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Welcome to Rhythm 2022!

Thank you, so much, for successfully adding your information to DanceBUG!

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

We ask that everyone entering the building, no matter the age, wear a mask in all parts of the building except for when performing on stage.

The performance area for these purposes is the lit area of the stage after exiting the side legs. Tables will be provided in the legs on both sides of the stage for performers to place your labelled mask (in a re-sealable bag labelled and provided by your studio).

When you leave the performance area (enter the legs to exit the lit area), dancers will pick up and put on their mask before exiting the stage area. This policy is to prevent unmasked dancers, who are breathing heavily when they come off stage, from interacting with people backstage and the rest of the theatre.

We hope our studio directors will take responsibility to provide labelled, re-sealable bags for each dancer to place their masks in.

Studio directors, please encourage your dance families to respect the blocked off sections in the theatre and not try to use those seats. We have staff and dancers at Rhythm Guelph, who are vulnerable. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter as we all try to create a safe environment for all who visit the theatre during these times

Rhythm Dance asks for a PARTICIPATION & COVID WAIVER from the Dancers, Dance Teachers and Studio Directors. This will be emailed to each studio and must be signed and returned prior to our event.

JUDGES

We are excited to work with Joe Perez Stacey Schnarr and Vanessa Zullo at Rhythm Richmond Hill. Special Awards judge throughout the weekend will be AJ LoPresti.

STUDIOS

Please check to make sure I have listed your studio and location correctly, as this is how your studio name will appear in the complimentary programs.

- A Tandem Studios ~ Toronto**
Director: Erin McFadden
- B Toronto City Ballet ~ Scarborough**
Director: Kim Wong
- C ADA Dance Co ~ Orangeville**
Directors: Mindy, Brittany & Cheryl DeRose
- D Dance Inc. ~ Ajax**
Directors: Jeff and Breanne Wong
- E Crystal Lake Conservatory ~ Simcoe**
Director: Heather-Ami Cook
- F Vlad's Dance Company ~ Richmond Hill**
Director: Vlad
- G BOLD Dance Company ~ Mississauga**
Director: Stephanie Macri

HOTELS

Our Host Hotel is Holiday Inn Express & Suites Markham. 905.695.5990

PROPS

Are strongly discouraged and if used, should be small enough for the dancers to carry themselves.

SCHEDULE (not in studio blocks)

The schedule has been finalized and the program is posted here as well.

PARKING

There are 2 large lots for free parking at the Richmond Hill Centre for the PA.

MUSIC

Music is played by a theatre Technician from backstage. Please upload your music to your DanceBUG account as soon as you can but **BEFORE APRIL 15**
Please format your music in MP3 format so we can use it with our playback software without us having to change the format.

It is a good idea to bring your music on USB for backup.

Please be aware that downloading music from i-tunes, often creates an MP4 format. We need it in MP3format

A free program for converting your music to MP3 can be found at <https://www.videolan.org/index.html>

DRESSING ROOMS

We will assign dressing rooms for each studio and **PLEASE** encourage your parents to stay out of the dressing rooms unless they have a dancer under the age of 10 who needs help. **PLEASE** use the dressing rooms only for costume changes and minimal make up touches only. This is not the year to have elaborate hair and makeup changes. It may help to assign a change room helper to each of your companies to assist with costumes. Boys change rooms are on the main floor. **NO** males are permitted upstairs or downstairs.

AWARDS SESSIONS

We are asking for your co-operation with our AWARDS policies, please, Studio directors. ONLY dancers who perform in that session will be invited on stage to sit in a cluster away from other studios. The other dancers from the session may sit in the orchestra seats, just in front of the stage. We will not be tossing out our swag as we have in previous years. We will hand deliver our swag to each cluster of dancers. **ALL dancers on stage at AWARDS MUST be MASKED.**

When an age division is final, we will award overalls, so your families do not have to wait for a long AWARDS session Sunday, when the competition is complete.

Upon arrival, please direct your dancers to Julie's table in the lobby, for them to pick up their Rhythm dance medal on a lanyard and complimentary program. Remind your dancers that they must be masked except when performing on stage.

We shall provide 1 free program for every dancer and will not have programs or merchandise for sale. It may be a good idea to bring your own pen or highlighter, dancers and parents!

Teachers and studio directors will also receive a complimentary program. It may be a good idea to write the dancer's name on the program that each dancer will sign for. Our running order will be on the DanceBUG app and all dances will be live-streamed.

LIVE STREAMING

We will live stream all our events through the DanceBUG app. Please encourage your dancers who have extended family, especially grandparents, to upload the DanceBUG app and watch from the safety of their own homes to help us minimize the volume of people in the building and help keep everyone safe.

Doors are open 1 hour prior to start time. On Friday doors open at 7:30 a.m. Saturday 7:00 a.m. and Sunday 7:00 a.m.

We are really looking forward to finally having the opportunity to work you and your team at the RHCPA in Richmond Hill . Please pass on this info to your dancers and families so there are no surprises, and we can all work together to have a safe and successful weekend!

Good luck with your choreography and cleaning!

Best Regards,
Nancy & Donna