

## Burlington Dance Academy Year-End Recital

### TO OUR NEW TO BDA YEAR-END RECITAL DANCERS

#### What to expect at your first recital...

- dancers should arrive dressed, preferably, for their first number
- when you arrive at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre (BPAC), (leave extra time to find parking), you will see the CHECK IN tables in the lobby area, where you will sign-in your child (one parent)
- you will receive a wristband – this wristband acts as identification that you, and only you, can sign-in & sign-out your child
- this same parent/guardian brings your child to the Backstage Area (Community Studio Theatre) and you will see various tables set up, with one table assigned to their 1<sup>st</sup> number and all the children in their class
- you will check in with the Parent Volunteer at this table and identify your child
- they will check them into their attendance
- your child remains in the Backstage Area while they are waiting to perform
- we ask that parents drop off their child and leave shortly after – there is just too much congestion and chaos when both parents and children are present. Parents may stay in the Backstage Area shortly before the show starts, but must leave once the show begins in order that only Parent Volunteers and students are in the backstage area. Female Parent Volunteers will take care of your child and ensure they are happy while waiting with their class
- we have crafts, activities and all sorts of entertainment to keep your child happy until it is their turn to perform
- our Female Parent Volunteers prepare and line-up the students, take them down the backstage hallway, and get them ready to go up on stage
- once they are done their number, they return to where you dropped them off – you are welcome to leave a snack/drink for them that they can enjoy once they have finished performing
- as a gesture of respect to ALL of our dancers, we ask that you remain in the theatre until intermission and do not disturb the audience to pick up your child in the middle of the show. **Students can be picked up at Intermission or at the End of the Show**
- in order to pick up your child you MUST show your identifying bracelet, advise the Parent Volunteer in the backstage area that you are taking your child, and then you MUST sign out your child BEFORE you leave the theatre at the CHECK IN desk
- you are welcome to bring a change of clothes for your child, to change out of their costume, once they finish performing -- they can change in our Quick Change area in the Backstage Area