

## *Show Rules*

The following rules are provided to establish standards, ensure safety, and minimize disruption for our students. We would appreciate your cooperation:

***Anyone Over One Year in Age Must Have Their Own Seat:*** In the past we have received many complaints that larger children in laps have become restless, stand on an adult lap and obstruct the vision of other audience members. Please purchase an additional child's ticket for your little one or consider leaving them with a babysitter so you and others around you may enjoy the show.

***Audience Members Must Remain in Their Seat During a Performance:*** We request that all audience members remain in their seats while a group or individual is performing on stage. Movement throughout the theater is a distraction for performers and audience members as well. It may also block the professional video recording. If you must leave your seat, please limit your entrance or departure to pauses between performances and please move quickly. And...please do not leave the theater prior to the conclusion of the performance. It is not only distracting and disruptive to the audience, but it is rude and an insult to the performers. Please stay and enjoy the entire show.

***No Video Recording is Allowed During the Show:*** You are more than welcome to record at dress rehearsal but not at the show. A professional videographer will record the show and a DVD will be available for you to purchase. Flash photography is unacceptable since it endangers the safety of the performers and distorts the quality of the professional video. And, the effectiveness of the video is limited beyond a few feet. Always be considerate of the people seated around you and please minimize the disruption to others.

***Do Not Visit Children Backstage:*** Let us emphasize that it is very distracting and disruptive to visit your child backstage. It is also rude and disrespectful to the other dancers and the audience to take your child from the theater before the show is finished. Oftentimes when one child leaves others will want to follow. There will be plenty of help backstage so there is no need to worry about your child. Just enjoy the show! The children will remain backstage for the entire show and may be picked up at the stage door after the show is finished. Please show respect for our dancers and for those who are attending to them.

***Arrive 1/2 Hour Before the Show...With Costumes:*** Please be early. Costume pieces and shoes should be in a brown paper bag with the child's name on the front. Please wear street clothes over the costume, if possible.

***No Soda Backstage and No Food or Drink in the Auditorium:*** It is OK to send your child with a water bottle and a small snack to hold them over, however, we ask that no soda, nuts, candy or "sticky stuff" be given to them. The Amato Theater prohibits food in the auditorium.

***Flowers are Welcomed and Encouraged:*** Feel free to present your child with flowers after the show. It is a common theatre practice. Dollars for Dancers may be providing a souvenir booth at the show; however, it is unlikely that they will be providing fresh flowers.

***Hair Preparation:*** Your child's hair must be pulled away from their face. This may be in a barrette, bun or French braid. Ponytails are not allowed. All Level V classes and up must wear their hair in a low bun parted on the left. Hairnets and gel or goop hold the hair in place best.

***Tights and Shoes:*** Hosiery and shoe requirements are posted at the studio and on the website.

***Leotards:*** Female students making a costume change during the performance must come to the theater with a nude colored leotard under their clothing and all costumes and changes must be made over the leotard. The backstage changing area is not particularly enclosed and there may be men present in the area. In order to prevent embarrassment, any female student with a costume change in the show (NOT Kidz classes, i.e. the little kids) is required to wear a neutral colored leotard under their costume. Leotards may be purchased at any retail store or they may be ordered from Broadway Bound.

***Make-up Guidelines:*** Everyone should have make-up on for the show. This includes foundation, blush, eye shadow and lipstick.

***After Show Pick Up:*** Children can only be picked up through the backstage entrance on the left side of the building. No one will be allowed access to the backstage area from the stage. Children will only be released to one parent unless other arrangements are made prior to the show. ***Children will only be released to caregivers we recognize.*** The safety of our performers...your children... is a top priority.

***Have Fun...Enjoy the Show!***