

Please read all instructions carefully. Défilé is a fun and exciting experience for all involved. Your attention to detail helps to ensure smooth operations for everyone, particularly our young performers.

CHECKING IN

- A rehearsal will be held immediately before the performance to help students feel comfortable & ready to present their pieces! **Students must arrive promptly at the time listed on page 2 of this note.** If your child is presented in multiple classes, default to the earliest arrival time.
- **Only one parent may accompany their student at check-in.** Please drive around the left side of Carmel High School as you enter the campus and park in the back lot (**do not park along the curb**). Enter the school through the side doors. There will be "STUDENT ENTRY" signs to guide you. You will be greeted by staff and shown where to check in. Your child will receive an ID bracelet and you will receive a coordinating parent ID badge.
- **Parents must exit the building once their child is checked in.** Class helpers & teachers will escort students backstage.
- Your child will be happier and more eager to perform when you are **prepared and on time**. Please help set up your child for success by arriving at the time requested.
- **Audience members will be allowed to enter the lobby of the theatre no sooner than 20 minutes prior to each performance.**
- We anticipate a 75-minute performance. **All attendees must be ticket-holders, regardless of age.** Tickets will be available for purchase at the studio through May 20th and then in the lobby of the theatre (until sold out).

COSTUMES & ACCESSORIES

- **Students' costumes for Défilé are their class uniforms.** Ballet students will have their uniform supplemented with a teacher-chosen accessory. All other classes will receive a t-shirt that must be worn for the concert (female students must wear a leotard under their t-shirt). Your child will receive his/her accessory and/or shirt during class within the two weeks leading up to Défilé. Please keep your items safe! There are no extras and we will not be able to replace lost or damaged items before the concert. Labeling your child's items is always a good idea.
- **Female Ballet students need to purchase a class-assigned tutu/skirt from our dancewear boutique, *The Avenue*.**
- **All performers should have their hair secured up & away from their face** for the concert (female Ballet students must have their hair wrapped securely in a bun). Students performing with multiple classes will not change hairstyles between pieces. If you have any questions about costuming, how to wear an accessory, hairstyles, etc, please call the office or reach out to your child's teacher. We're happy to help!
- **Students must arrive READY TO DANCE with their first costume on, hair done, and ready to go!** There is no time or place to do so at check-in. Please help your child change into his/her dance shoes in the lobby. Do not leave anything with your child, including their street shoes. Nothing will be allowed past the check-in tables (no water bottles, dance bags, etc). Emergency medical supplies such as EpiPens, inhalers, etc. should be labeled in a bag and given directly to a staff member at check-in and promptly retrieved at dismissal.
- Classes will be presented in the order listed on the next page. If your student is in multiple classes, complete a **COSTUME CHANGE FORM**. Forms are available at the studio & on the website in the Défilé tab. Instructions for how to prepare costume changes are on the form. **Do NOT wait to fill this out until check-in!** Doing so delays the check-in process and may cause your child to miss his/her rehearsal on stage.

DISMISSAL

At the conclusion of the concert, please remain seated. Students will be paraded out of the theatre as you congratulate them on their accomplishments. Students will be dismissed by class and you will be given directions on where to meet them. **Remain seated until your child's class is announced.** Please ensure that you have your parent ID badge so we may easily match you with your student. Costume change bags will be waiting for you to pick up on your way out. We kindly ask all families to exit the theatre quickly after dismissal as we prepare for the next concert. You are welcome to stay on the outdoor lawn for pictures with your dancer!

PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY, GIFTS

- **Studio West Photography will photograph all dancers individually in each performance class.** A personalized digital link will be emailed a few weeks after the concerts for you to place your orders.
- Charles Abbate Videography will record all concerts. A DVD or digital video link will be available for purchase. A digital order form will be sent soon via email to all families.
- We're very excited to partner with *The Commencement Group* again this year! They have beautiful flower bouquets, gifts, and Défilé 2023 t-shirts (customized with all performers' names on the back!) available for pre-order. They will also be at the theatre selling gifts for all concerts. **We strongly encourage pre-ordering**, as lines can be long on concert day and inventory is not guaranteed.

<https://www.thecommcementgroup.com/dancenternorth/>

CLASS ARRIVAL TIMES

Check-in times should be strictly observed (no earlier, no later).

Remember to default to your child's earliest check-in time if they perform in multiple classes.

Pre-Ballet 1	WED / 10:00a	Ms. Tara	Arrive 9:15a
Pre-Ballet 1	WED / 4:15p	Ms. Phyllis	Arrive 9:15a
Pre-Ballet 1	SAT / 9:00a	Ms. Tara	Arrive 9:20a
Pre-Ballet 1	SAT / 12:30p	Ms. Tara	Arrive 9:20a
Pre-Ballet 2	WED / 5:15p	Ms. Phyllis	Arrive 9:25a
Pre-Ballet 2	SAT / 10:00a	Ms. Tara	Arrive 9:25a
Kinder Ballet	MON / 4:15p	Ms. Jillian	Arrive 9:35a
Kinder Ballet	SAT / 11:45a	Ms. Tara	Arrive 9:35a
Ballet 1	THURS / 4:30p	Ms. Jillian	Arrive 9:35a
Happy Tappy Feet	WED / 4:45p	Ms. Phyllis	Arrive 9:45a
Happy Tappy Feet	SAT / 10:45a	Ms. Tara	Arrive 9:45a
Kinder Tap	MON / 5:00p	Ms. Tara	Arrive 9:45a
Musical Theatre	WED / 10:45a	Ms. Susie	Arrive 9:55a
Bitty Bop/Kinder Hop	MON / 5:30p	Ms. Tara	Arrive 9:55a
Bitty Bop/Kinder Hop	SAT / 11:15a	Ms. Jillian	Arrive 9:55a

DCN performing companies will present pieces interspersed with student performances to allow ample time for students to change costumes. It's also an exciting chance to see what future performance opportunities are ahead for your children!



Dancer North has been presenting Défilé since 1981

We are very proud of the hard work and dedication your children put forth all year and it thrills us to present the students each Spring. Thank you for trusting us to nurture your child's talent and character. Every student will receive a Fall placement letter mid-July. Congratulations on a spectacular year! We hope to see many of our students this Summer!