

***We're happy you're
dancing with us this year!***



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2010 Concert Information

Each year the faculty, staff, and students of Amanda's Dance Express present an annual concert designed to showcase the studio students and the progress they have made in their dance classes during the year. This small handbook is the first step in this process. Please read it carefully and do not hesitate to stop by the office with any questions or concerns you might have.

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Concert Information 2009-2010

Concert Purpose

An important element in any dancer's education is the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience. Like many dance schools, we produce an annual concert. Our concert is a formal event that requires planning and organization 9-12 months ahead of its scheduled date. We take the dance education of your child seriously, and our year-end production serves as the showcase of what our students have accomplished. All students currently enrolled in tap, ballet, jazz, modern, hip-hop, and Ballet Folklórico are encouraged to participate. **Please take a few minutes to review our studio's policies.**



Important Dates to Remember

- **Costume Measurement Week** – October 19 through October 24, 2009.
- **Costume Balance Cleared** to order November 21st, 2009.
- **Parent Information Week** – March 29 through April 3, 2010.
- **Parent Video Week** – April 19 through April 24, 2010.
- **Photo Week** – April 24 (company) through April 28, 2010.

NOTES



Suggested Payment Plan

We suggest that you follow this payment plan if you choose not to pay your dancer's costume balance at one time.

- ❑ 1/4 of costume fees due the week of October 12th
- ❑ 1/4 of costume fees due the week of November 2nd
- ❑ 75% of your dancer's total costume billing is due by November 21st
- ❑ Final payment for all costume fees due February 1, 2010

Families whose total costume billing is in excess of \$150 total may extend their final payment to January 23, 2010 as long as 75% of the costume had been paid.

Concert Time & Date

Our annual concert will be held in Fielder Road Baptist Church's MetroCenter. Dress rehearsal will be held on Friday, June 11, 2010 and the formal concert will be Saturday, June 12, 2010.

Concert Fee (September 12-October 3, 2009)

The rental of a professional auditorium and the payroll of the technical help for lighting and sound costs the studio a hefty sum. (Not to mention prop construction, printing costs and equipment rental). To help offset the production costs we charge a **non-refundable** concert fee of \$70 for each performer. (Performing company dancers pay \$80.00.) We do not sell admission tickets to this event...it is free for all to attend and we encourage you to bring as many guests as you like.

Costume Measurement & Sizing

All students will be measured for costumes during class time October 19th -24th, 2009. **Please make every effort to have your child in class this week.** We measure chest, waist, hip and girth. If your child is having a growth spurt, please let us know at the time of measuring. *To allow for growth, we add 1-2 inches to the girth measurement for all students twelve and under.*

Costume Ordering & Payment

Costume ordering for the entire studio is done in early December. Costume companies require a 12-14 week lead time to guarantee costumes for April delivery. Once costumes arrive, we take a few days to inventory the shipment and label items. Our early order date allows for concert pictures to be taken prior to concert day. We offer a payment plan for concert costumes. **In order for your child's costume to be placed on order, monthly tuition (May 2010, September – November 2009) and all costume balances \$150.00 and under must be cleared on or before November 21st, 2009. (All costume balances over \$150 must have 75 % cleared by November 21st).** We realize this is not the easiest of times for these extra financial responsibilities with the holidays around the corner. For this reason, many families begin to pay ahead this time of the year. **Please note that late fees are charged for overdue costume balances.**

Practice Music – Preschool Classes

For our younger students, we provide concert music with vocal instruction of the dance steps to assist with home practice. This year we will provide you with your own CD as part of the concert fee cost. Lost or damaged CDs can be replaced for a fee of \$5.00.

Practice CDs will be released the last week of March, 2010

Concert Props

At times we may require our students who are in specialty numbers to provide their own props. These items are an additional expense. We do look for the assistance of parent volunteers to help in locating or constructing such items if needed.

Costume Charges

Please refer to the chart below for an estimate of what this year's concert costume costs are anticipated to be. Please note that non-performing company dancers dancing in company pieces may be billed an additional fee for rhinestones. This fee will not exceed \$25.00. Dancers ages 5-12 who require custom sized costumes (XLC-SA) will be charged an additional \$10.00-\$15.00 per costume.

Concert costume billing will appear on your account October 1st, 2009

Ballet & Tumble Combo Class (young 3's)	\$65 (1 costume)
Ballet & Tap Combo Class (3-7years)	\$125 (2 costumes)
Ballet (5 years & older)	\$75 (1 costume)
Pointe (all levels)	\$85 (1 costume)
Tap (5 years & older)	\$75 (1 costume)
Jazz (5 years & older)	\$80 (1 costume)
Hip-Hop (all ages)	\$80 (1 costume)
Modern (all levels)	\$50 (1 costume)
Stars Class (5-9 years)	\$155 (2 costumes)
Boys (jazz-tap-ballet-hip hop)	\$45 (each costume)

Please refer to your account statement for accurate amounts. Costume prices include all major costume items such as satin bodices, net tutus, fringe, feathers, sequin & rhinestone trim, custom shoe bows and hair accessories. Tights and shoes are the responsibility of the dancer. *Some minor alterations may be necessary for costumes to fit their best. Alteration costs, if any, are the responsibility of the dancer.*

A book of costume selections will be available for viewing during concert information week...

Class Changes & Refunds

Because of the costume order date, class changes will not be accepted after November 7th. Costume money is not refundable even if partial payment has been made and your dancer drops from classes. **The Concert Fee is non-refundable.** If your costume payment obligation is met and your costume is placed on order, but your family moves away or your child stops attending, you will be entitled to your costume. A cash refund for your costume will only be available to you if a new student enrolls for the class after the order date, and wishes to purchase your costume. Your costume or refund will not be available until Saturday, June 26, 2010.

***Our studio (post-marked) order date is:
Saturday, November 28th, 2009***

Once costumes are placed on order they cannot be canceled!

- Costumes that have not been paid for in full will not be placed on order.
- A late order fee of \$30 per costume will be assessed if your child's costume has to be ordered after the November deadline. ***Late ordered costumes will not be guaranteed for picture week.***