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Dear Parents and Students:

Our Summer Dance Recital at the River Ridge School of Music & Dance will be held **Sunday, June 30, 2019 at 5:00 PM**. The Recital will be held at **St. Martin's Solomon Theatre - 225 Green Acres Road Metairie, LA 70003**. **All performers must arrive at 4:00 PM the day of the recital. This year, on-stage rehearsals will be held the Friday before on June 28th. Please ensure students arrive 15 minutes before their rehearsal time slot listed below.** This will minimize their time waiting and allow the instructors to run through each piece quickly and efficiently. **Students will also have mandatory dress rehearsals the week before the recital (June 21st-27th) during their normal class times.**

MANDATORY JUNE 28TH PRE-SHOW REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - (rehearsals are closed to parents with the exception of students under the age of 6):

4:30-5:30 PM - Parent & Tot, All Pre-Ballet & Tumbling

5:30-6:30 PM – Hip Hop/Jazz I (Mon. & Fri), Ballet I (Mon. & Fri), & Musical Theater

6:30-8:30 PM – Contemporary/Modern, Ballet II, Hip Hop/Jazz II, Ballet III, Hip Hop III

Students should arrive the day of the recital ready to perform with makeup and hair done. If arriving in costume, make sure to wear a cover up over your costume until you enter the performance space. **No dance shoes should be worn outside!** If students are planning to go out to eat before or after their rehearsal or performance, make sure they DO NOT eat or drink anything besides water in their costumes. Dressing rooms are available to students who may need to change at the performance hall.

Parents should plan on dropping students off at St. Martin's at 4:00 PM. **Doors open for general admission at 4:30 PM with the Recital beginning promptly at 5:00 PM.** All Parent & Tot and Pre-Ballet students will be escorted to the side stage door following their performances where parents can meet them and take them back inside to sit with them for the remainder of the program. Please do not leave, though, as trophies will be handed out at the end of the program. If a student is absent, he/she will not receive a trophy. All students are asked to participate in our group photos at the end of the concert so be sure not to change out of your costumes until after the recital!

Students may invite as many guests as they wish. Two complimentary recital tickets per family have been emailed out to each family. If you have not yet received your tickets, please call or stop by the school office. This year, all tickets must be purchased online to ensure admission into the auditorium will go smoothly and promptly. Please visit **events.laapa.com** PRIOR to the performance date to purchase tickets for you and your family members. We ask that you bring only children 4 years of age or older (unless they are in the program).

See you at the recital!

Ryan P. Cullen, Director
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