



***Alice in Wonderland*, Milwaukee Ballet School's 2010 Spring Showcase
PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION IN A SAFE PLACE
SO YOU ARE ABLE TO REFER TO IT AS NEEDED THIS SPRING.**

The Milwaukee Ballet School 2010 Spring Showcase preparations are underway! All students in Pre-Ballet I through Academy II are strongly encouraged to participate in this full school production. The experience of performing the skills students learn during the year is unmatched by any other. Basic information is below. If you have any questions, please contact your branch manager or Renee Griswold in the Milwaukee Ballet School Office at rgriswold@milwaukeeballet.org 414-902-2118.

To organize costumes in time for the show, we must have a commitment from students who will be participating in this production by **Saturday, February 6**. If you are unable to participate in this production, please notify your instructor by **February 6**.

The success of *Alice in Wonderland* literally depends on hundreds of people, including the student cast and parents. Everyone must do his/her part to make the show the outstanding production it is meant to be. We expect the following from all participants. Please review these expectations with your child.

As an *Alice in Wonderland* Cast Member I will:

- ◆ will report on time to all scheduled classes and rehearsals. I understand if I miss class or rehearsals, other than for a serious illness, a family emergency, or a graded school activity I may not be able to participate in the performance.
- ◆ respect the art, discipline, and privilege of participating in *Alice in Wonderland* by being on my best behavior at all times.
- ◆ cooperate with the choreographer, teachers, rehearsal directors, fellow dancers, staff, and parent volunteers.
- ◆ come to each class and rehearsal with a positive attitude and be ready to learn.
- ◆ arrive a few minutes early to each class and rehearsal so I am ready to dance when my class or rehearsal scheduled to begin.
- ◆ arrive and depart on time for all scheduled performances.
- ◆ keep my dressing room clean.
- ◆ be prepared at each performance with the necessary costume pieces, hair style, and make-up.
- ◆ dance my best during each class, rehearsal and performance so the audience will truly enjoy their experience at *Alice in Wonderland*.

CASTING

Jodi Peck Center and Riverpoint students will all dance in their respective performances, as the theatre at Homestead High School is large enough to accommodate the full audience from each branch. Jodi Peck Center students in Ballet VI & VII will dance in both the JPC and Riverpoint performances.

Towne Centre students will be divided into 2 groups. The choreography and performance will be the same for both shows. The Wilson Centre auditorium can accommodate about half our Towne Centre families so we must perform twice. The performance assignments for the Towne Centre Students are below. Be sure you know your performance number and the schedule that applies to your show. Unfortunately, even though we have tried our best, some siblings may be in different shows

Towne Centre Performance Cast #1, 1:30p.m. show time

Pre-Ballet I (Mon)
Pre-Ballet I (Tues am)
Pre-Ballet II (Mon)
Pre-Ballet III (Mon)
Ballet I (Mon)
Ballet II (Thurs)
Ballet III
Ballet IV (MWF & TTTHS)
Ballet V
Ballet VI
Ballet VII

Towne Centre Performance Cast #2, 6:00p.m. show time

Pre-Ballet I (Wed)
Pre-Ballet I (Sat)
Pre-Ballet II (Wed)
Pre-Ballet II (Sat)
Pre-Ballet III (Wed)
Pre-Ballet III (Sat)
Ballet I (Tues)
Ballet I (Thurs)
Ballet II (Tues)
Ballet III
Ballet IV (MWF & TTTHS)
Ballet V
Ballet VI
Ballet VII

Each level participating will have a specific role in the production:

Pre-Ballet I	<i>Flowers</i>	Ballet III	<i>Caterpillars</i>	Ballet VII	<i>Deck of Cards</i>
Pre-Ballet II	<i>Bees</i>	Ballet IV	<i>Butterflies</i>	Pre-Academy	<i>Deck of Cards and Garden</i>
Pre-Ballet III	<i>Bunnies</i>	Ballet V	<i>Tea pots & cups</i>	Academy I	<i>Various Roles</i>
Ballet I	<i>Pool of Tears</i>	Ballet VI	<i>Deck of Cards</i>	Academy II	<i>Various Roles</i>
Ballet II	<i>Race – various animals</i>				

REHEARSALS & PHOTOS

Except for Pre-Academy-Academy II classes, teachers will use a few minutes of each class session to teach the students their parts of the performance. Students who have chosen not to perform will still learn the dance. Academy students will rehearse on Saturday afternoons and schedule will be posted weekly.

Then, we will have all students together at the Jodi Peck Center in April to assemble the full production as follows. Saturday rehearsals are required for participation in the performance, as it is the only time the full cast will be together before getting to the stage.

VIP Photography will be taking “school picture-style” class and individual cast photos when students have a break from rehearsing Jodi Peck Center. Photo orders forms for these photo packages will be sent home later this spring.

Saturday, April 17	Towne Center Performance #1 Cast	12:00-2:30p.m.
	Towne Center Performance #2 Cast	3:00-5:30p.m.
Saturday, April 24	Jodi Peck Center Students	12:00-2:30p.m.
	Riverpoint Students	3:00-5:30p.m.

In addition, Milwaukee Ballet’s photographer will be documenting the rehearsals and performances. These photos will be available for viewing and purchase during the rehearsal and performance process on Milwaukee Ballet’s photo website, www.milwaukeeballetschool.smugmug.com, where you can order prints of your dancer in action. Proceeds from these photo sales benefit Milwaukee Ballet School’s production fund which provides costumes, sets, and props for Milwaukee Ballet School performances.

DRESS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCES

Saturday, May 1

Towne Centre students will perform at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts. Because the Wilson Center auditorium can accommodate about half our families in the audience, the classes will be divided and two identical shows will be performed. Please plan to purchase tickets for only one of the performances, unless you have a child in both shows. Please plan to drop your child off and come back for the show. Dress Rehearsal will be closed to audience members. Children may only arrive at their designated drop-off time, not earlier with siblings or car pools, as we will only have supervisors assigned when children are scheduled.

Towne Centre Performance #1

9:30a.m.	Students in Ballet VII, Pre-Academy, Academy I & Academy II arrive
9:45-11:00a.m.	Warm-up class for Ballet VII-Academy II
11:00a.m.	Students in Ballet I through Ballet VI in performance #1 arrive
11:30a.m.	Dress Rehearsal begins for Ballet I-Academy II
12:15p.m.	Pre-Ballet I-III students arrive
12:30p.m.	Dress Rehearsal for Pre-Ballet I-III begins
1:00p.m.	Theatre opens for audience seating
1:30-3:00p.m.	Performance

Towne Centre Performance #2

3:00-3:30	Break for students in both shows – pack a healthy snack
3:30p.m.	Students in Ballet I through VI in performance #2 arrive
4:00p.m.	Dress Rehearsal begins for students in Ballet I-Academy II
4:45p.m.	Students in Pre-Ballet I-III arrive
5:00p.m.	Dress Rehearsal for Pre-Ballet I-II begins
5:30p.m.	Theatre opens for audience seating
6:00-7:30p.m.	Performance

Saturday, May 8

Jodi Peck Center and Riverpoint Students rehearse and perform at Homestead High School in Mequon. Each branch will have its own performance. Academy students dance in both shows. Please plan to drop your child off and come back for the show. Dress Rehearsal will be closed to audience members. Children may only arrive at their designated drop-off time, not earlier with siblings or car pools, as we will only have supervisors assigned when children are scheduled.

Riverpoint Performance

9:30a.m.	Students in Ballet VII, Pre-Academy, Academy I & Academy II arrive
9:45-11:00a.m.	Warm-up class for Ballet VII-Academy II
11:00a.m.	Students in Ballet I through Ballet VI in performance #1 arrive
11:30a.m.	Dress Rehearsal begins for Ballet I-Academy II
12:15p.m.	Pre-Ballet I-III students arrive
12:30p.m.	Dress Rehearsal for Pre-Ballet I-III begins
1:00p.m.	Theatre opens for audience seating
1:30-3:00p.m.	Performance

Jodi Peck Center Performance

3:00-3:30	Break for students in both shows – pack a healthy snack
3:30p.m.	Students in Ballet I through VI in performance #2 arrive
4:00p.m.	Dress Rehearsal begins for students in Ballet I-Academy II
4:45p.m.	Students in Pre-Ballet I-III arrive
5:00p.m.	Dress Rehearsal for Pre-Ballet I-II begins
5:30p.m.	Theatre opens for audience seating
6:00-7:30p.m.	Performance

TICKETS: Reserved-seating tickets will go on sale on April 1, 2010. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children ages 3-12, and free for children under 3 years of age (but a ticket is required, even for infants). We strongly encourage you to purchase tickets in advance, as seating is assigned and limited. If available, tickets will also be available at the door the day of the performance. Academy level students dancing in all shows will need to follow the ticket procedures specific for each show. You do not need to purchase a ticket for your dancer as they will remain backstage from the full show.

Towne Centre families purchase tickets directly from the Wilson Center by calling 262-781-9470 or at www.wilson-center.com.

Riverpoint and Jodi Peck students will receive a ticket order form to complete and submit to their respective branch.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Backstage supervisors are needed for each class. If you are interested in volunteering, please see your child's instructor. More volunteer information will follow later this spring.

DVDs: A professional videographer will film each performance. An order form will go home later this spring. Personal video recorders are not allowed in the theatre.

COSTUMES/ATTIRE: All students should dress in their regular class attire, including hair in buns, for all rehearsals. Costume pieces will be added to regular ballet class attire for the performance. There are no costume fees. Costumes are property of Milwaukee Ballet School and will be returned after the show. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help make costumes. You will be contacted this spring with projects.

BOUTIQUE AND FLOWERS: At each performance, Milwaukee Ballet logo wear and souvenirs will be sold. Order forms for bouquets of flowers will go home later this spring. These flowers are pre-ordered and you pick them at the theatre – no need to make a secret stop at the flower shop to congratulate you dancer after the show! Proceeds from these sales directly benefit Milwaukee Ballet School.

CLASS SCHEDULES: Saturday classes will not be held on your performance date. Towne Centre classes will not meet on Saturday, May 1. Jodi Peck Center and Riverpoint classes will not meet on Saturday, May 8. Pre-Academy-Academy II classes will not meet on either performance date.

THEATRE LOCATIONS:

The Wilson Center is located at 19805 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield. Detailed directions can be found at: http://www.wilson-center.com/information_location.htm

Homestead High School is located at 5000 W. Mequon Road in Mequon. Detailed directions can be found at: <http://mtsd.k12.wi.us/MTSD/Homestead/hhs/map-to-hhs.html>