

# Dancing with Poppins Newsletter

VDC is excited to announce that our student performances for the 2023-2024 dance year will be held at the

## **Hylton Performing Arts Center**

(10900 University Blvd., Manassas) on **Saturday, June 15!**

In an effort to reduce the length of our recital and not have to limit the number of tickets sold per student, we hold two separate performances. Please understand that we have done our best to divide the performances in a way that is most convenient to the majority of dancers and their families. Due to the number of students enrolled in multiple classes, it is not possible to keep every dancer in only one performance. Find your class or classes below to determine which performance(s) your child(ren) will be in. Please note this list is NOT in performance order.

| <b>CAST A – 12:00 p.m. performance<br/>("early show")</b> | <b>CAST B – 5:00 p.m. performance<br/>("late show")</b> |
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| <b>Ready, Set, Dance 1, Mon. 4:30 p.m.</b>                | <b>Ready, Set, Dance 2 (Ballet/Tap), Mon. 5:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>Ready, Set, Dance 2 (Ballet/Tap), Wed. 4:15 p.m.</b>   | <b>Let's Dance 1 (Ballet/Tap), Mon. 5:45 p.m.</b>       |
| <b>Let's Dance 1 (Ballet/Tap), Wed. 5:00 p.m.</b>         | <b>Let's Dance 1 (Ballet/Tap), Sat. 10:00 a.m.</b>      |
| <b>Let's Dance 2 (Ballet/Jazz), Thurs. 4:30 p.m.</b>      | <b>Let's Dance 2 (Ballet/Jazz), Fri. 5:30 p.m.</b>      |
| <b>Ballet 1, Thurs. 5:30 p.m.</b>                         | <b>Ballet 1, Fri. 4:30 p.m.</b>                         |
| <b>Ballet 1A, Fri. 6:30 p.m.</b>                          | <b>Ballet 1, 9+, Tues. 6:15 p.m.</b>                    |
| <b>Ballet 2, Thurs. 6:30 p.m.</b>                         | <b>Ballet 2, Fri. 7:30 p.m.</b>                         |
| <b>Ballet 3, Tues. 6:00 p.m.</b>                          | <b>Ballet 4, Tues. 7:15 p.m.</b>                        |
| <b>Ballet 5, Wed. 8:00 p.m.</b>                           | <b>Ballet 5, Wed. 8:00 p.m.</b>                         |
| <b>Teen Ballet/Lyrical, Thurs. 7:30 p.m.</b>              | <b>Int./Adv. Pointe, Tues. 8:30</b>                     |
| <b>Jazz 1, Thurs. 6:30 p.m.</b>                           | <b>Jazz 1, ages 9+, Tues. 5:00 p.m.</b>                 |
| <b>Jazz 2, Thurs. 5:30 p.m.</b>                           | <b>Ballet/Jazz Combo, Sat. 11:00 a.m.</b>               |
| <b>Jazz 3, Mon. 6:00 p.m.</b>                             | <b>Jazz 4, Wed. 6:00 p.m.</b>                           |
| <b>Jazz 5, Mon. 8:00 p.m.</b>                             | <b>Jazz 5, Mon. 8:00 p.m.</b>                           |
| <b>Mini Hip Hop, Sat. 9:30 a.m.</b>                       | <b>Mini Hip Hop, Fri. 4:30 p.m.</b>                     |
| <b>Hip Hop, ages 8-11, Sat. 10:30 a.m.</b>                | <b>Hip Hop, ages 8-11, Sat. 12:30 p.m.</b>              |
| <b>Hip Hop, ages 11-14, Sat. 11:30 a.m.</b>               | <b>Hip Hop, ages 8-11, Fri. 5:30 p.m.</b>               |
| <b>Teen Hip Hop Beg. Fri. 6:30 p.m.</b>                   | <b>Teen Hip Hop Cont., Fri. 7:30 p.m.</b>               |
| <b>Tap 1, Tues. 5:30 p.m.</b>                             | <b>Tap 2, Thurs. 4:45 p.m.</b>                          |
| <b>Teen/Adult Tap, Thurs. 8:30 p.m.</b>                   | <b>Tap 3, Wed. 5:00 p.m.</b>                            |
| <b>Tap 4/5, Wed. 7:00 p.m.</b>                            | <b>Tap 4/5, Wed. 7:00 p.m.</b>                          |
| <b>Lyrical 3, Tues. 4:30 p.m.</b>                         | <b>Lyrical 4, Mon. 8:00 p.m.</b>                        |
| <b>Lyrical 5, Mon. 7:00 p.m.</b>                          | <b>Lyrical 5, Mon. 7:00 p.m.</b>                        |
| <b>Adult Ballet/Lyrical, Wed. 7:00 p.m.</b>               | <b>Adult Ballet/Lyrical, Wed. 7:00 p.m.</b>             |
| <b>Adult Jazz Cont., Wed. 8:00 p.m.</b>                   | <b>Adult Jazz Cont., Wed. 8:00 p.m.</b>                 |

## **Rehearsals and Performances**

### **CAST A - Early Performance (12:00 p.m.) Dress Rehearsal (Mandatory):**

Dress rehearsal for the *early* show will be held at the Hylton Performing Arts Center on **Tuesday, June 11 from 3:30-6:00 p.m.** All students in the early show must attend the dress rehearsal in order to participate in the performance. Students must arrive on time, in costume, with hair and make-up done as if for the performance. Dress rehearsals will be CLOSED rehearsals. Only one parent/guardian will be allowed into rehearsal per student dancer.

### **CAST B - Late Performance (5:00 p.m.) Dress Rehearsal (Mandatory):**

Dress rehearsal for the *late* show will be held at the Hylton Performing Arts Center on **Tuesday, June 11 from 6:30-9:00 p.m.** All students in the late show must attend the dress rehearsal in order to participate in the performance. Students must arrive on time, in costume, with hair and make-up done as if for the performance. Dress rehearsals will be CLOSED rehearsals. Only one parent/guardian will be allowed into rehearsal per student dancer.

**Both Performances:** Students must arrive at the Hylton Performing Arts Center no less than 30 minutes before their performance is scheduled to begin (11:30 a.m. for the 12:00 p.m. performance and 4:30 p.m. for the 5:00 p.m. performance). Due to safety concerns, all participating students must remain backstage throughout the entire performance. Only students, parent volunteers, and VDC staff will be allowed backstage. The auditorium doors will open 30 minutes before each performance is scheduled to begin.

**In-Studio Run Through Rehearsals:** In order to ensure that all dancers are comfortable on stage and that our performances run smoothly, we will be holding in-studio rehearsals at VDC for Cast A on Saturday, June 1 and for Cast B on Sunday, June 2. A detailed schedule will be distributed at a later date. All dancers are encouraged to attend their rehearsal blocks.

## **Recital Participation Fee**

The recital participation fee\* is outlined below and can be paid in a lump sum or divided into 2 or 3 payments depending on the number of classes your dancer is in. The fee will be processed on **Friday, November 17**. Recital participation fees and costumes are non-refundable. If you withdraw from classes prior to your balance being paid, the balance will still be owed and will be charged on the due dates reflected below.

The following items are included with the recital participation fee:

Recital costume (1<sup>st</sup> costume included; additional costumes charged separately), tights, hair accessories, any necessary props, recital t-shirt with this season's exclusive design on the front and the complete cast list on the back, in-studio rehearsal, dress rehearsal, & a digital download of the recording of both performances.

**To determine your recital participation fee,  
find your dancer's class/level below:**

- Ready Set Dance Level 1 and Level 2
- Let's Dance Level 1 and Level 2 (Ballet/Tap and Ballet/Jazz)  
**Recital Participation Fee \$130\***  
Costume for one class included; for additional costumes in these classes, add \$75 per costume

- Gotta Dance Level 1 (Ballet 1, Ballet 1 ages 9+, Ballet 1A, Jazz 1, Jazz 1 ages 9+, Tap 1, Ballet/Jazz Combo)
- Mini Hip Hop  
**Recital Participation Fee \$135\***  
Costume for one class included; for additional costumes in these classes, add \$80 per costume

- Level 2 (Ballet, Jazz, Tap)
- Level 3 (Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Lyrical)
- Hip Hop (ages 8-11)

**Recital Participation Fee \$140\***

Costume for one class included; for additional costumes in these classes, add \$85 per costume

- Level 4 (Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Lyrical)
- Level 5 (Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Lyrical, Int./Adv. Pointe)
- Hip Hop (ages 11-14)
- All Teen Classes (Teen Ballet/Lyrical, Teen Hip Hop, Teen Hip Hop Cont., Teen/Adult Tap)
- All Adult Classes (Adult Ballet/Lyrical, Adult Jazz Cont., Teen/Adult Tap)

**Recital Participation Fee \$145\***

Costume for one class included; for additional costumes in these classes, add \$90 per costume

**Siblings:** If your family has more than one sibling or immediate family member enrolled, you will pay the full recital participation fee for the first dancer and take 15% off the recital fee for each additional sibling/family member. Additional costumes will be charged at the full price per costume.

**Payment options:** 50% of the total recital participation fee is due by November 17. Payment may be made in full, or the balance can be divided into 2 or 3 payments as follows:

Dancers in 1 or 2 classes can make 2 payments (Nov. 17 and Feb. 5)

Dancers in 3 or more classes can make 3 payments (Nov. 17, Feb. 5 and March 4).

**\*All recital participation fees are non-refundable.**

## **Permission Form**

Recital permission forms must be completed and returned no later than **Saturday, November 11.**

**Follow this link to complete the permission form online:**

[\*\*Student permission form\*\*](#)

[\*\*Adult student permission form\*\*](#) (For students ages 18+ in Adult Ballet/Lyrical, Adult Jazz, and Teen/Adult Tap)

**If the permission form is not completed and submitted to VDC by 11/11/23, we will assume you/your child is not participating in the performance and a costume will not be ordered.** If you miss the deadline and request that a costume be ordered separately, there will be a \$20.00 service fee per costume/class and individual shipping costs will be charged to you. Those costs range from \$10-\$20 depending on the costume company.

### **Tickets, Volunteers, and Additional Info.**

**Tickets:** Tickets will be \$22.00 per audience member. Students do NOT need tickets for the show in which they are performing. Tickets for VDC students who would like to attend the performance they are not dancing in will be available at a discounted rate of \$14.00 per student. Tickets will be required for all audience members, including young children, and seating will be reserved. Ticket fees are used to cover various costs, including rental of the Hylton PAC auditorium for dress rehearsals and recitals, as well as fees for the sound and lighting technician(s), event manager, custodians, ushers, and VDC staff members.

**Backstage Volunteers:** We are seeking parent volunteers for classes with an average age of less than 12 years to work backstage during each performance. The volunteers will remain in the backstage area throughout the performance and will assist VDC staff with lining the students up to go on stage, walking students to the bathroom, helping students with costume changes, and helping maintain order in the backstage area so that the performance can run smoothly. Volunteers will be able to observe their child's performance from the side of the stage. Volunteers do not need to purchase a ticket for that performance. It is helpful, but not required, if all

volunteers attend dress rehearsal and help their class/classes line up for their dance. **If you are interested, please make note of your interest on the permission form.**

**Student Photographs:** Individual and group photographs will be taken by Photography by Amy Nicole again this year. Information regarding the schedule and pricing will be distributed when the details are finalized. Audience members will not be allowed to record or take flash photographs during the performance.

**Please remember that permission forms are due  
NO LATER THAN Saturday, November 11.**

**[Student permission form](#)**

**[Adult student permission form](#)**