

# THE SCHOOL OF ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET

**Annual recital dates: May 11-12, 2018**

**Recital** information – Please OPT IN or OUT no later than January 13, 2018

**This letter is 2 Pages!! Please read BOTH pages!!**

**Sign Up:** To sign up to be in the recital, please fill out the Google Form (opt in) contained in the email sent to you.

To opt out of the recital, please fill out the OPT OUT Google Form in the email sent to you. If, after opting in or opting out, you change your mind, please notify Melanie Dorskocil, School Director, right away.

**Who:** Open to all students enrolled in the School of Aspen Santa Fe Ballet regardless of age or ability.

**When:** Recital performances are the weekend of May 11-12. **Please note this is a change from what was on our original calendar!** Dress rehearsals will take place during the week preceding the performances and there will be 3 performances: Friday at 6pm, Saturday at 1pm, and Saturday at 6pm. Students in Creative, Pre, and Beginning Ballet will be in 1 performance. Students in Level 1 and 2 will be in 2 performances and students in Levels 3, 4, Intermediate and Advanced will be in all 3.

**What** will my child be doing? Students in Creative Dance and Pre Ballet will be partnered with one of our experienced upper level dancers. They will dance together in a beautifully choreographed piece that is appropriate to their age and ability. Students in Beginning, and Level 1 will each dance in 1 piece created by their teacher showcasing all that they have learned throughout the year. Students in Level 2 and 3 will have the opportunity not only to dance in their ballet class piece, but those signed up for jazz will also dance in a jazz class piece. Students in level 4 and Intermediate will get to dance their ballet and jazz class piece, as well as a pointe piece and be a mentor for the pre ballet students piece. Advanced students have all the opportunities of Level 4 and Intermediate, plus our graduating seniors will be showcased in a Senior Solo. Advanced level students will also be given the opportunity to audition for extra pieces such as variations and guest choreographers.

**Where:** All dress rehearsals and performances will be at the Aspen District Theater (in the Aspen Elementary School).

**Rehearsals:** All students will have rehearsals in class. Regular participation in classes is required. Some classes may be combined with other classes and those combined groups will have a few extra Saturday practices starting April 7<sup>th</sup>. Detailed schedules will be available. **There are only a handful of extra Saturday practices, so we ask that students plan to attend all extra practices.** **Students will be allowed to miss one non-mandatory rehearsal and will not be allowed to miss any mandatory rehearsals.**

Please do not request special permission to miss mandatory rehearsals. This puts us in the uncomfortable position of having to tell you “no” and having to enforce the policy. With over 400 children participating in the Recital, we have to ask everyone to abide by the same policy and making special exceptions for some families is unfair. Rehearsals are not cancelled due to inclement weather such as snowstorms.

**Tickets:** Tickets are sold through [www.aspenshowtix.com](http://www.aspenshowtix.com) and will go on sale in early April. Please do NOT purchase a ticket for students who are in the performance to watch any part of their performance. All students will need to remain backstage for the duration of the performance.

**How Long:** The performances are usually about 2 hours long.

**Cost:** While we do not charge a fee to be in the recital, we do have to charge for the costumes. Students get to keep their costumes. Families that sign up before 12/20 will receive the discounted rate. Families that sign up after 1/13 will be charged the rush rate.

Creative Dance, Pre-Ballet discounted rate - \$89, standard rate - \$99, rush rate - \$129  
Beginning, Level 1, Level 2 discounted rate - \$99, standard rate - \$109, rush rate - \$139  
Level 3, 4 discounted rate - \$109, standard rate \$119, rush rate - \$149  
Intermediate, Advanced discounted rate - \$119, standard rate - \$129, rush rate - \$159  
All Jazz classes - standard rate only - \$84  
Evan's piece (by audition only) - \$84