



## What to Expect on Dress Rehearsal Day

Saturday, June 10, 2017  
8:30am-7:30pm

**Ridge Performing Arts Center**  
268 South Finley Avenue  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

- Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your call time.
- Enter the school at South Finley Avenue, make a left and drive around to the upper parking lot, follow F&C signs to the theater. Please enter through the marked side doors.
- Check in will occur in the side hallway. You will receive your child's name on a name tag. This is to ensure that each student is released to the correct parent or guardian.
- Proceed directly to the dressing/holding room with your child.
- \*\*\*\*You will **not** be allowed to enter into the auditorium until you are called from the holding room. **If you are not in the holding room you may miss being called to watch the final run of your child's number.**
- An F&C representative will be in the holding room to answer any of your questions.
- We **DO** allow video-taping and recording as well as still, non-flash photography of the last run-through of each number at dress rehearsal only. Videotaping and photography will **NOT** be allowed during the actual performance on Sunday.
- Parents must sit in the assigned area as not to disrupt the rehearsal process.
- Children will exit stage left and Parents will be directed out the house right door to meet their child with their teacher.
- Any children in multiple numbers will go back to the dressing room to change for their next rehearsal number. (Nude leotards should be worn by all girls underneath their costume.)
- If your child is in multiple numbers, they should bring water and non-messy snacks (pretzels, power bars, etc.) and a large t-shirt to put over their costumes. Most rehearsals are scheduled to allow time to change in between, but this is not always possible. Please assist if your child is doing a quick change.
- **Please note, parents and other guests will NOT be allowed in the Dressing/Holding Room on Show Day.**



## What to Expect on **Show** Day

Sunday, June 11, 2017  
12noon &/OR 4:00pm

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**CALL TIMES:** We have scattered call times on show day in an effort to make the process of checking in your child more efficient. This also allows for the younger kids to be backstage for less time prior curtain. If you have more than one child, you may check them in together. **Remember, seating is assigned so arriving earlier will not get you a better seat! We will NOT check in any 3 and 4 year olds until 10 minutes prior to curtain.** Please ensure that your child uses the bathroom prior to check in. Wranglers will take kids to the bathroom in groups during the show.

<b>Levels 2, 2B, 3, 4 &amp; Teen</b>	40 minutes prior to the show- <b>11:20 and 3:20</b>
<b>All Level 1 Classes</b>	30 minutes prior to the show- <b>11:30 and 3:30</b>
<b>All Intro Classes</b>	20 minutes prior to the show- <b>11:40 and 3:40</b>
<b>All Pre-K</b>	10 minutes prior to the show- <b>11:50 and 3:50</b>

**CHECK IN:** On show day we ask that one parent check in each performer. Check in will occur in the lobby where you checked in for dress rehearsal. At the show, parents will leave their children after they have checked in and proceed back to the lobby. Young performers will be escorted to the dressing rooms by class assistants and teachers. **There will be no parents allowed past the check in point.**

**WHAT TO BRING:** The clothes (costumes) on your back and any additional costumes. Please label everything with your child's name, including shoes. Please do not bring any valuables or personal belongings and send your child with 1 disposable water bottle, labeled with name. Peanut free snacks will be provided by F&C. Activities, games, and contests will be provided for children. F&C is not responsible for any lost belongings.

**BACKSTAGE CHILDCARE:** Our students will be well supervised backstage and in dressing rooms during the performances by teachers, class assistants and FNC alumni, and parent volunteers. Your children are in **VERY** good hands!

**SHOW FINALE:** Every child will participate in the show's finale. This year we will be singing the "Front & Center" song, which is a tradition at our studio. Lyrics are below and we will create a video soon so the kids can practice at home.

"I'm standing Front & Center  
When the music starts to play  
I take my place Front & Center  
I will practice night and day  
When I start to move it sets me free  
That's when I'm the best I can be  
Check out Front & Center  
You'll Find Me!

**DISMISSAL:** For the safety of your children, **there is no early dismissal for any of the performers, for any reason.** We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Students will be released from the stage by class from youngest to oldest. Any student 10 and over will be released on their own and you can meet them in the lobby. For all younger students, we ask that only **one** grownup come to pick up each child. In an effort to get your children back to you quickly and safely, we ask that you **DO NOT** bring flowers or gifts up to the stage. **NO pictures can be taken on the stage before or after any of the performances.** Hopefully sunny weather will make for great outdoor shots! There is also space in the lobby for taking photos after the show.

**IN BETWEEN SHOWS:** Many students perform in both shows. Parents are responsible for their own children in between performances. Performers may leave in between shows. **Please be sure to get back to the theatre at least 15 minutes prior to curtain.** Parents may also bring food in for the performers. We recommend eating in one of the 2 lobbies or outside. **Parents should not be in the dressing rooms between shows.**

**PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO:** Professional DVDs and show photos are available for purchase. **There is no photography or filming allowed during the show.** We encourage you to experience your child's performance live and with your own eyes, rather than through your smart phone. You will be glad you did!

**PERFORMANCE TIME:** The performance runs approximately 2 1/2 hours with one intermission.

**BACKSTAGE:** The backstage area is for performers, teachers and wranglers only on Show Day. No parents will be permitted backstage before or after the show. Please understand that this is for your children's safety.

**TICKETS:** Tickets will go on sale in May on Brown Paper Tickets. We will alert you of the date and time in advance. You will be able to purchase them on-line. Tickets will also be on sale the day of the performance.

**YOUNG CHILDREN:** Please be considerate and remove small children from the theatre if they become distracting. Children 3 and under do not need a ticket if they can sit on an adult's lap.

**COSTUME REQUIREMENTS:**

- Costumes are ordered according to each company's sizing chart. We order up to allow for growth. Should your costume not fit 100%, please ensure that it is altered to fit correctly. You are responsible for your own alterations. Sometimes straps need to be sewn or safety pinned to insure proper fit.
- Most costumes come with tights for girls and all accessories.
- **The same shoes that are required for class are required for the show.** Please ensure your child has the proper shoes. Combo students will be told if they need tap, ballet, or hip hop

shoes.

- Costumes must be maintained in a clean and pressed condition until show day. Please keep your show tights new and in the package until then as well.
- Girls: As in class, **no underwear** is to be worn under dance tights. Boys: We encourage boys 10 and over to wear a dance belt.
- It is suggested that anyone who is in more than one number purchase a nude leotard to wear underneath the costumes in order to facilitate quick changes.

#### **HAIR, MAKEUP & JEWELRY:**

- **Hair:** We will email specific hair information before the show. Please ensure that hair is done neatly and properly before arriving at the theatre. Please use hairspray, gel, bobby pins, and hairnets for buns to insure that hair will stay neatly for the performance
- **Makeup:** We allow age appropriate make-up at parents' discretion. There is no specific makeup required, and younger children do not have to wear make-up, but a small amount of blush, eye shadow, mascara, and lipstick will make dancers stand out under the lights!
- **Jewelry:** Just like the Broadway pros, we ask that there be **no** jewelry or nail polish worn for show day. Please wear only the accessories provided with your costume. If ears were recently pierced, please wear the smallest earrings possible.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- We usually have our photographer, Christine Ruhnke, take free portraits of the kids in costume during the dress rehearsal. We will alert you of the specific time she will be at the theatre on Sat, June 10.
  - We will sell DVD's of the show. An order form will be sent out closer to the show.
  - Our last day of classes is Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you in advance for helping to ensure a successful show day. We thank you for allowing us to be a part of your children's lives. We truly value your commitment to Front & Center.**

**We look forward to a fantastic show on June 11<sup>th</sup>!  
If you have any questions at all, please let us know.**

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