & Development Assistant Manager**

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**PARENTAL PERMISSION / REPLY SLIP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**PARENTAL CONSENT:**

**I hereby consent to my son/daughter…………………………………………………….. (Insert child’s name)**

**to take part in the Swindon Dance Summer Gala 2017 on Sunday 23rd July at the Wyvern Theatre, Swindon.**

**My son/daughter will be performing with the following group/s…………………………………………………**

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:**

**My son/daughter’s emergency contact details for the day are:**

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|  **Name & Relationship to the performer:** |  |
|  **Telephone Number:** |  |
|  **Email Address:** |  |

**MEDIA CONSENT:**

**I DO give Swindon Dance my full consent to capture still images, moving images (film/video) or audio recordings of my son/daughter named above at the Summer Gala Performance on Sunday 23rd July. Please tick the boxes provided below where appropriate:**

 **YES NO**

**PERFORMANCE EXEMPTION LICENCE: \*Only for those 15yrs and under, on and after 31st August 2017**

**I hereby can confirm that my child has not performed in more than 4 performances outside of school hours in the last 6 months that involve being paid or seen as a professional performance.**

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|  **Performers Date of Birth:** |  |
|  **Address:** |  |
|  **School:** |  |
| **Amount of times your child has performed in the last 6 months:** |  |

**\*If your child has performed more than 4 times or days in the last 6 months you will be required to apply for a performance licence from your local council in order for your child to take part in the performance. Please contact Katie Purcell on 01793 601707 (opt 1) /** **Katie.Purcell@swindondance.org.uk** **if you require this form.**

**SIGNATURES:**

**Parent/Carer Signature………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..**

**Parent name (Please Print)…………………………………………………………………………………………………………..**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO SWINDON DANCE RECEPTION OR YOUR CLASS TEACHER BY THE WEEK COMMENCING 15TH MAY 2017. THANK YOU!**