

Défilé Note #1 – PINK CONCERT

INTRO TO PRE-BALLET
ADVENTURE MOVERS

PRE-BALLET 1

PRE-BALLET 2

KINDER BALLET

HAPPY TAPPY FEET

KINDER HOP

STUDENT LABEL

Saturday, May 29th, 2021 @ 1:00 pm

****CHANGE OF VENUE** CONCERTS WILL BE HELD AT DANCENTER NORTH THIS YEAR**

WHAT IS DÉFILÉ? We like to think of Défilé as a “concert-graduation”. It gives our students an opportunity to perform on the stage in a comfortable situation without hours of rehearsal and tons of pressure. Parents can witness the progress their student has made over the year. Dancenter North borrowed this concept from the Paris Opera Ballet School who present a Défilé (translation: *parade*) each year at the end of their season.

SO, IT ISN'T A RECITAL? No. It isn't a big spectacle with fancy costumes and sets.

WHEN IS MY DÉFILÉ? Intro to Pre-Ballet, Pre-Ballet 1, Pre-Ballet 2, Kinder Ballet, Adventure Movers, Happy Tappy Feet, and Kinder Hop will be presented on **Saturday, May 29th, 2021 at 1:00 pm.**

WHERE IS DÉFILÉ HELD? Typically, our performances are held at the Carmel High School Auditorium in Mundelein. However, we will be hosting our concerts at Dancenter North this year, due to logistics surrounding the ongoing pandemic.

HOW LONG IS THE CONCERT? The pink concert is typically an hour in length. However, we are considering an alternative format to our concerts this year to allow for potential live audiences. Details will be provided in Défilé Note #2.

WHO PARTICIPATES? All students ages 3 through 8th grade perform in Défilé. High School students, adult students, and Mommy & Me students do not participate.

HOW MUCH REHEARSAL CAN WE EXPECT? Dancenter North believes that class time should be spent developing technique. For that reason, practice for Défilé is kept at a minimum and rehearsed only during a small fraction of class time.

WHAT IS THE DÉFILÉ FEE FOR? The fee (which was paid during Spring registration) supports the production of our annual concerts as well as the supplement to your student's apparel for their performance. Our staff works to find appropriate accessories for each class and each student. They are packaged and delivered during classes beginning mid-May.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO SUPPLY? All students are required to wear their classroom uniform as listed on our website. Female Ballet students are required to purchase an approved pink tutu through our dancewear boutique, *The Avenue*. Ordering information for tutus will be made available in February. Students who have purchased a pink tutu for past Défilé concerts are not required to purchase a new tutu.

HOW MUCH ARE TICKETS AND HOW DO WE PURCHASE THEM? A ticket lottery is traditionally held for reserved seating in Carmel HS Auditorium. Once decisions are made regarding audience participation this year, we will communicate details for purchasing tickets through Défilé Note #2, which is distributed electronically. We will notify families when it is available for download on our website.

WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS TO MAKE A CHANGE TO THEIR CLASS SCHEDULE? Any student who wishes to make changes to their Spring class schedule must do so by **Monday, February 15th, 2021**. Any changes made after this date means that the student will not be able to participate with their new class in their Défilé performance.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS NOT INTERESTED OR IS UNAVAILABLE TO PERFORM? If your child chooses not to participate in this year's Défilé for personal reasons, please send your regrets via email to info@dancenter-north.com with “Défilé Regret” in the subject line. All instructors of participating classes need to know if your student will not participate in this program, as it affects choreography decisions. **Regrets must be sent no later than Monday, February 15th, 2021** *only send a regret if your child is NOT participating* Défilé fees are nonrefundable, regardless of participation.

WHAT IF MY CHILD CURRENTLY ATTENDS CLASS VIRTUALLY? If your child is currently registered for any of their classes via Zoom, you will receive a separate email communication this week regarding Défilé participation. Please watch for that email as there will be time-sensitive information. If your child is registered for in-person classes, but is currently Zooming for personal reasons, it is the expectation that students will commit to returning to the studio for their classes as soon as possible. **At minimum, students participating in Défilé must commit to attending classes in-person for the entire month of May.**