

ASPIRE DANCE RECITAL
PARENT BOOKLET 2017

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

(see list below for participating classes)

SAT JUNE 17 5:00PM

SUN JUNE 18 1:00PM

Alice in Wonderland will be performed by the following classes on
BOTH Saturday and Sunday. Arrive 1 hour before performance time:

Fairy Tale Ballet 111
(Bunnies)

Fairy Tale Ballet 112
(Mice)

Fairy Tale Ballet 113
(Birds)

Fairy Tale Ballet 114
(Flowers)

Early Beginner Ballet 211
(Tarts)

Early Beginner Ballet 212
(Caterpillars)

Beginner Ballet 311
(White Roses)

Beginner Ballet 312
(Red Roses)

Intermediate Ballet 411/412
(Flamingos)

Int/Advanced Ballet 511/512
(Cards)

Advanced Ballet 611/612
(Characters)

Beginner Modern 341
(Cheshire Cats)

Intermediate Modern 441
(Flowers)

Int/Advanced Modern 541
(Water)

**No Classes the week of, or the week
after recital. Rehearsals and recital
take the place of classes**

AIW Rehearsal Summary

Friday June 16th 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Dress Rehearsal # 2

Sequim High School Auditorium

Fairy Tale Ballet, Early Beginner Ballet, and Beginner Ballet need to arrive at Sequim High School Auditorium at least 15 minutes prior to Friday's call time.

All Intermediate and above dancers must attend the mandatory warm-up class held at 1:30 (to prevent injury).

We will be running through the entire program in the correct order. Please stay until you are dismissed.

Unfortunately, we are unable to schedule our rehearsals around ALL school schedules. Your rehearsal time may be during school hours. We are asking you to arrange for early releases as necessary. This is not something we take lightly, and have kept it to as small a number as possible.

We apologize for the inconvenience

AIW Rehearsal Summary

Sat May 20th 12:00 - 4:00 PM

Staging Rehearsal for Act 1 at Aspire (see pg. 1)

Classes 212, 341, 541, 611/12

(youngest students will be run first and released once done)

Sat May 27th 12:00 - 4:00 PM

Staging Rehearsal for Act 2 at Aspire (see pg. 1)

Classes 211, 311/12, 411/12, 441, 511/12, 611/12

(youngest students will be run first and released once done)

Sat June 3rd 12:00 - 4:00 PM

Final Staging Rehearsal at Aspire (see pg. 1)

Classes TBA

Sat June 10th 12:00 - 4:00 PM

Dress Rehearsal #1 at Aspire (see pg 1)

All Classes, costumes taken home

(youngest students will be run first and released once done)

Wed June 14th Tech Rehearsals

Sequim High School Auditorium (see pg 2)

2:45 PM Prologue

Classes 111, 112, 113, 114 , 611/12

3:45 PM Act 1

Classes 212, 341, 541, 611/12

5:15 PM Act 2

Classes 211, 311/12, 411/12, 441, 511/12, 611/12

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**Please read the booklet before
asking questions. Thank You**

AIW Rehearsals

(For the first time ever, Aspire is presenting 2 separate recitals for our dance year. This is the information for *Alice In Wonderland*. If your student is performing in **Lets Go to the Movies**, please turn this packet over.)

Thank you for participating in our production of *Alice in Wonderland* for our 10th annual dance recital. Rehearsals for *Alice in Wonderland* will be held at Aspire and at the Sequim High School Auditorium 601 N Sequim Ave, Sequim, WA 98382

There is a lot more work involved with putting on a production, so there are more rehearsals. Rehearsals are **REQUIRED** for the classes that are **scheduled**. Detailed schedules with times will be handed out at a later date if needed. Please bring your dancer in their regular class attire and arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled time. You will take your costumes home on June 10th.

Rehearsals at Aspire

Sat May 20th– Act 1

Classes 212, 341, 541, 611/12

Sat May 27– Act 2

Classes 211, 311/12, 411/12, 441, 511/12, 611/12

Sat June 3– As Needed

(TBA)

Sat June 10-Dress Rehearsal #1

All Classes

Advertising/Tickets/Volunteers

Volunteers: We need parent volunteers for students under the age of 13. The job of the parent volunteer is to keep the children together and quiet backstage and in the cafeteria. The parent volunteer gets to come onstage (in the wings where the audience cannot see them) so they do not miss their child's dance. If you are interested in being a volunteer for this task (or others), please see Laura or Danyel at the front desk.

- Each family is given **2 free tickets** to the recital of their choice if they help in some capacity.
- Volunteers must help for **at least 2 hours** to receive their free tickets.
- There will **only** be issued 2 free tickets per family
- **No free tickets will be issued at the door**; these must be picked up at Aspire Academy no later than June 9.

Tickets: Since we are offering 2 recitals this year and SHS raised the rental price of the auditorium our prices have changed. We will continue to do our best to keep your ticket costs low as possible. There will be no presale prices this year. Dancers do not require tickets for their own performances. However we encourage dancers to attend the recital they are not performing in and they will need tickets.

- Children 3 and under are free (but may need to sit on a lap)
- Age 4-12- \$8.00 for 1 recital or \$15.00 for 2 recitals
- 13 and older- \$12.00 for 1 recital or \$20.00 for 2 recitals
- Tickets go on sale June 1st and will be available at rehearsals
- Tickets can be purchased at Aspire, Dungeness Kids Co. and Leitz Farms by cash or check.
- Tickets can be paid for by credit card at Aspire and only when purchasing 8 or more tickets.
- Lost tickets will not be refunded.

Advertising: Do you have a business? We love to support our families and local businesses. There will be room in the program for you to advertise. Please stop by the front desk and pick up a form. The cutoff date for submitting advertising is May 5/26/16.

In the Auditorium

All seating is unreserved and on a first-come-first-served basis. To find out about tickets see the next page.

Aspire has hired a videographer this year. We are confident he will provide us with a quality professional recording. Order forms will be in the entryway and available at Aspire June 1st. If you wish to make your own recording, you may do so during the rehearsals. Out of respect for the videographer's hard work and time we ask that you do not record during the recital.

There is no food or drink allowed in the auditorium. During the intermission we will be selling snacks and water, please enjoy them in the entry area, **DO NOT** bring them inside.

A word about audience etiquette: not everyone has had a chance to learn how to be a good audience. (Since we are a teaching studio, we would like to take a moment to teach) These are some good practices for you to follow for any performance...our dancers are putting forth their best effort; and they should expect the same from those in the audience.

- Sit quietly and wait for the performance to begin.
- Do not talk or make noises during the performance.
- Keep concert programs quiet during the performance.
- If you must get up to leave during a performance, do it at the end of a group's performance or between pieces.
- Wait to re-enter in between pieces.
- Stay for the entire performance.
- Cell phones should be turned off or to mute.
- **No Flash photography.** Flash photos during a performance are extremely distracting for all and are a danger for dancers.
- Parents should keep small children seated with them and not allow them to move around during the performance. If very young children become restless and disrupt others' ability to listen, please take them from the performance area until they are quiet.

AIW Rehearsals

Rehearsals at Sequim High School

Wednesday June 14 Tech Rehearsal:

Full Dress Rehearsal and Photography
(see pg. 9 for your call time)

This is a full dress rehearsal. Please come in your costume and makeup for photography (the amount of makeup worn for photography is up to the parents/dancer. Stage makeup is typically heavier, light makeup is sufficient for photos if desired)

Friday June 16 Dress Rehearsal #2:

Costume Only Dress Rehearsal 2:00-4:00 PM
(no makeup required)

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Photography

Photography for Alice in Wonderland will take place during Wednesday's Tech Rehearsal.

See pg. 10 for details on your call time

Classes will have their pictures taken BEFORE they go on stage.

Please sit together as a class until the photographer/helper comes to get everyone at once. There will be a designated row in the auditorium. WE WILL NOT WAIT FOR LATECOMERS. It is important that your student is ready with their order envelope and in their costume & makeup at their call time.

We have a new photographer this year, **Morning Star Photography**.

Here is a note from Beth Barrett.

Hello Aspire families-I am so excited to be working with you all for this year's recital pictures! I can't wait to meet new faces and see all the familiar ones!

Please feel free to contact me through my website

www.morningstarphotography.net or text/call 360.670.6658

if you have any questions. -Beth

ALL dancers will be photographed in each of their costumes. This is the most efficient way to photograph each group, and provides backup options for families who forget or aren't ready to order. There is no obligation to purchase!

Order envelopes will be ready in early June. Please fill out and enclose cash or check payable to Morning Star Photography.

Credit/Debit card payments will be accepted on site. Please arrive a few minutes early to process your payment. Pre-ordering will be available online in early June as well.

One envelope per dancer. Options for ordering multiple costumes/poses will be available on your envelope. BFF/Sibling poses are available!

Please do all last-minute touch-ups and check-ins before your dancer lines up for their picture time. Only dancers and teachers will be allowed in the designated picture area. This will help the dancers to quickly focus on the photographer and keep things flowing smoothly.

We will also be photographing the live recital! These images will be available to view and/or purchase as well.

Recital Drop off and Pick up

Drop Off: SIGN YOUR CHILD IN

- Dancers should be in the High School Cafeteria at least 60 minutes before the recital starts or as directed by your teacher.
- There will be signs in the cafeteria for Prologue, Act I and Act II. (A posting of performance order will be at the rehearsal, on pg. 10 of this packet and at Aspire a few weeks before the recital.)
- Dancers should wait at the table with the picture of their costume on it.
- Dancers in more than one dance should wait under the sign of their first dance number.
- Do not loiter in the cafeteria with the students. Drop them off with the parent volunteer for their class and leave the cafeteria area.
- Students 13 and under will not be released to anyone other than their parent, unless noted at drop off.
- Parents are not allowed backstage unless they are a volunteer.
- Dancers remain backstage or in the cafeteria for the duration of the recital with the exception of the fairy tale ballet classes.

Pick Up: SIGN YOUR CHILD OUT.

- **Classes 111, 112, 113, 114** are only dancing in the prologue, please have a parent ready by the backstage door to meet these students after they perform and sign them out.
- As a performance courtesy, please return to your seat as quietly as possible (These students do not require a ticket but they may have to sit on a parent's lap.)
- **All other students** must wait to be picked up after the performance in the cafeteria.

No food or drink is allowed backstage except water. It is best to have dancers eat before the recital and maybe have a small snack in the cafeteria just before coming backstage. Recommended snacks are pretzels, cheese sticks, grapes etc. **NO CANDY** or messy snacks. Please send dancers with a bottle of water and little ones with something to keep them occupied such as coloring books.

We expect the recital to last approximately 1.5 hours (including the intermission).

Hair/Makeup/Costumes

Hair

- Pull hair back into a bun.
- Use hairspray and bobby pins to hold stray wisps in place.
- A hairnet can be helpful (in addition to bobby pins) when making the bun.
- Feel free to give it a few practice runs on class days so that you feel confident at recital time.
- If your child's hair is too short for a bun, try some other options to secure it to her head and show it to the teacher at class for approval.

Makeup

ages 3-6:

- blush
- a little accentuation around the eyes (eye-liner and/or mascara)
- soft pink/rose lipstick

ages 7 and up:

- foundation on face, blended well at the jaw-line
- medium strength blush
- pink/red lipstick
- strong brown/black eyeliner and mascara
- neutral eye shadow color
- advanced levels have the option to wear fake lashes

Costumes:

- Light pink, FOOTED tights (from Aspire)
- Pink ballet shoes
- Snip laces to approx. 3-in length and tuck into shoes.
- **No underwear—all ages**
- Modern classes are TBA

Costumes

**NO bare legs at the recital OR for photos
ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR TIGHTS**

Costumes have arrived and will continue to arrive into late May. We will hand out costumes on June 10th after Dress Rehearsal #1 (see page 1). When you get your costume it will be pressed and ready to wear. The costume will have already been tried on in class. If any alterations were necessary, they have been completed.

Remember, costumes are never a perfect fit and your costume will not feel like your regular clothes.

Tights, leotards, and accessories required for your costume need to be purchased from Aspire. Different companies have differing shades of tights and products. Getting your items from Aspire will assure an overall cohesive look for your class. See pg. 5 for class specific requirements.

Dancers should arrive for the recital in full costume and makeup. The only thing that they should need to change into is proper dance shoes. Dancers who are in more than one dance should have their other costumes with them to change into immediately after their first dance. Please wear a cover up over your costume for both the recital and rehearsals. You can carry your dance shoes.

It is our studio policy that if you have a tuition or costume balance at the time of the recital; Aspire will hold your student's costume/s until your balance is paid in full. Students without a costume cannot dance in the recital.