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January 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

**DANCE HOUSE RETURNS for 2020!**

Swindon Dance is delighted to announce our annual Youth Dance Showcase ‘*Dance House*’ is back!! Dance House is THREE spectacular evenings of dance where we celebrate the huge range of talent on our Young People’s Programme by inviting youth companies and classes to perform.

Dance House is set to be an exciting performance opportunity for our youth dancers from Swindon Youth Dance Company, Steps2, Youth Contemporary, Youth Tap, Youth Ballet and Saturday Jazz 11-13yrs & 14-17yrs. With special guests joining us from our talent development provision PVTP (Pre-Vocational Training Programme) and CAT (Centre for Advanced Training) PLUS an external special guest.

Please see below for the dates and times for the technical rehearsals and Performance times.

**Please make a note of the times relevant to your child/children.**

**Thursday 26th March 2020 – Technical Rehearsals**

This Technical rehearsal will include a rehearsal on the stage. Please see below for the rehearsal slot times:

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| **Times** | **Group** |
| 4.50-5.10pm | Saturday Jazz 11-13yrs |
| 5.10-5.30pm | Saturday Jazz 14-17yrs |
| 5.30-5.50pm | Ballet L1 |
| 5.50-6.10pm | Ballet L2 |
| 6.10-6.30pm | Youth Contemporary |
| 6.30-6.50pm | Youth Tap |
| 6.50-7.10pm | STEPS2 L1 |
| 7.10-7.30pm | STEPS2 L2 |
| 7.30-7.50pm | SYDCo |

Performers will need to arrive at least **15 minutes before** their technical rehearsal in costume. If performers are in multiple pieces they may have to wait between rehearsals, the landing area will be supervised by a member of staff throughout. ***Please ensure you have provided your son/daughter with some refreshments for the evening.***

**Friday 27th March 2020 – Dress Rehearsal and Performance**

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| **Times** | **Group / Details** |
| 5-6.30pm | Dress Rehearsal - All groups |
| 7pm | Performance |

Performers will need to arrive between 4.30-4.45pm in order for us to get everyone performing seated in the Theatre before the Dress Rehearsal will start at 5pm promptly. This will be the performers chance to watch the other pieces in the show so please can we ask that every **arrives by 4.45pm**.

**Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March - Performance** - **7pm (Due to finish at 8.20pm approx.)**

Performers will need to arrive between 6.00 - 6.15pm and go straight to their holding areas to be ready by 7.00pm for the performance. ***Please ensure you have provided your son/daughter with some refreshments for the evening.***

**Performance Tickets**

Tickets will go on sale from Monday 20th January 2020. To give everyone a chance to see their son/daughter perform tickets will initially be limited to 2 per performer. These 2 tickets per performer will need to be purchased **before** Monday 2nd March. Any unsold tickets will then be released for general sale on a first come first served basis. Tickets can be purchased from the box office either in person at reception at Swindon Dance or by calling 01793 601700. Tickets are priced at £12 (full) and £10 (concession).

**Taking Part**

Your child should have been given a form in class to give parental consent to take part. Please fill in the form confirming your childs availability for the performance dates, along with signing the media consent and performance exemption licence. Please return this slip to Swindon Dance Reception by **Saturday 8th February.**

**Please note without a completed Performance Exemption Licence form your son/daughter will not be permitted to take part in Dance House 2018. This is now a legal requirement.**

**Costumes**

Costumes will be decided by the class teacher. This may involve sourcing an item from home or making a small payment towards hiring/purchasing a costume. If you are experiencing financial hardship please do not hesitate in getting in touch to discuss options. Individual letters/slips will be given out in class at a later point to inform you of the plan with plenty of time to make arrangements.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below if you have any queries regarding the information above.

Many thanks,



**Katie Purcell**

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**Dance House 2020**

Name of Dancer: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Name of class performing with: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

My Son/daughter is able / unable to take part in the Technical rehearsal and Performances for Dance House 2020. *(Please circle)*

Parent / Guardian signature: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

**MEDIA CONSENT**

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| **Photo Consent:**  I do / do not\* give permission for the above named person to be included in photography and/or video recording which may take place during Dance House 2020 and that this may be used for a variety of publicity and project resources (including press) by Swindon Dance. Occasionally pictures may be used for promotion of courses/classes on the Swindon Dance website and on social media (no individual names will be used). *\* delete as appropriate* | |
| **Signed (parent/guardian if aged under 18 years):** | **Date:** |

**Please return this slip to Swindon Dance Reception by Saturday 8th February 2020**

**If your son / daughter is taking part in Dance House 2020, please complete the Child Performance licence overleaf. It is now a legal requirement for all performers.**

**Without a completed form your child WILL NOT be permitted to take part in**

**Dance House 2020.**

**Child Performance Licences**

Following the Children (Performance & Activities)(England) Regulations 2014 young people who take part in performances outside of school must be covered by a performance or exemption licence by their local authority. Any students (in school year 11 or below) performing with Swindon Dance will need to be covered by an appropriate licence or will **NOT** be able to perform.

To determine and verify which licence your son/daughter will require to take part in the Dance House performance please complete the table below. They will need one of two licence options based on the number of performances they are involved in:-

* **Child performance licence** - If your child will have performed on more than 4 days (this doesn’t include any performances linked with your son/daughter’s current school) in the 6 months before the Dance House performance, they will need to apply for a child performance licence. You will be contacted about the process of this once this form has been returned.
* **Exemption licence** - Alternatively, if you can verify below that your son/daughter will NOT have performed on more than 4 days, 6 months prior to the Dance House performance then Swindon Dance will need to apply for an exemption licence for your child by submitting the below details to the local authority.

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| **Child’s name:** |  |
| **Name of class(es) performing in:** |  |
| **Date of birth:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **Contact Number:** |  |
| **Local borough/council:** |  |
| **School:** |  |
| **Amount of times your child will be performing 6 months prior to Dance House?**  **(October 2019-March 2020)** |  |

Please sign below to confirm the information provided is correct:

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| **Signature of parent/guardian:** |  |
| **Parent/Guardian printed:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |

**Please note:** If Swindon Dance does not receive this completed form (and a performance licence where needed) the students will **NOT** be permitted to perform.

**Deadline:** Please complete and return this form no later than **Saturday 8th February 2020.**