

BACKSTAGE MOM VOLUNTEERS

The most important job at our shows is held by our brave moms who get all the little dancers ready to sparkle onstage. These little ones can't do it without your help! Ms Rebecca & Ms Meghan (and staff) will NOT be able to be in dressing rooms helping your child get dressed and lined up for their big debut, they'll be running the show!

All Backstage Moms will have a seat sectioned off close to the stage so you can go and watch your little ballerina perform. Thank you for helping make this night memorable for your children, friends and family.

Backstage Moms will be needed at three (3) rehearsals:

In Studio Costume/Hair Week December 1 - 7th

Dress Rehearsal @ Riverview December 15th

Show Day @ Riverview December 16th

HELLO BACK STAGE MOM!



Thank you for volunteering to help the little ballerinas in your child's class get ready for their big stage debut!! If this is your first time to help as a backstage mom, take a deep breath and don't fret we will explain all of your responsibilities and how to man the troupes while you are backstage.

We have over 165 students and they wouldn't shine without the help of our backstage moms! Before you panic, you will just be responsible for helping the students that are in YOUR CHILD'S CLASS to get ready for this very special show day. First and foremost, we need everyone to remember that everything we're doing is for the kiddos! The Showcase experience should be exciting, enjoyable and, most of all, full of fun and warm fuzzy memories!



OVERVIEW + A FEW RULES

Ok...down to the nitty gritty of what's expected and rules and procedures EVERYONE has to follow. Please feel free to bring non-messy play items, such as puzzles, games and books to help entertain the children backstage. Someone in your fitting room can bring a small TV and G rated movies for the children to watch. Organization is key, so get out your ipad's and jot this down.

- Absolutely NO FOOD OR DRINKS are allowed in the fitting room. Students should eat before they arrive. Water ONLY is allowed. (This is the rule of the venue and may not be broken in any way or we will lose the privilege to re-enter the fitting rooms...they mean business, so please be good a sport).

We will provide a large bag of pretzels and gold fish to have a small snack in the hall way after their dance before changing into their next costume. This will be the only time a snack is available. They must finish all snacks before reentering the dressing room.

- Students should have clear plastic bins with their name clearly marked on the outside. All accessories, shoes, bows, baby pins, hair brush etc should be in this bin with their name or initials on each item.

- Students should come with hair and makeup completely done. All costumes should be hanging, tagged with their name on each costume and covered with a plastic clothes bag.

- There is plenty of time between their dances to get the girls changed. Moms need to all work together to get every child ready (not just their own child). It's best to form an assembly line and each mom is responsible for putting something on the child.

- Please be sure each child has used the potty before putting on their costume.

GETTING THEM STAGE READY



1. First tights go on... absolutely NO under pants are to be worn under any costume. Like a bathing suit, there is a built in gusset in tights.

2. Second, costume and hair accessories go on. Hair should be neat and tidy with NO fly aways. So make sure a can of hairspray is handy to tidy up the hair before they go on stage.

3. Shoes are next that are to be worn with that costume. NO BALLET SHOES SHOULD HAVE BOWS OR STRINGS STICKING OUT OF THE SHOE. If ballet strings are untidy, please tie strings in knots and cut to the length of the toe and tuck inside the shoe.

4. Double check that makeup is still clean and tidy. Reapply lipstick or fix any smears before they go on stage.

Once the first dance is done, make sure all students visit the potty and repeat the above.

We are looking forward to a great Showcase and we are very thankful for every mom's help backstage and assisting all the little ones for this wonderful evening of dance and fun!

SINCERELY,

Ms REBECCA AND Ms MEGHAN

LOBBY VOLUNTEERS



Want to help out at the performance? A sign up is available in the lobby.

Lobby volunteers will be needed 1.5 hours prior to each performance. Duties include: scanning tickets, handing out playbills, helping to sell tickets and greeting guests!

IN STUDIO COSTUME/HAIR REHEARSAL (TINY DANCER & SCHOOL PROGRAM + TROUPE ONLY)

BRING { Costumes
Tights
Shoes
Accessories

WHEN: During your child's **class times** the week of December 1-7th.

WHO: Backstage Moms & Dancers ONLY

Saturday, Dec 1st

9:15am Pre-Primary,
10:15am Petite Steps

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4:30pm Groove & Tumble,
5:15pm Pre-Primary,
5:30pm Petite Steps &
6:15pm Pre-Primary & ALL Tween Level Classes, including Troupe.

Wednesday, Dec 5th

4:00pm Pre-Primary

4:15pm Petite Steps

4:15pm Primary

5:30pm Jazz/Acro
6:30pm Grade 1

Friday, Dec 7th

4:30pm Pre-Primary

5:00pm Petite Steps

5:30pm Groove & Tumble

Because this is just as much a rehearsal for the Backstage Moms as the Tiny Dancers, we kindly ask that parents, who are not backstage

mom, quickly get their chil-

dren settled and make

plans out-

side the

studio for

themselves during their child's final class rehearsal. We kindly ask that NO MEN enter the building on this evening.

A volunteer sign-up is available in the studio lobby.

All Petite Steps, Groove & Tumble and Pre-Primary students AND Backstage Moms will need to be at this mandatory class rehearsal. It is very very important that all students attend. All items that you will need for the show you will need to bring to this rehearsal. All costumes, tights and accessories should be labeled and organized for the backstage moms.