

2018-2019
FOCUS Honors Performance (Recital)
Costume and Concert Information
October 01, 2018

Dear FOCUS PARENT,

Welcome to the 2018.19 FOCUS Dance Center training, and Honors Performance Program! Thank you for joining us at our new state of the art location in the Woodbridge Village Center, and for choosing FOCUS for your dance technique, and performance needs.

FOCUS is beginning the process of planning for your amazing end of the year Honors Performance **Concert Series, MONDAY JUNE 10TH THRU SATURDAY JUNE 15th 2019**, where we showcase each of your dancer(s) in one or more of our five dance Concerts/Recitals at the professional Irvine Barclay Theater located on the UCI campus.

All FOCUS Universal dancers (non-competing), and FOCUS Companies (Competing), feature their technique and the application of their performance accomplishments for Family, Friends, and the greater Irvine Community. Also, a different local professional Guest Dance Company is presented within each of our five shows for your enjoyment and to give a sneak peak to all our audiences of the potential for our FOCUS dancers yet to come! Each Concert is unique, and reaches beyond the normal expectations of "Recitals" with numerous ENTERTAINING surprises!

**HONORS PERFROMANCE CONCERT SERIES IMPORTANT
MEASURING FOR COSTUMES**

We will begin measuring for costumes **MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2018, AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2018.** All dancers will be measured. Please make sure that dancers are in class during this time.

- **CONCERT FEE**

There is a fee of \$85.00+tax per class to participate in the Concert/Recital. This Concert/Recital fee includes a special costume for each dance and all Concert administrative costs.

- **DEADLINE FOR CONCERT/COSTUME FORM**

The deadline to turn this form in with the appropriate fees is **MONDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2018.**

PLEASE be sure to submit a form for each dancer, regardless of potential conflicts in participating in any Concert/Recital, and be aware, that all **outstanding concert fees not paid by the deadline will be automatically added to your December billing statement.**

- **DRESS REHEARSAL(S) AND PERFORMANCE(S)**

Each class will have one dress rehearsal day and time, and one performance day and time for each dance. Please set aside the entire week of June 10th through the 15th, until Dress Rehearsals and Performance days and times are announced in the spring. We want to insure all FOCUS parents are aware, that if your dancer(s) is in more than one class, the probability is very good that their dances will be in multiple Concerts.

- **REQUIREMENT FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF TRAINING**

The Concert is the final presentation of the year of training, and an important **REQUIRED** conclusion to the success of the program for all **Universal and Competing dancers** in all classes/competition dances they are enrolled. If participating in all classes is not an option, then an Exception would be: If a dancer is enrolled in multiple classes for the same style of dance (say 2 ballet classes/week), they could participate in 1 concert piece, of that same style at a minimum for a successful conclusion to the training and performance program. If you have questions contact connect@focusdance.com.

- **FYI:**

Every class, (with the **exception** of any Blocks, Turns & Technique, Pure Technique (P.T.), Stretch & Conditioning, open Co. classes, and Pilates) will present their skills on stage for all their friends and family to enjoy.

- **ACCESSORIES/SHOES**

Please note additional accessories or shoes may be required to be purchased by the parent.

- All Hip-Hop classes will need to purchase a brand new pair of sneakers. A list of approved Hip-Hop performance sneakers is included for a quality performance. Please order the shoes soon to insure availability.

□ **EVENING PERFORMANCES**

Also, parents of Tiny Dancers (i. e. Creative, Pre-Ballet, Jr. Jazz, Jr. Tap, Jr. Hip Hop) should be aware that some of their dances will be evening performances. We have never had a problem with 4 to 7 year olds participating in evening concerts (even when past their bedtime) and have found that with all the fun and excitement they have a delightful time.

IMPORTANT DATES:

(Please mark your calendars)

TECHNICAL REHEARSAL DATES: MONDAY MAY 20TH THRU SATURDAY May 25th

Technical rehearsals will take place at FOCUS during the dancer's regular class time. These rehearsals, held at FOCUS, prepare the dancers for staging, entrances, exits, and preparations leading up to the Dress Rehearsals at the Barclay Theatre.

Concert hair, makeup, proper shoes, tights and any parent purchased accessories are to be worn. **Costumes will be handed out but not worn this week.**

PICTURE WEEK: MONDAY JUNE 3TH THRU SATURDAY JUNE 8TH

During this week, per request from our clients, a professional photographer will be at FOCUS capturing class memories, in full costume, with still photography for all our dancers and parents. This is NOT a requirement, to purchase, just a service provided, and a great opportunity for a reasonable price, to purchase professional photos of the entire class, as well as solo shots of your dancer. This photo shoot is scheduled during regular class times to insure the best attendance. However, attendance is required so that the dance can be rehearsed on this day as well.

Concert hair, makeup, proper shoes, tights and any parent purchased accessories are to be worn. **Costumes will be worn at during picture week.**

DRESS REHEARSAL DATES 2019:

All Concert/Recital Dress Rehearsals will be held at the **Irvine Barclay Theater**, located on the UCI campus. Corresponding Dress Rehearsal times are TBD, dates for rehearsals are listed below:

- Monday June 10
- Tuesday June 11
- Wednesday June 12

- Thursday June 13

PERFORMANCE DATES 2019:

All Concert/Recital performances will be held at the **Irvine Barclay Theater**, located on the UCI campus. Dates for all performances are listed below:

- Wednesday June 12, at 7pm
- Thursday June 13, at 7pm
- Friday June 14, at 7pm
- Saturday June 15, at 1pm (Matinee show)
- Saturday June 15, at 7pm (Evening show)

CONFLICTS:

Concert/Recital dates are set. If you have an important unresolvable conflict during this time period, please email connect@focusdance.com. However, please know that there is no guarantee that your request can be met. The deadline to turn in any conflict is MONDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2019.

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

If you make any changes to your dancers schedule after submitting your Performance/Recital order form, it will be the parent's responsibility to complete a new Performance/Recital order form. Adding or dropping a class from the Performance/Recital requires the parent to complete a new Concert/Recital order form, and pay for a new costume. Class changes will be honored in writing up to the deadline of MONDAY OCTOBER 29, 2018.

To insure that costumes arrive on time, it is important that you hand in your fees by the deadline. All costumes are made to order so **NO REFUNDS**. The costume companies have strict order deadlines for us to follow; therefore, please be sure your costume order form is in by MONDAY OCTOBER 29, 2018.

Again, thank you for being a part of the FOCUS family, and we look forward to the final presentation of your dancer(s) on stage as part of the FOCUS training/performance program

Thank you,

FOCUS Administration