

**Wichita School of Performing Arts, Inc.**  
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2009 Spring Performance Information

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Dear Parent,

Our year end production is just around the corner and I want to take this opportunity to say there are a few things you should know about such as Location, Dates and Times, Cameras and Videos. Please read the following note **CAREFULLY**.

First of all it is not too late to still submit advertising for the program. We would love to see an ad for your personal business or even a cute picture of your child where you wish them well on a great year. We can extend this deadline through Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please take time to check to see that your child's name is spelled correctly on the list posted at the studio. WSPA prints out the list from our database. If your child's name is incorrectly listed in the database, it will be incorrect in the program so please take time to change it on our current list.

T-shirt plus picture orders have been extended, and will need to be turned in by this Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Location: Our 2009 Production will be held at Andover Central High School located on Central Just East of Andover Rd.

Dates:	Blocking (20-30 min. slot)	Tuesday, May 26th
	Blocking + Dress Rehearsal;	Wednesday, May 27th
	Blocking + Dress Rehearsal;	Thursday, May 28th
	Warm Up and First Show;	Friday, May 29th
	Second Show and Third Show;	Saturday, May 30th

Times:	Tuesday Blocking:	1:00 PM - 10:00 PM
	Wednesday Blocking & Dress Rehearsal 1 <sup>st</sup> show;	1:00 PM - 10:00 PM
	Thursday Blocking + Dress Rehearsal (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> show);	1:00 PM - 10:00 PM
	Friday First Show Time;	<b>5:00 PM Call,</b> 6:00 PM Show Time
	Saturday Second Show Time;	<b>12:30 PM Call,</b> 1:30 PM Show Time
	Saturday Third Show Time;	<b>5:30 PM Call,</b> 6:30 PM Show Time

Our blocking, rehearsals and shows will all be held at the Theater at Andover Central High School. **Please remember NO food or drinks are allowed in the Theater at any time. Any and all meals will need to be eaten before you arrive or in the cafeteria area outside of the Theatre.** Please check the second note to confirm which rehearsal(s) and show(s) your child will be participating in. We will begin promptly at the blocking and rehearsal time scheduled so please be on time. If you are not on time or miss your scheduled time for blocking or rehearsal you will not be allowed to perform.

There will be a Class Mom assigned to each class. We need at least 2 class moms for each class. If your class size is no more than 6 children only 2 class mom's will be allowed. Please see the sign-up sheet to help with your class. Parents must check in with their child's Class Mom when they drop their child off. Class moms will be given a list of instructions they can share with the parents such as the rehearsal/performance schedule and when and where to pick up your child.

Parents not on the list of dressing room helpers, will **NOT** be allowed in the dressing rooms and auditorium during our complete run-thru for rehearsal or back stage and in the dressing room on show days. Dressing room helpers are specifically briefed on what they need to do for this year's performance. The additional presence of unbriefed (although well meaning) hands only serves to confuse an already hectic situation. At this point in time, dressing room helpers are still needed, so if you are interested in helping, please help us by filling out a Recital helper work form. It is very important that every individual attending rehearsal cooperate with the helpers W.S.P.A. has provided. All students will be required to stay until their last production number is over and the adult in charge of your child's class will be allowed to excuse the group.

No one is allowed to stay in the auditorium for the complete run-thru / Dress Rehearsal. i.e. the following times Wednesday from 4:00PM – 10:00PM and from Thursday 4:00PM – 10:00PM.

Parents wanting snapshots (no flash photos) of their child will only be allowed to do this during your child's 20 min. blocking time only. Then we ask that you check with your child's assigned class helper as to when you should return to pick up your child. Please note: Snap shots have been made possible on two conditions:

- 1) That the parents are sitting in the assigned area to take these pictures. And
- 2) On the condition that there is absolutely no talking in the auditorium.

We have had trouble in the past with talking in the auditorium becoming such a distraction to the students on stage that they are unable to receive the instructions needed for their dance. If this becomes a problem you will be asked to leave.

Please keep in mind the school is not trying to be rude in asking this of you but we are on a very tight schedule and W.S.P.A. is only trying to make things run smoothly and have this be the best experience we can for our children.

**Please Note:** Friends and family are welcome to view our production on performance day at show time only. As listed above our productions are scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM on Friday May 29th, 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM Saturday May 30th. The dancers are required to be in the dressing room an hour prior to the show time. This is listed in your paperwork as your **Call Time**. Please keep in mind that our doors to the auditorium will not be open to the Audience until 20 minutes before show time.

**NOTE:** Your child **MUST** attend Dress Rehearsal to participate in the show. **(YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DANCE IN THE SHOW IF YOU DON'T COME TO YOUR ASSIGNED REHEARSAL TIME.)**

**ABSOLUTELY NO CAMERAS, VIDEOCAMERAS, FOOD OR DRINK OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM FRIDAY OR SATURDAY DURING OUR PRODUCTION !!!**

This is out of courtesy to other viewers who attend and to the students on stage.

Wichita School of Performing Arts (WSPA) will be making a Production Video of each Performance. This will be the only video allowed in the auditorium during the Performances Friday and Saturday.

If you show up for a performance with a camera of any kind you will be asked to leave it in your car and/ or leave with it. So any interest in cameras and video should be taken during you're child's 20 minute blocking time. During any of our productions if someone is noticed with a video or camera **we will stop the show** until the camera or video is removed.

WSPA will be making DVDs of the Production available for purchase. If you are interested in a DVD of the complete show please fill out a DVD order form available in the lobby, beginning picture day weekend. Each show will be on a separate disc, be sure to specify which show you want when ordering. Just a reminder, order your DVD early: DVDs ordered prior to production are \$30.00 and DVDs ordered after May 30th are \$35.00.

All tickets for the shows are \$6.00 and may be purchased beginning Picture Day and are available at the studio any time prior to our production week at ANDOVER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL. (Please ask your teacher.) Tickets will be \$7.00 if purchased any time at ANDOVER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL During Production Week.

I am now officially taking names for Summer enrollment; this year we are offering several Summer classes for all ages. I am also taking pre-enrollment for classes in the Fall. Please see me if interested and if you may have early or late scheduling needs.

Thank you so much for everyone's time and interest in our school and in dance. Obviously I feel Dance is a very special art and has a great deal to offer our children. You have helped to make this a very special, and successful year and together we can look forward to an equally enjoyable concert, and successful years to come.

Lori Remington-League

PARENTS:

I would like to take time to say Thank You for your patience with me concerning tardiness during this past month of March and April. We always seem to be pushing really hard on Choreography during that time and if I think 5 more minutes would make a huge difference on the students understanding of the material ...then I tend to take it. I am sorry for any schedules I may have upset and Thanks again for your patience.

Miss Lori