



☆ “Goodness On The Dance Floor” ☆

Show Handbook and Information

APRIL 13, 2026

Philosophy, Policies and Procedures

Dear emjaez Parents/Guardians and Students,

emjaez Dance Studio LLC provides students with an exciting performance experience through its June show. The opportunity to perform in a recital is an exciting, empowering and confidence-building part of the training process. It is a chance for the students to shine in front of family and friends as they show off the hard work and dedication they have put into this dance year.

We love to watch our dancers learn about the theatre, rehearsals, and teamwork, while they enjoy the opportunity to showcase their skills in a professionally run production with family and friends joining in on the pride of their achievement! Giving all students the chance to perform for their family and friends in this supportive and fun environment, even our youngest and newest Tiny Dancers is so rewarding!

The show offers our students a professionally directed production at Elyria Performing Arts Center (**EPAC**). They will experience the quality of a true theatrical performance on the big stage!

Dedication to the show commitments is the responsibility of both students and their Parents/Guardians. This handbook was created to clarify what is expected from you in terms of commitments and responsibility to the annual show, the studio, other students and Parents/Guardians.

This is without a doubt the highlight of our year and we are filled with excitement to show you how hard our dancers have been working!

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STAYING INFORMED

We work hard to make the dance experience organized and fun. Keeping you informed is one of our primary goals. **Please read all newsletters and other studio information.** It is our job to inform, it is your job to be informed. Informed parents have successful children.

In order to continue our efforts to be environmentally friendly, the handbook will not be printed for every student. Copies will be available in the lobby and also on the emjaez Dance Studio website:

www.emjaezdance.com and The Show Information Center (SIC)

<https://www.emjaezdance.com/goodnessonthedancefloor> Show updates and reminders will be sent in emails and will be posted throughout the studio and on our social media platforms. Informative text messages will also be sent. A reminder that all emails sent can be found in your parent portal.

We answer emails on a regular basis, with the exception of weekends. Please email all office related questions to: teammj@emjaezdance.com

Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/emjaez) & Instagram (EMJAEZDANCE)

If you have not done so already, please “Like” the emjaez Dance Studio page on Facebook and follow us on Instagram to receive daily updates on studio events, class photos/videos and more. Please invite your family and friends to “Like” and follow our studio pages as well.

Please do not post questions on the studio’s Facebook page. If you have any questions regarding the information distributed, we encourage you to email teammj@emjaezdance.com or john@emjaezdance.com. You can also contact the office at 440-871-1604.

☆ Part I: The Commitment ☆

Important Show Dates

By allowing your child to participate in the emjaez Dance Studio show, you commit yourself and/or your child to the following dates and events.

Date	Activity	Where
April 20- 25 & May 11-16	Parent Videotaping (optional)	In the studio, last 5 minutes of class
May 4	Tickets go on sale!	Online
May 11-16	Tight & Costumes go home	Distributed in class (all accounts must be up to date)
May 18	Stars/program ad deadline	Parent Portal/email
May 18	All requests deadline (ex: badges, etc.)	Main office/email
May 18-23	Photo week with T&T	At the studio during class
June 15	Mandatory Dress rehearsals	EPAC
June 16-17	Show days!	EPAC- 6pm
July 13	Video order deadline	Parent Portal

Details

As a reminder, your dancer’s age does not determine what show they will perform in. Age groups will be evenly distributed between both shows. Assigning dancers to shows is a very detailed process. I do my best to keep dancers and families with multiple classes in the same show whenever possible. However, this can be challenging, as I must consider what works best for the majority of each class, as well as costume changes between routines. If your dancer is enrolled in more than one class, it is very likely that they will be performing in both shows. Please also note that having siblings in classes on the same day and time does not guarantee they will be assigned to the same show.

Please keep June 15-17 free of any conflicts. Our dancers work incredibly hard all season, and we want them to feel relaxed and excited on show day as they perform all of their hard work. The show weekend feels a bit like Christmas morning- filled with excitement, celebration, and lots of happy dancing! ☺

As the season progresses, additional show information and updates will be shared through Facebook, Instagram, Remind, texts, email newsletters, studio bulletin boards, the emjaez Dance Studio website Show Information Center: <https://www.emjaezdance.com/goodnessonthedancefloor> (SIC), and the physical Show Information Center at the studio. Please visit the SIC regularly for important updates such as volunteer boards, show assignments and other show details. We ask that families take an active role in staying informed throughout the show season.

Our goal is to make the show an organized and exciting experience for everyone involved. It is truly a team effort: students, Parents/Guardians, teachers, office staff and the director are key players in the show’s success.

Home Study

All students have been working very hard and we are incredibly proud of them!! Choreography is in progress for all classes and attendance is extremely important during this time. It is important that students attend all scheduled classes between now and the recital so they can rehearse their routines together, build confidence, and look their best on stage. Choreography formations and staging may change frequently. Students who miss class during this time may return to a different formation or placement within the routine. If your child is sick, but fever free and well enough to come in and observe class, this is preferable to missing altogether. If your child must miss a scheduled class for any reason, please contact the office in advance at 440-871-1604. If a student misses class, he or she should connect with a classmate to learn any missed choreography before returning so the class can continue progressing without delay.

In making this commitment to the show and in fairness to their classmates, students should not arrive late or leave early to attend extra-curricular activities with the exception of mandatory school events. *If a student misses more than 3 classes during the months of May and June, private lessons will be required to learn missed material and keep up with technique. Persistent absences may result in removal from the show.*

To help students feel confident about their performance, we encourage Parents/Guardians to have their dancer rehearse choreography at home on a regular basis. Updated choreography videos are available in your parent portal. Once the music is finalized, a copy of your child's show music will also be uploaded here.

At various points throughout the choreography process, Parents/Guardians will be invited to videotape choreography at the end of class so students can reference it when practicing at home. This year's videotaping weeks are **April 20-25 and May 18- 23**. These are optional but very helpful to the students. If you are unable to attend during these times, an alternate date may be arranged with the office *in advance*. Parents/Guardians will be asked to remove shoes before entering the studio.

Graduating Seniors

Graduating seniors may be invited to participate in a "Senior Farewell" dance. This tradition is a privilege and as with any privilege, it must be earned. Dancers must maintain exemplary attendance, with no more than 3 absences in any class, to be eligible for participation.

We are so grateful for the time and years that our students have spent with us at emjazz Dance Studio!

☆Part II: Costumes☆

We spend many hours selecting and preparing the costumes for each class. They are always age-appropriate and of the highest quality possible. Students will need one costume for each class they are enrolled in (unless otherwise notified). Costumes include all accessories (hats, gloves, etc.). Tights and shoes are NOT included. As stated at registration and in the studio brochure, all hip-hop classes are required to purchase shoes for the show that match the costume. There may also be special circumstances where a class needs to purchase specific shoes to match their costume. In either case, you will be notified by email as to what type of shoes you are to purchase.

NOTE: No jewelry, nail polish or underwear is to be worn with costumes. Tights will serve as undergarments. This includes during picture days, dress rehearsals and performances.

Costume Distribution

All balances must be up to date including tuition, late fees, performance fees and costume balances before costumes will be released. Costumes will be passed out in classes beginning **Monday, May 11th**.

Many hours have gone into preparing the costumes for you to take home. Many have been embellished, steamed, bagged, etc. We love glitter and sparkle and can't wait for you to see them! Please keep the costumes wrinkle free and on the hangers that are provided. Costumes should not be worn before picture day. Garment bags should be used to transport costumes to and from picture day, dress rehearsal and the show. Specific costume details/instructions will be posted in DSP. The virtual costume book will also become available in the Show Information Center <https://www.emjazzdance.com/goodnessonthedancefloor> with specific details on hair, make-up and common costume questions. A physical costume book will be in the lobby.

Alterations

Alterations are sometimes needed and are the sole responsibility of the Parent/Guardian. *Please try on all costumes and accessories as soon as you bring them home.* This allows you to determine whether alterations are needed. Doing this in advance of picture day and dress rehearsal minimizes stress at performance time.

There may be costumes that need straps sewn or adjusted, belts attached and the like. Specific details will be emailed and included in the costume books. **If you would like to use the services of our studio seamstress, contact: Barb Helon 216-346-3403.**

Costume Care

- ALL costumes, shoes, accessories and tights should be labeled with your child's name or initials. Colored duct tape works great!
- Place the costumes in a garment bag with your child's name on the outside. Pack accessories in the clear plastic bag provided (labeled with your child's name).
- Hats should be stored in a hatbox or similar container to prevent damage.
- Costumes have been steamed prior to distribution. Please make sure they remain wrinkle free for picture day, dress rehearsal and show days.
- Costumes should not be ironed!! Silks can burn, sequins can melt and fabric colors may change. If necessary, costumes can be steamed with care.
- Please do not wash costumes.
- Remove any tags that hang out of the costume or can be seen from the inside out.
- If costume straps do not have snaps and are not attached, please sew them **prior to picture day** as specified in the costume instructions. Never cross the straps unless specified in the costume instructions. Safety pins should **not** be used in place of sewing.
- Costumes with Fringe ~You may notice a string along the bottom of most fringe costumes. This is to keep the fringe from getting tangled before pictures or show days. Please **DO NOT** pull the string until picture day. After that date, please place fringe costumes on a hanger to keep them from getting tangled.
- Tutu's ~ To store a tutu, put it on a hanger upside down. To help remove persistent wrinkles, hang the tutu in the bathroom during a hot shower or use a handheld steamer.

NOTE: To ensure that there are no costume problems, students should not wear their costumes, accessories or tights prior to picture day or dress rehearsal.

Costume Racks

As a suggestion, a wheeled clothing rack can be a smart investment if your child has several costumes. It helps keep costumes organized, prevents wrinkles, and provides a bit of privacy during costume changes. We recommend hanging costumes on the rack in the order they will be worn during the show.

TIPS: COSTUME COMMON SENSE

- ✓ Always have a second pair of tights/fishnets available and in your child's costume bag.
- ✓ Place costumes in a garment bag for travel.
- ✓ Carry hats in a hatbox or container to prevent them from damage.
- ✓ Hang and steam costumes before and after each performance.
- ✓ Place your name in all costumes, accessories and shoes prior to picture day.

Quick Changes

During the show, some students may have quick changes. A special team of volunteers/teachers will assist these students whose costumes and accessories will be placed in the backstage quick-change room. A sign-up sheet will be available in The Show Information Center for those in need of a helper. Helpers will be assigned prior to the dress rehearsal and students will be made aware of who their helpers are and where their quick change will be located.

☆ Part III: Tights, Shoes, Hair and Makeup ☆

Tights

To ensure that there are no discrepancies in color and style, students are required to have uniform tights for their classes. Be sure to purchase the correct style through emjaez since not all brands or colors are the same. If you already have the correct brand and style of tights and they are in good condition, you do not need to purchase new ones. Tight orders will be distributed in class beginning **Monday, May 18th**.

***A small amount of extra tights will be ordered for anyone that misses the deadline. Tights will be available for sale in our Merch Boutique while the supply lasts. Children tights: \$12 / Adult tights: \$13 / Fishnets: \$15**

Note: Having a second pair of tights on hand offers students and their Parents/Guardians a great sense of security, should their original pair become damaged or lost.

Shoes

Be sure that all shoes are cleaned prior to picture day and labeled with your child's name on the **inside** of the shoe. If the inside of the shoe is black, a metallic marker or colored duct tape works well for labeling. *Please remove all stickers and markings from the tops and bottoms of all shoes before picture day.*

Students are required to have the shoes that are listed in the studio brochure for each class, unless otherwise noted. If you have been using an alternate type of shoe throughout the year, please make sure that you have the correct shoes by picture day. **This includes all Hip-Hop classes.** If you purchase dance shoes just before the show, please break them in (indoors) so that they are pliable and comfortable for the show. Please **DO NOT** wear your dance shoes outside.

Ballet shoes - please pull and tie the strings in the front of the shoe into a knot and cut off excess string and tuck the strings into the shoes **prior to picture day**. Do not tie into a bow. All other shoes/boots should be tied tightly and double-knotted.

Hair and Makeup

In order for the faces of our dancers to be seen from the audience, makeup is a necessity. All female students are required to wear makeup for the show: lipstick, blush, eye shadow, mascara, false eyelashes (level III & up) etc. Specific colors and makeup details will be listed in the costume books. For the boys, a little eyeliner and blush work well.

Please have your child's makeup backstage with them (labeled with their name) in case it needs to be reapplied before going on stage. We will have a makeup/hair team ready to assist if needed. If any emjazz makeup is needed to be used, be assured that we take every precaution to keep the makeup sanitary before applying. Please notify us **prior to dress rehearsal** if you prefer that makeup not be applied to your child backstage for any reason.

Uniform hairstyles are required for each class. Specific hair instructions will be emailed and listed in the costume books. We suggest practicing the required hairstyle at home *prior to dress rehearsal*. Picture week is a great time to practice hair and make up!

☆Part IV: Be Prepared☆

Planning

The show isn't a one-day event. Being prepared is key. Gather all costumes, accessories, shoes and makeup several days in advance so you'll know if something is missing or isn't right. Make a checklist of what your child needs to bring to each performance that lists each dance's costume, tights, shoes, hair style and accessories. Refer to it to make sure you have all your supplies before going to the theater on dress rehearsal day. Bring extra tights, hair gel, hairnets, bobby pins and hairspray. It is also a good idea to attach your checklist to your dancer's garment bag(s) so they can refer to it with each costume change.

TIPS: OTHER HANDY EXTRAS TO BRING

- ✓ Baby wipes/Wet Ones (to fix makeup mistakes and wash hands)
- ✓ Baby powder (for itchy costumes)
- ✓ Bobby Pins (to secure hair and hair accessories)
- ✓ Safety pins (for emergency costume repairs)
- ✓ Clear nail polish (to repair minor holes or runs in tights when there isn't time to change them)
- ✓ Band-Aids (the "invisible" kind)

☆Part V: Dress Rehearsal☆

Location: Elyria Performing Arts Center - (EPAC)

600 West Avenue
Elyria, Ohio 44035

*** Be sure to use this address for directions, as it will take you to the correct parking lot.**

Tech/Dress Rehearsal – Monday, June 15, 2026

Dress Rehearsal is mandatory. Absences will only be approved under extreme circumstances and must be submitted by email to Mary Jo **no later than Monday, May 18th**. Any student absent from dress rehearsal will not be permitted to perform in the show, unless prior approval has been granted by Mary Jo.

3:00pm – (Tuesday Show) ~ Please arrive at 3:00 (No early arrivals please), change and be ready to start at **3:30pm**

6:30pm – (Wednesday Show) ~ Please arrive at 6:30 (No early arrivals please), change and be ready to start at **7:00pm** * Please note that the Tiny Dancer classes of the 6:30 rehearsal will rehearse first after the Finale and will then be released. Of course, if preferred, they can stay and watch the fun experience!

- The emjuez team will be in the lobby to greet you and direct you to the appropriate dressing room.
- We will do our best to stay on schedule.
- Please keep your schedules free and clear of conflicts for both dress rehearsal and show days. This allows our dancers to focus entirely on their performances and stay stress-free. Everyone has worked very hard and deserves full attention and commitment on these important days.

Why a Dress Rehearsal?

The dress rehearsal allows the students to become familiar with the auditorium surroundings and feel comfortable with their performance, costume, lighting and being onstage. Lighting, music cues and all other logistics for an organized and professional performance are rehearsed so that the students and staff feel prepared. Even more importantly, it gives the stars of our show a chance to get up and rehearse on the big stage – a very different environment than they are used to within the studio walls. They can overcome some of the jitters that may hit when the bright lights come on and really prepare themselves for show day. It is a fun and rewarding experience and a great chance to bond with their friends and watch some inspiring dancers as they wait for their turn in the spotlight.

There's another big reason why attending the dress rehearsal is important...One of the main objectives of our curriculum is to teach the spirit of teamwork and commitment to classmates. When dancers miss the rehearsal, it can cause confusion for the remaining students- an absence affects spacing and timing.

Guidelines for a Seamless Dress Rehearsal...

Arrival

We run an organized dress rehearsal, and your cooperation helps ensure a smooth and professional rehearsal for everyone involved.

- Please arrive at your scheduled time (see above). emjuez staff will be available to direct you to the appropriate dressing room.
- Due to dancers changing, we ask that males dropping off a female dancer do not enter the girls' dressing room, and females dropping off a male dancer do not enter the boys' dressing room. If your dancer needs assistance changing, please ask an emjuez staff member for help.
- Dancers should change into the costume for the first dance they are performing. Since this is a public venue, no costume changes may take place in the auditorium, restrooms, or lobby.
- Once dressed, dancers should proceed to the auditorium and sit with the class of their first routine.
- For the safety of our dancers, bare feet are not permitted in the lobby or backstage areas. Parents/guardians, please review this procedure with your dancer prior to arrival.
- Announcements will begin once all dancers are seated with their groups.

Your help and cooperation with these procedures are greatly appreciated.☺

Finale

The finale will be rehearsed in the studio during the final weeks of classes and all students will participate. After announcements, students will be organized in finale order. Running the finale at the beginning of dress rehearsal will allow students to leave after they have completed their dances if they wish. Dancers will rehearse the finale as it will be on show day. *Please note:* If you have multiple dances, you may not be in the correct costume for finale. This is OK! Although you will be dressed in your first costume, you will be with your last performance group in the finale run-through. Once the finale is rehearsed, we will begin the run-through of the show. Dancers are free to leave after their dances are completed, however, **dress rehearsal will be the only time the dancers can watch the show in the audience.** Please make sure your child changes out of costume before leaving the theater.

Run of the Show

Following rehearsal of the finale, with the exception of the first 6 dances, students will be escorted back to the audience to sit with their first performance class. It is important for dancers to stay with their class in the audience so that the show runners can easily locate each group. Dancers will be called backstage approximately 6 numbers prior to their performance and should be warmed up and ready to dance. Dancers will be escorted back to the audience once their dance is completed. Students with multiple dances will go to the dressing room to change into their next costume and then, will make their way back to the audience to sit with their next class, or remain backstage if within 6 dances.

Dress Rehearsal Guests

One parent/guardian may accompany each student (or sibling group) to dress rehearsal. Please note that siblings and additional guests are not permitted. With the rehearsal dates provided in August 2025, we are hopeful that families have been able to arrange childcare so they can focus on their dancer's big day 😊. Please note that the studio does not provide supervision during dress rehearsal. Parents/guardians are responsible for supervising their dancer in the audience.

Anyone requesting an exception should email maryjo@emjaezdance.com prior to Monday, May 18th.

Video and Photography

Our show will be professionally videotaped; therefore, the dress rehearsal is the **only** opportunity for Parents/Guardians to videotape or take pictures during the show. **For the safety of our dancers, flash photography is strictly prohibited.**

No electrical outlets will be available, so be sure your batteries are fully charged. Tripods are not allowed into the auditorium.

Food/Drinks for Dress Rehearsal

NO food or drink is permitted in the auditorium or in the dressing rooms at any time. Only water is permitted in the dressing room. Make sure all bottles are labeled with your dancer's name. For dancers that are in both dress rehearsals, snacks/food can be consumed in the lobby at the tables provided. Please do not send your child to dress rehearsal with food or beverages that could stain their costumes such as juice boxes, Cheetos, or other sticky food and beverages. It is important they have something nutritious to keep their energy up as well as something that won't stain – this means NO fast food, cheese snacks, chips, etc. Due to many allergies, NO nuts or nut products.

☆Part VI: Show Day☆

Location: Elyria Performing Arts Center- (EPAC)

600 West Avenue
Elyria, Ohio 44035

** Be sure to use this address for directions, as it will take you to the correct parking lot.*

☆Tuesday & Wednesday, June 16-17, 2026☆

Showtime- 6:00pm- Arrival Time: 5pm

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Upon arrival at your designated time (see above), with hair and make up complete, Parents/Guardians will bring the students to their assigned dressing rooms (Act 1/Act 2) and change into their first costume. If your child has any Medical Conditions that may require attention whilst in our care or are carrying any medication with them, please notify an emjaez staff upon arrival.

We ask that males dropping off a female dancer do not enter the girls' dressing rooms due to females changing and that females dropping off a male dancer do not enter the boys' dressing room due to males changing. Please know the song title, which Act (1or 2) and # of your child's dances as this will help you determine your child's dressing room assignment. If your dancer has dances in both acts, take both costumes into their first dressing room and transport after the first act if needed. Dancers with quick changes will be assigned a helper and will set up their costumes in the quick-change room.

* Parents/Guardians will have 30 minutes backstage with their dancer after arrival time and then the badge rule goes into effect. While backstage, dancers will be placed under the supervision of the class helpers. Students will remain backstage for the entire performance and are not permitted in the lobby or auditorium, including during intermission.

Badges

To limit the traffic backstage and for the safety of our dancers, Parents/Guardians will not be permitted backstage on show days without a badge after drop off. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parents/Guardians of the middle school age & up children are encouraged to sit back and enjoy the show. For the Parents/Guardians of the younger children (2.5-5), you might feel comfortable getting a badge just in case you feel you need to go backstage. This badge allows you backstage access during the show, however *we ask that you stay in the audience during intermission*. To request a badge, please turn your name into the office by **Monday, May 18th**. Badges will be available for pick up in the main office the last week of classes. There should be no exchanging of badges between parents. If there is an emergency and a Parent/Guardian is needed during the show, there will be an announcement for you and you will be escorted backstage.

Badges should be returned to an emjaez staff member after the show or to the studio during summer hours.

Backstage

To keep the dancers occupied, please pack a few items that your child can have backstage with them. ex: coloring book, crayons, reading books, iPod/iPad, electronic games, etc. Be sure to label everything. Outlets are available. What NOT to bring: markers, paint, slime, toy guns, water guns, nerf guns, swords, and the like. There are no mirrors backstage, so it would be a good idea for dancers to bring one with them for final touch-ups. The emjaez staff will have first aid kits, makeup, and anything else you may need. There will also be helpers backstage monitoring the rooms and assisting children with restroom breaks, etc. *Please note: emjaez Dance Studio is not responsible for items that are lost, stolen or left behind.* For the safety of our dancers, Parents/Guardians will not be permitted backstage at any time, including intermission without a badge.

Food/Drinks (Show Day Only)

Due to the limited amount of time spent at the theater on show day, NO food or drink is permitted backstage or in the dressing rooms at any time, except for water. Please eat before coming to the theater and celebrate after. 😊

Please be respectful and courteous of the space by discarding of any garbage.

Audience Etiquette

- In order to run a smooth and professional show, there will be no entering or exiting the auditorium during a performance. Out of respect for the dancers on stage, if you must leave the auditorium, you will be asked to refrain from doing so until the dance that is on stage is completed.
- Enthusiastic applause is encouraged; however, excessive calling out of a students' name can be distracting to those around you.
- All cell phones and electronics should be turned off or silenced.
- Children should not bring handheld electronic games or other devices with sounds and/or lights that could be a distraction for other audience members.
- Children must remain seated for the entire performance. Allowing children to run around or otherwise disrupt the performance is disrespectful to other audience members and our dancers on stage.
- *No standing in the back or on the sides of the auditorium to watch dances.*
- Please have proof of tickets available for re-entry into the auditorium.
- For an organized release, at the conclusion of the show, the audience will be asked to remain in the auditorium for a few minutes until the students are escorted to their dressing rooms for pick up or released to the lobby.

Early Dismissal

For the safety of our dancers, all children will remain backstage throughout the entire show, including intermission. We strongly prefer that all dancers stay for the full performance and take part in the excitement of the finale!

This also provides our dance families with the opportunity to see the progression, dedication, and talent of students at every level. Watching the full show helps build a stronger sense of community and allows everyone to celebrate the hard work and achievements of all our dancers.

If, for any reason, a child must be dismissed early, a request must be submitted to the office by **Monday, May 18th** in order for your child to be placed on the early dismissal list. Parents/Guardians will receive an early dismissal pass prior to the show.

At the show, a Parent/Guardian must report to backstage security to sign out their child. You will be required to present your early dismissal pass and sign an early release waiver.

This procedure is in place to ensure the safety of every child. While emjaez staff may know you personally, backstage security may not. For this reason, **no child will be released without an early dismissal pass—no exceptions.**

Security staff are responsible for keeping all dancers safe and will not release any child who is not on the early dismissal list. We kindly ask that you do not dispute this policy at the event, as no requests will be granted during dress rehearsal or on show day.

Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe and happily dancing 😊

Release Procedure

After the finale, the Tiny Dancers will be released from the stage and given to 1 parent, with emjaez staff assisting. 6-9 classes through level 1 dancers will be brought back to the dressing rooms where one Parent/Guardian will be allowed backstage to pick them up. The Level II & up dancers will be released into the main lobby to meet their families. If you prefer your child to remain backstage to be picked up by a Parent/Guardian, a written request should be submitted to the main office by **Monday, May 18th.**

☆Part VII: Show Policies☆

Video and Photography

For the safety of the dancers, **use of flash photography is strictly prohibited.** In conjunction with copyright and child safety laws, video recording devices of any type are strictly prohibited. If you are caught videotaping or using flash photography at the shows, EPAC has the right to remove your device and return it to you after the show. It is important that you pass this policy on to your guests. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Important Information

No eating or drinking is allowed in the auditorium at any time.

As a reminder, in order to go backstage at anytime, you must have a badge.

Fire Law strictly prohibits strollers into EPAC, this includes dress rehearsal day. Fire law also dictates that everyone, including infants in carriers, must have a seat. Infant carriers are permitted into the auditorium as long as a seat/ticket has been purchased to place it on.

Backstage

Visiting family members and friends are not permitted backstage or in the dressing rooms during rehearsals or the shows. This includes before and after the performance, as well as intermission. There is a lot of backstage activity in a limited space and dressing rooms are private areas for our dancers. Please remind your family and guests to be respectful of these areas. Those who wish to greet performers after the show or present flowers may do so in the lobby areas. Please note that balloons are not permitted into EPAC.

Dressing Room Etiquette

Students must respect other students' space and property in the dressing rooms. Most students will spend more time in the dressing rooms than onstage, so please keep them organized and clean. emjaez is responsible for the clean up of all dressing rooms, so we ask for your help and cooperation in keeping them neat and tidy.

We are not responsible for any items left behind. Any items that are found will be brought to the studio and placed in the Lost and Found. Any unclaimed Lost and Found items will be donated at the end of July.

As much as emjaez dance loves glitter, please be aware that in accordance with EPAC rules/guidelines, loose glitter is only to be applied outside of EPAC. Roll-on and gel glitter is the only type permitted in the dressing rooms.

Except for water, no food or drink is allowed in the dressing rooms.

Due to dancers changing, no photographs in the dressing room, please.

Intermission

We ask that Parents/Guardians refrain from going backstage during intermission. For safety purposes, **no child is to leave the dressing room area during intermission.** After intermission, the staff will be coordinating all of the dancers for the finale, therefore backstage traffic needs to be kept to a minimum. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

☆Part VIII: Volunteer Information☆

Parent/Guardian Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help backstage to keep our dancers safe, organized and ready to dance. We are also looking for a few Dads to volunteer for misc things. Anyone interested in volunteering to help is welcome, including responsible babysitters and high school students needing service hours. There will be a sign-up sheet for classes needing a volunteer. If you are available to volunteer, please sign up and you will be contacted regarding more details. Volunteers will receive the backstage badge prior to dress rehearsal, which must be worn in the theater at all times.

If you are volunteering, you do not need to purchase a ticket to the show, as you will be able to watch your child from the best seat in the house... backstage!!

Volunteer Responsibilities...

Volunteers will supervise the dressing room and their assigned classes, ensuring dancers are occupied, safe, and accounted for at all times. They are responsible for making sure each child is in the proper costume and makeup, has the correct accessories and shoes, is backstage at the appropriate time, and returns to the assigned dressing room after performing.

Volunteers will also assist with restroom breaks. All volunteers are expected to work cooperatively at all times. Our backstage managers work hard to maintain an efficient system, and we ask that all volunteers follow their direction and rely on their experience.

If there are more volunteers than needed for a class, or if a class does not have a volunteer, you may be asked to assist with another group. All volunteers will be contacted prior to dress rehearsal to attend a brief meeting with important details for show day.

Guests and children are not permitted backstage with volunteers.

Each volunteer will receive one FREE video of the show!! Thank you in advance for your time and support.

☆Part IX: Photography☆

Pictures

Thomas & Thomas Photography will be taking pictures at the studio during class time beginning **Monday, May 18th thru Saturday, May 23rd**. Dancers should come to class in dance clothes with hair and makeup completed. Dancers should change into costume at the studio. Regardless of whether you are planning to purchase a photo package, ALL dancers will be photographed. Picture day is a good time to practice how hair and makeup will be worn in the show. To keep things running smoothly and on schedule, please make sure to arrive *prior to your assigned picture time*, as we don't want to hold up the class or photography schedule. Sibling pictures can also be scheduled during this week. To schedule a sibling picture or reschedule a photo due to an absence, please see the office. **Please note: Your class time will remain the same on picture day.** You will be able to view photos online, approximately one month after picture week is complete and place orders there if you wish. *Please note that Thomas & Thomas handles all photo transactions.*

☆Part X: Show Tickets☆

To create an organized and professional atmosphere, all tickets are **reserved seating**. Each audience member must have a reserved seat. Fire Law dictates that everyone, including young children must have a ticketed seat. Infants may sit on laps as long as a seat is not needed. Infant carriers are permitted into the auditorium as long as a seat has been purchased to place it on.

Ticket Information

- Tickets will go on sale online Monday, May 4th!
- Detailed information, along with online ordering details will be sent prior to ticket sale day.
- There are no refunds or exchanges on ticket orders once the order is processed.

☆Part XI: Advertising, Show Program, Flowers and more!☆

All commemorative show items will be available for purchase in your parent portal!!

Each year emjaez Dance Studio publishes a full color, high quality, professional, keepsake commemorative show program for purchase. To acknowledge and celebrate your dancer, Stars, Good Luck and Commercial Ads of various sizes are available on a first come, first served basis. This a great opportunity to advertise your business as well! Anyone purchasing an advertisement (excluding stars) will receive one complimentary program per ad. **All orders for show items will be due on Monday, May 18th.**

☆Star Orders☆

Send your special “star” a message in the program for \$10. Star, Good luck and Ad orders are due by **Saturday, May 18th**.

Sample Star:



☆Videos☆

OSV Productions will be videotaping our shows again to create a professional video of the entire production.

☆Show T-Shirt Purchase☆

“Goodness On The Dance Floor” commemorative t-shirts will be available for pre-order. The professionally designed shirt will include a listing of all students participating and will be available to pre-order for \$28. A very limited amount of shirts will be available after the pre-sale for \$30. First come, first served.

☆Flower Bouquets☆

Flower bouquets will be available for pre-order. Bouquets will come glittered and complete with a bow!

☆Bundles!!☆

Purchase all your show items in **discounted** bundles! The show store will be accessible through your parent portal!

Please remember that all of the above commemorative for the show are optional. They are available to you and serve as keepsakes for the 2026 production of “Goodness On The Dance Floor”.

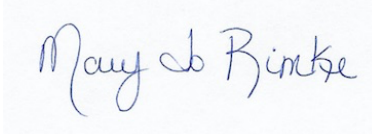
☆The Show Is For Everyone☆

The show experience is one your dancer and family will never forget! We appreciate your compliance with the expectations and guidelines in this handbook. We hope that the emjaez Dance Studio annual show will be as fun and magical for you as it is for all of our team! Thank you for working with us to create a memorable educational dance experience for all of our students. We are so proud of our dancers and cannot wait to celebrate them and see them shine on stage!!

Enjoy these exciting weeks leading up to the show and soak up every moment!! ☺ Please remember to check your emails, studio website, Facebook page, Instagram, texts and the Show Information Center for regular updates.

~ Thank you for your support to emjaez Dance Studio ~

☆With Bountiful Gratitude and Happy Dancing Blessings☆



Owner/Artistic Director

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☆For all show info, visit the virtual Show Information Center at:

<https://www.emjaezdance.com/goodnessonthedancefloor> or visit us on Facebook and Instagram!!

All show items are for sale and accessible through your parent portal.