



# Dance Dialogue



## The Show Is Coming!

Can you believe it is already May?! Wow! The show is coming up fast! Classes are done with their dances or finishing them up, and the show is really taking shape. I can say with all confidence, it is going to be a blast!

Class attendance is extremely important right now! Remember that according to the attendance policy, you are only allowed to miss one class per number of days you practice each dance. So if you have one class a week that you practice a specific dance, you should only miss a maximum of one of those classes for the whole time we are practicing for the show. Please also note that leaving early is not ok. This is often when we are learning and perfecting our choreography. Even if your dancer is done learning their dance, it is still crucial for them to be present. Not only is it important for them to perfect their own dancing, but dance is really a group art form. They need

to get comfortable moving with the rest of the class, and that can only be done in class. We know it is not always easy to get here, and we really do appreciate you all making it happen!

The All Cast Rehearsals are also approaching fast! Please remember that these are not optional. These two dates are the only times before the dress rehearsal where the dancers get to practice together as a whole. There are always lots of little problems to be worked out, and it is hard to see them and fix them if there are holes where students are missing.

The same goes for the spacing rehearsal. Please have your dancer present for their time slot, so we can get through spacing as quickly as possible. We want everyone to have time to be well rested for the dress and show the next day! **Note:** See the calendar or note further in this newsletter for call times.

### Call Times

These times are when we will be starting, NOT when you should be arriving. We do our best to be on time, but it is extremely hard with 250+ students. Thank you so much for your patience and flexibility! The best thing you can do to help us be punctual is to be on time, ready to dance. Thank you so much!

#### All Cast Rehearsals:

For the All Casts we will be counting the 1<sup>st</sup> act as everything through mermaids, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> as everything after. For the actual show, we are not sure yet where the intermission will be, but it should not matter. May 21<sup>st</sup> & June 4<sup>th</sup>. At ABA. Regular dance attire. Act I is at 12:45; Act II is at 3:30.

**Note:** Check the bulletin board for parking instructions, as we approach the all casts.

#### Spacing Rehearsal:

June 10<sup>th</sup>. At The Elsinore Theater. Regular dance attire. BIV, BV, at 3:15pm; Modern II & III, at 4:15; BII, BIII, Boys II at 4:30; PBII, BI, & Jazz I at 5:30. **Note:** No CM, PBI, or Boys I needed for spacing.

#### Dress Rehearsal:

June 11<sup>th</sup>. At the Elsinore Theater. IN COSTUME. All dancers including CM, PBI and Boys I, ready to dance at 10:00AM. CM, PBI, and Boys I will be excused after the first run through; all others will stay for second one.

### Student Pick Up and Drop Off:

At ABA, safety is very important to us! Please be sure you are not allowing your dancer to enter or leave the studio unescorted. We know this can be very inconvenient, but it really is for everyone's safety. We also want to remind all dancers to wait inside for their ride. No one should be standing out in front of the studio waiting for pick up. Thank you all very much for understanding, and for abiding by these rules.



## General Spring Show Info.

Tickets are on sale now! Please refer to last month's dance dialogue for more information.

If you own a business, or know someone else who does, we sell advertising space in our program! This is a great way to get some exposure, while supporting a worthy cause. Pricing is as follows: Any donating business card size: \$75-\$149; ¼ page: \$150-\$349; ½ page and announcement: \$350-\$500.

Rose sales: these help to fund ABA scholarship students! Of course we can't put everyone on scholarship, but we want to help families who have hit a rough spot. If you would like to order roses in advance, please email Sara at: [abarosesale@gmail.com](mailto:abarosesale@gmail.com).

The Bake Sale: The sale happens during the all cast rehearsals at the studio. All proceeds from the sale also

go to help support scholarship students! We need families to volunteer to bring baked goods to the sales. There are sign-up sheets at the studio. Thank you!

We also wanted to put in a reminder that all dancers Pre-Ballet II and up must wear a nude leotard under their costumes for the show. If you need to purchase one, we will have a stock of them at the ABA store.

Lastly, volunteers! Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to volunteer in some capacity! We cannot do it without you! We do still have many positions that need to be filled, especially for class coordinator. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, and consider helping out these amazing dancers!

## Summer Dancing and Fall Registration

Summer is coming up so fast! We want to remind everyone again that we offer classes here at ABA over summer (July 5<sup>th</sup>-August 18<sup>th</sup>), and we hope you all will take advantage of them! It is very important in ballet to keep dancing over summer. You lose so much strength and stamina if you don't keep it up! Remember, we operate on punch cards so that you can still have a summer. :) The Summer schedule will be out very soon, and will be posted on our website. There will also be an intensive for the advanced students!

There are a couple of deals for dancers over summer too! Ballet I students, please take advantage of our Ballet I Special: A twelve class card for the price of a six class card! Since there is no Boys I class offered over summer, we encourage

Boys I dancers to come in and get a free class card, and take a Pre-Ballet I/II class each week.

The 2016-2017 schedule will also be out very soon! Registration for returning students will begin in the end of June. We will let everyone know when we are ready to have you begin signing up! If you register before July 1<sup>st</sup>, the registration fee is only \$20.00, instead of \$25.00. July 1<sup>st</sup> is the beginning of new student registration, so be sure to get registered for your classes before then! Please know that classes do fill up very quickly, so register as soon as you can!



## Calendar

**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

First Mandatory All Cast Rehearsal for the Spring Show!  
Time 12:45 Act I, 3:30 Act II at ABA.

**May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Memorial Day. No class!

**June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Second Mandatory All Cast Rehearsal. Time 12:45 Act I, 3:30 Act II at ABA.

**June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Spacing Rehearsal for the Spring Show at the Elsinore Theatre.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Dress Rehearsal and Spring Performance at the Elsinore!

**June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Last day of 2015-2016 School Year Classes

**July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

New Student Fall Registration Begins

**July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

First Day of Summer Classes

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