

Dear Aspire family,

Reflections...Aspire's 12th annual spring showcase is coming your way on Saturday, June 1st!



Showcase Details:

WHEN: Saturday, June 1st (Mandatory Dress Rehearsal Friday May 31st AND/OR Saturday, June 1st-See Schedule)

WHERE: The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen (2880 Mountain Rd, Glen Allen)

On Saturday, June 1st, via 3 scheduled shows, dancers will showcase their choreography at The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen who has graciously partnered with us for access to their stage. We are excited to return to this lovely venue!

During their assigned show time, dancers will have an opportunity to display to our audience all they have been learning this year. Dress rehearsals will be held on Friday, May 31st AND/OR Saturday, June 1st. See the dress rehearsal and show schedules for your dancer's assigned arrival, rehearsal, and performance times. REMINDER of the information that has been distributed since the beginning of the year: Your dancer **MUST** attend their **MANDATORY** scheduled dress rehearsal time, on Friday May 31st or Saturday, June 1st, in order to perform in the spring showcase. If you are unsure when your dancer's dress rehearsal is scheduled, please ask!

Tickets-Available in MAY

~Tickets will be available without restrictions or limitations! As a result, tickets could be subject to SELL OUT and should be purchased early!

~NO standing room will be available during any of the shows per venue regulations due to fire code regulations.

~Tickets are non-transferable, reserved, assigned per individual ages 3+, and good for all shows in which your dancer is performing. Children ages 2 and younger without a ticket must sit on an adult's lap for the duration of the show.

~Advanced sale tickets will be available *online* starting in May 8th at 10AM and continue through May 30th. All advanced ticket sales will end Thursday, May 30th. Any remaining tickets will be available for sale at the door day of the show via cash or check only. All ticket sales are final.

~Tickets are \$24 in advance online, \$28 at the door (cash or check only at the door). For dancers (or families with siblings) in multiple shows, a purchased ticket can be used to attend multiple shows, by paying the additional \$2.50 per ticket per show processing fee charged by the ticketing company.

~Ticket prices help to support the cost of the venue rental fees, lighting, sound and equipment rental, required security personnel, janitorial fees, stage preparation and rental, venue and studio personnel, etc



ALL Show info found
HERE

Schedules:

Scheduling for all dress rehearsals and shows was done as best possible by taking into consideration dancers' classes, siblings, etc. However, there are instances where ideal schedules to accommodate each family or dancer was just not possible. We thank you for your patience in these situations and understanding that our best efforts were made for all circumstances considered.

Dress rehearsal is scheduled **Friday, 5/31 OR same day as the performance**. **PLEASE BE SURE TO REVIEW THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE FOR YOUR DANCER'S SCHEDULED ARRIVAL & REHEARSAL TIME AS IT IS MANDATORY!**

There will be no studio classes on Friday, May 31st OR Saturday, June 1st. Studio classes will be held through Thursday, May 30th (INCLUDING Monday, May 27th, Memorial Day and we strongly encourage our Monday dancers to attend their last class).

As typical of stage performance etiquette, dancers should **NOT** arrive in costume for dress rehearsal or the show. They should arrive with tights (NO UNDIES as they will be seen from stage and are not worn by dancers!), hair and make-up complete for their first dance scheduled, cover up (leotard with other clothes cover), costume carefully hanging, and dance shoes in their bag (DO NOT WEAR DANCE SHOES TO VENUE!). Dancers will dress in costume upon arrival; young dancers will receive changing help from our volunteers.

DANCER DROP OFF

On Saturday, June 1st all dancers should arrive at the indicated arrival time. Parents will drop dancers off in the designated location and dancers will be escorted by volunteers to their dressing room where they will remain in their assigned venue dressing room until the conclusion of the show. After the end of the show, dancers will then be escorted with their belongings by a volunteer or faculty member back to their parents at the designated meeting space.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to limited space backstage and in dressing rooms, and for the safety and security of dancers, **parents will NOT be allowed in the dancer dressing rooms, backstage, or beyond drop off**. Dancers will be supervised by parent volunteers and Aspire faculty only. Dancers will also be required to stay for the entire time from their assigned arrival time to the end of their show; **dancers will not be excused from the venue until the conclusion of the show**. Dress rehearsal will be closed to parents and open to Aspire faculty only; we want to save the hard work of our dancers until their performance and minimize all distractions for our dancers.

On the show order schedule, you will find details of how your dancer's hair and accessories should be worn and what tights a dancer will need. Additional details about hair, make-up, tights etc can be found on the costume details sheet (attached). It is necessary that dancers have the brand and color of tights specified as colors/etc vary. We recommend Ellman's Dancewear on Patterson Ave for a local dancewear store. Please refer to the costume details sheet regarding other performance appearance etiquette (ie: no nail polish, jewelry, etc)

REMINDER: Stage performance appearance includes SLICKED back hair, proper make up, NO temporary tattoos. Please help your child learn and achieve the professional stage appearance for their performance which they've worked towards all year!

We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this event. We are excited to return to this great venue!

DVD and Download Orders by Mack Video Productions

Once again this year, we are excited to have the professional videography services by Mack Video Productions during both of our shows! Our videographer will compile and offer the purchase of a DVD, Blu-Ray, or Download with the dances from all shows. As a result, parents are welcome to sit back and enjoy the show as **any recordings on personal devices will not be permitted**. Please honor this request and be respectful of the hard work our instructors, choreographers, dancers, and videographer have dedicated to this event.

DVD/Download/Blu-Ray orders can be placed through the Showcase 2024 Details page of our website <https://www.aspiretodance.com/showcas2024-details> or with the forms in the studio.

REMINDER: Recording on personal devices will not be permitted! Thank you for your respect in this matter.

Costume Distribution **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW DANCERS TO WEAR COSTUMES PRIOR TO PERFORMANCE.**

Dancers' costumes will begin to be distributed and tried on over dance attire in classes in the upcoming days as costumes arrive. Parents will be notified via email when their dancer will receive their costume in class. Parents are welcome to join in on the fun by arriving early to the end of their dancer's class! Don't forget your phone to take some fun pics!

Please note that in December, we did our best in measuring our dancers and ordering sizes that we believed would take into account a dancer's growth over 6 months. While we tried to make the best size selection for your dancer, in the event a dancer's costume fit isn't exact, there may be some slight adjustments needed by parents. Due to the costume companies' sell-out of most of our costume styles, exchanging costumes will be nearly impossible. Thank you for your understanding.

Once costumes are brought home, please unpack costumes from storage bags and hang, with accessories, to allow wrinkles to fall out. Tutus should be hung upside down from the bottom part of the leotard to help 'fluff' the tutu!

PICTURES-Individuals-Photography by Amy Nicole-

Photography by Amy Nicole, will be returning for a third year, holding appointments for individual, posed pictures at Aspire on Sunday, April 28th! Dancers should register here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AADA62AAAF49-picture2> for a 5 minute time slot per costume.

All dancers will have 2 individual dance poses and 1 headshot for the first costume then 3 additional individual dance poses for every costume thereafter. Dancers select which costume they choose for their headshot and it should be worn as the 'first' costume.

All photos are delivered in an online gallery by email to the parents within 3 weeks of picture day. Parents then have unlimited access to download, print, and share all of the pictures of their dancer!

Sibling pictures are welcome and payment should be submitted as each dancer having 2 costumes. Shoot will include 1 headshot of each dancer, 2 joint sibling poses with both dancers, and 3 individual poses of each dancer. Anyone wanting a sibling picture should reserve 2 back-to-back photo shoot time slots.

Payment per costume: (all payments include full, unlimited access to download, print, and share)

Payment must be submitted **AT TIME OF SIGN UP in order to reserve your dancer's photo shoot time slot. Payments should be made through the Aspire website as a one-time payment at time of slot reservation or via check or cash to the studio within 2 days of reserving time slot.*

Number of Costumes	Number of poses	Total Poses	Total Payment*
First Costume	2 dance poses & 1 headshot	2 & 1 headshot	\$70
2 Costumes	3 additional dance poses	5 & 1 headshot	\$85
3 Costumes	3 more additional dance poses	8 & 1 headshot	\$100
4 Costumes	3 more additional dance poses	11 & 1 headshot	\$110
5 Costumes	3 more additional dance poses	14 & 1 headshot	\$120
6 or more Costumes	3 more additional dance poses/costume	17+ & 1 headshot	\$10 addl per costume

Costume, make up, and hair should be reflective of that used for stage. Make up should only be one shade darker than skin tone and heavy, everyday 'street' make up (think slightly heavier than work make up) should be used.

Sign Up on the Showcase 2024 Details: <https://www.aspiretodance.com/showcas2024-details>

T-Shirt & Tank Orders-DUE Sunday, April 28th

Per tradition, Aspire will offer our showcase t-shirts to commemorate this year's 12th anniversary event! Shirt & tank orders will be available online soon through our Showcase 2024 Details page <https://www.aspiretodance.com/showcas2024-details> or via forms in the studio. Shirt orders and payments MUST BE SUBMITTED with payment by Sunday, April 28th and shirts will be delivered to dancers in May for SHOW YOUR SHIRT WEEK, when dancer's wear their show shirts to classes!

TShirts:

Shirts various shirt styles will be offered with the 2024 Reflections logo and/or the list of all showcase songs on the back. Available in women's, youth, & unisex.

Tanks:

Flowy 'Reflections' tanks will be offered with the 'Reflections' logo and showcase year on the front. Available in youth and women's sizing.

Dancer Program SHOUTOUTS!

A great way to congratulate your dancer on all their hard work this year!

Submit your dancer's picture and a note of congratulations to be printed in our program for your dancer and kept for years to come!

Complete the form in the studio OR visit our Showcase 2024 page: <https://www.aspiretodance.com/showcas2024-details>

Showcase Practice Music

In the March & April newsletters, a link was distributed with each class's music for their showcase choreography. Thank you for helping your dancer to practice at home!

Music can be found here: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/bpz285oy5kyhchsh1gkpvvm/h?rlkey=s8d5cfnul6wm8yejri7055ftk&dl=0>

or our on Showcase 2024 Details page on the website: <https://www.aspiretodance.com/showcas2024-details>

Volunteers NEEDED-Email by Friday, May 10th Our showcases aren't possible without our VIPs...Very Important Parents and we need you! Volunteers are needed for backstage, ushering, dressing room attendants, providing healthy, allergy friendly snacks for dancers in dressing rooms, and more! Because of the limited spaces of backstage, only volunteers will be permitted in dressing rooms or backstage. If you are willing to volunteer your time and talents the day of the show (June 1st), it would be greatly appreciated! Assignments will be made based upon your dancer's performance schedule and your availability to serve. We will ensure you are still able to see your dancer perform! Both Moms and Dads are needed! If you are willing to volunteer, please sign up through the Showcase 2024 Details page on the website <https://www.aspiretodance.com/showcas2024-details> or email Lauren dance@aspiretodance.com by Friday, May 10th .

Remaining Class Schedule

Classes as regularly scheduled will be held in the studio through (and including) Thursday, May 30th.

PLEASE NOTE: We are OPEN for classes as regularly scheduled on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th as this is THE last Monday class before the showcase and very important dancers attend all classes this week!

There will be no classes at the studio on Friday May 31st or Saturday June 1st; in lieu of classes on these days, those dancers will attend their mandatory dress rehearsal.

Thank you for making every attempt to ensure your dancer is in attendance for all remaining classes!

SUMMER!!!!!! NOW ENROLLING!

We resume classes and begin Summer camps for our summer session on Monday, June 17th!

Be sure to check out our summer schedule online here:

CAMPS & WORKSHOPS: <https://www.aspiretodance.com/summer-2024camps>

CLASSES: <https://www.aspiretodance.com/summer-2024-class-schedule>

PARENT/DANCER Re-Cap/TO DOs:

Date	To Dos	Completed/ Notes
April 15 th -April 28 th	Review mandatory dress rehearsal/show schedule for each class of your dancer	
Monday, April 15 th	Picture Sign Up Genius becomes Available-reserve with payment	
Before April 22 nd	Purchase your dancer's tights (or leotard for HH) See Details Below	
Before April 22 nd	Purchase make up/hair products needed for picture day and practice See Details Below	
Sunday, April 28 th	Submit Showcase Shirts & Tanks Order with Payment	
Sunday, April 28 th	Picture Day!	
Wednesday, May 8 th	Advanced Ticket Sales Begin (continue through Thursday May 30 th)	
Friday, May 10 th	Last Day to Submit Dancer SHOUTOUT in our Program—Submit Shoutout 2024 Showcase Details page on the website	
Friday, May 10 th	Email dance@aspiretodance.com your willingness to volunteer; please note which shows you're available to volunteer (Thank you!)	
May 24 th -May 30 th	Last days of in person classes at the studio	
Friday, May 31 st	<i>Mandatory</i> Dress Rehearsal -The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen (SEE schedule)	
Saturday, June 1 st	<i>Mandatory</i> Dress Rehearsal & Performance The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen	

Tights/Leotards/Shoes/Make-Up

Be sure to order your dancer's tights and any shoes needed as indicated on the costume details sheet attached. All colors and brands should be followed when specified and can be found locally at Ellman's Dancewear on Patterson Ave.

Purchase any make up needed and practice any hair styles as indicated in the costume details sheet attached.

For pictures, it is strongly recommended dancers wear foundation only 1 shade darker than their skin tone and use heavy 'everyday' make up (think slightly heavier than work make up).

As previously shared, make up for stage performance is required for all dancers (as indicated at enrollment).

Dancers will be under stage lighting and therefore stage make up will be needed just as typical for any dance performance.

For stage performance (and dress rehearsal), dancers should wear foundation only 2 shades darker than their skin tone and follow the make-up directions on the Costume Details sheet (attached).

For pictures and stage, hair should be SLICKED back with no fly aways. No jewelry, tattoos, or nail polish!

NEED ballet bun help? Check out these videos!

Ballet Bun for Long Hair: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yG7Hcozrf8>

Ballet Bun for Short Hair: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBS-DfU-LFU&t=254s>

We are excited to celebrate our 12th showcase with you and our dancers this year!

Dream. Believe. Aspire!...Reflections!

Sincerely,

Lauren