

Anna Lee School of Dance End of Year Recital

Date: Saturday, December 12

Location: Aurora Centre, Burnside High School

Performance Times: TBC

Extra Rehearsals / Theatre Rehearsals - Days and Times: TBC

We really hope everyone can participate in the recital this year. As we have not been able to offer exams, medal tests and watching days to the same capacity as normal, most of our dancers have not had the opportunity to perform to an audience this year and have not had an opportunity to showcase to their families what they have been learning and what they have achieved. We believe the recital, more so than any other year, will be a true highlight for our dancers and families and something for everyone to look forward to.

More information will be available very soon.

- Although we would love for all our students to participate we understand if this is not possible.
- Students can still attend term four classes even if they are not able to participate in the recital.

****It would be awesome and super helpful if you could let us know if you do not intend for your child or children to participate this year****

Performances

- Due to theatre limitations on how many people can be in the theatre, including backstage, dressing rooms and audience we cannot have the entire school in one performance. (These are general health and safety / fire regulation restrictions - not Covid related)
- We are still deciding the best way to divide the school this year and how many performances to hold – 2 or 3
- Our **junior classes** normally perform in one performance.
- Our **middle and senior classes** normally perform in two performances. Performing twice will not be possible for most of these classes if we only hold 2 performances.
- The theatre holds 700 in the audience. Last year with a bigger school roll we sold out of our 11am performance but only sold 800 of a possible 1400 tickets over the afternoon and evening performances.
- If we are going to hold 3 performances again this year, we need to ensure more tickets are sold for the afternoon and evening performances than last year to cover theatre costs and other recital related costs. We are not sure this is possible this year with a reduced school roll due to the events this year.
- If we only hold 2 performances, we cannot guarantee families will have all their children in the same recital.
- If we only hold 2 performances, we cannot guarantee all students will have all their class dances in the same recital but we are working hard to make this happen.

Participation Cost

1. Recital Fee
2. Costume Hire

Recital Fees

- Regardless of the theatre we use for the recital we still have costs to cover in the lead up to the recital including administration and costuming. Hours and hours of work from many staff members will go into the preparation of and the lead up to the recital thus we need to make sure this cost is covered. We hope you understand the school does not have the funds from term fees to enable everyone to participate free of charge.
- There is a \$30 per student fee to participate in the recital. Recital invoices will be given out early next term and all fees need to be paid in full in order to secure participation

Costumes Hire

- Costumes can be hired from the school at \$15 per costume or where possible you have the option to purchase your own costumes that you can keep - but they need to be identical to the ones the group is wearing. We feel the hire fee is the most cost-effective option for our families. Costume hire fees will be added to your recital invoice.

Optional Fundraising

- We are looking into possible fundraising options to help you cover the cost of the recital fee and costume hire. Profits would be individual and not shared amongst the school. Any profit you make will go towards your own expenses.

Tickets

- Unfortunately, we are not permitted to sell our own tickets. Tickets will be available through Ticketek.
- Ticket sales help cover the theatre costs and other recital related expenses. The school does not profit from the recital but only wishes to meet and cover costs.
- Ticket prices to be confirmed ASAP

NB: There are some dance schools that are lucky to have a historical contract with the Aurora Centre because they were hiring the theatre before changes were made to new contracts. These schools are permitted to sell their own tickets without using a ticket agent and they can supply their own ushers. As we are not on this contract, we have to use a ticket agent and pay for ushers. Because of this our ticket prices need to reflect these extra costs.

Examples of Theatre Costs

- Hire of Theatre, Dressing Room, Lighting desk, Lights and Affects, Sound system etc
- Ushers, Front of House manager (compulsory)
- Theatre Technicians (compulsory)