

The Dancing Astorian

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A note from Maggie...

Hang in there everyone! We are quickly approaching our annual performance and the end of our dance year. The costumes are nearly complete and classes and rehearsals are going well, but times will be even busier this month for what will be ASB's largest production yet.


I know there have been a lot of questions about the rehearsal schedule for this month. Parents will be receiving individual class schedules this week. It will be rigorous, but I want to ensure that each dancer feels prepared and not rushed or pressured once we get to the final week of rehearsals. Please try to get your child to as many of the scheduled times as possible. It will make their performance experience that much greater! Parents will also be receiving a Costume, Rehearsal, and Performance Guide with everything you will need to know leading up to the shows.

It's been truly a pleasure working with all of your children this year. Nate and I can feel that everyone is excited about the upcoming performances and would like to thank everyone for their support and dedication. It's been a terrific year and we're looking forward to a terrific end!

A Reminder on Costume Attire

Please make sure your dancer has the appropriate attire required to go with his or her costume for the show. We have extra copies of the list at the studio if you need another. Please make sure to allow for shipping times and have all the necessary apparel in time for the dress rehearsal May 27th.

ASTORIA SCHOOL OF BALLET
PRESENTS
A Little Princess



Based on a children's book by:
Frances Hodgson Burnett

Original adaptation and choreography by:
Margaret Wall

Friday, May 29, 2009 - 6:30pm
Liberty Theater, Astoria, OR

Backstage Parents Needed for May 29th Performance

We will need a few backstage parents for the evening performance on May 29th. Please sign up in the office if you would like to be with your child's class, or are willing to help in another area for this performance. All three shows will be recorded and available for purchase.

Bench Days! May 4th - 9th

Come to watch your dancers prepare for the show! But please be sure to be quiet and respectful of the dancers at work! I look forward to seeing everyone there!

ASB Parents and School Shows

In partnership with the Liberty Theater, we are pleased to announce that the two school shows scheduled for May 28th, are nearly sold out. Unfortunately however, these shows are not open to the general public or to ASB parents. Please check your Costume, Rehearsal and Performance Guide for further details on dropping your dancers off at the theater. We will need **six parent volunteers** to help out backstage for the day, but there will be no watching from the wings allowed due to the lack of space at either side of the stage. Please be assured that your children will be safe and secure at the theater during the day, with the back stage door locked once the last student is checked in. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer. **Only designated volunteers will be allowed backstage during performances**, including the Friday evening show.

This year's performances would not have been possible without the generous sponsorship of the TLC Federal Credit Union and the Seaside Factory Outlet Center. In addition, most of our sets are being provided by Paul Tuter and his businesses, My Grandfather's Nails and Vintage Hardware and Architectural Salvage. ASB is still looking for a few items however, including a crib mattress and a round oriental-looking rug. Please let us know if you can help! Thanks!

Tickets for May 29th Show

The May 29th show at 6:30 pm is the only performance open to the general public and ASB Parents. Because we do not charge a performance fee, as some schools do, ASB does not provide free tickets for family members of ASB dancers. Everyone attending must purchase a ticket.

Tickets are available now at the Liberty Theater Box Office or at TicketsWest online. Prices are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children/seniors. All tickets are for general seating.