The Performing Arts Center at Jo-Ann's Dance Studio

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NEWSLETTER

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41st ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



As you all know we are busily preparing for our 41st annual performance at The Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 29th. Our big "dress" rehearsal involving all of our students will be on Friday evening, June 28th at 6:00 pm, also at RVCC.

Ordering Tickets wed

Tickets for our performance will go on sale on Tu, May 15th.

To order tickets, you may call the theatre box office at 908-725-3420, or you may order tickets online at www.rvccarts.org. When you make your ticket selections, you can have the theater mail them to you or hold them at the box office for pick-up during normal box office hours (weekdays 11am to 4 pm.).

Ticket Prices are:

Section A, Orchestra

\$35.00

Section B, Orchestra

\$30.00

Section A, Mezzanine

\$35.00

Section B. Balcony

\$27.00

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT COSTUMES

We plan to be distributing costumes during the month of May. It is very important that all tuition past due balances be paid before costume distribution. If your tuition account is not current and in good standing, we will not be able to send the costumes home to you.

Remember: Your recital fees are due the month of April. If they are not paid in full, the student may not participate in the performance. We have spoken about this and sent home letters explaining this fee many times since September.

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Studio Dance Wear

Ellen Langreth, of our dance wear dept will have a full supply of dance wear (leotards, tights, unitights, shoes, etc) available to meet all your recital needs. Please do not wait until the very last minute if you need to purchase dance supplies. Shop early to avoid last minute problems.

Personalized studio dance wear is available online at www.cheerables.com.

Make your studio dance wear your own.

Walk in-Dance out!

PHOTO SESSIONS



Our studio's photographers, will be at our studio doing individual photo sessions for our students (in costumes) on MONDAY, June 24th and on TUESDAY, June 25th. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the office on May 15th. You must sign up and pick a time if you want a place held for your child.

Because we have had problems with "no shows" and with people canceling at the last minute, it is necessary to charge a fee if you fail to show up or if you cancel your photo session with less than 24 hours notice. Photos will be displayed next year in our studio waiting room. Everyone enjoys seeing their pictures on display.

Spring Break

The studio will be closed for Spring Break from Thurs, April 18th through Sat. April 27th. We will resume all classes on April 29th Please pay close attention to our closing dates, as we do not follow any of the school district's closings.

Extra Rehearsals

You MAY be notified of extra rehearsals for your class(es). We will be scheduling them in order to prepare the productions for our performance. We ask that you make every effort to attend both your regular classes and rehearsal classes. There is never any charge for these extra classes

SUMMER & FALL PRE-REG FORMS

Be on the lookout for e-mails over the next month announcing our fall preregistration specials and our dance and aeriel classes for the summer.

Also go to <u>Verticalfreedom.com</u> to see our class offerings for adults and children, both now and for the summer.

PERFORMANCE 2019

The State Theatre of NJ has announced that they will be closing the theatre for renovations during the months of June through October of 2019. Because of this we have found another venue for our June performance this year.

We are very excited to announce that our 41st annual performance will be held at the beautiful state-of-the-art theatre at Raritan Valley Community College in Branchburg, NJ. Our recital date is Saturday afternoon, June 29th, with a rehearal date of Friday evening, June 28th. Please be sure to mark your calendars with these very important dates.

As you can imagine, the cost of giving your children a quality dance education with the opportunity to perform in a beautiful venue, is very expensive, and is becoming more expensive each year.

We have always been very conscious of keeping all our fees down as low as we possibly can. Our tuition has stayed very close to the same amount for years, our costume prices will remain the same this year (no increase), and our recital tickets will also not increase at all this year. You will even save on parking at the theatre on both Friday and Saturday, as the parking is in a lot right next to the theatre. Fees for ordering tickets online will also cost less than they have been.

We do feel that it has become necessary to charge a recital fee of \$40.00 for the first student in each family. For two or more students in a family, the fee will be just \$70.00 This fee will be due by April 1st, however we will be accepting these payments anytime, now through April 1st.

This will insure that the quality of our performances will remain at the highest level - a level we've all come to expect, appreciate and enjoy. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.