

Welcome to the Starbelly School of **Dance Student Performance team**. Participating in public performances is not only exciting but can also be overwhelming. To help offset the stress and uncertainty, below is a guidelines and suggestions to ease feelings of uncertainty.

General Information:

- Each dance session will bring new performance opportunities to StarBelly students.
- For students interested in performing, there will be one rehearsal and one dress rehearsal. These will be Thursday or Friday nights time TBA the two weeks leading up to the event. These will be \$15 drop in fee for each.
- Interested students may register online as new performances become available.
- Due to the nature of some performances, there may be a limit to how many students can participate.
- Students are limited to a maximum of three pieces per performance.
- These opportunities are in addition to the student showcases and NOT a substitution for them.
- To perform a duet or solo, students will be required to have participated in at least one public performance.
- Student placement is determined by an individual's skill level and dedication.

Requirements to Participate:

- Students must have completed and performed at least one level 2- piece in a student showcase.
- Participate in the Starbelly Student Showcases.
- Student dedication and a positive attitude is a must!
- Students who participate in StarBelly sponsored events and attend performances by The Starbelly Dancers will receive first placement consideration.

Rules to Public Performances:

- Unless otherwise specified, call time is 1 hour before the start of the performance.
 - Being on time is mandatory to perform. Be aware of how long it will take you to get to a performance, park, and check in with Cecilia.
- Performers are required to know the details to each performance.
 - Details (time and location) will be discussed in the rehearsal and sent in an email.
 - If you have questions on the day of a performance, review these guidelines and the performance email first. Your next option is to contact another participating student. Only contact Cecilia as a last resort. She is busy with the finer details and may not see your call until it is too late!
- Plan to stay 30 minutes after the performance. This time is used to mingle with audience members and help to clean up the performance space, if required and is a great opportunity to join the StarBelly mailing list and help promote Starbelly School of Dance!

- Performers are asked not to consume alcohol when representing Starbelly School of Dance. This includes during performances and after, if served at the location of the performance. Please be understanding of this request. Starbelly School of Dance, and it's affiliated events, are alcohol free to provide all students a place where they can dance without temptation.
- Never walk to your car alone after a performance.
- Smile and accept compliments. You are beautiful and deserve to have fun!

Public Performance Dress & Appearance:

- No fragrance or perfume, wear fragrance free deodorant
- Wear the appropriate costume for the piece(s) you are performing in.
- Wear appropriate dance underwear
 - Full coverage, opaque and solid color that matches your costume.
- Men's underwear should be supportive.
- Arrive to the performance with hair and stage make up done
- Appropriate stage-make up includes eyeliner, bright lipstick and mascara. Tori is available for private and group coaching, \$50/hour. If interested, please inform Cecilia at least 4 weeks before performance date.
- Pack costumes in a garment bag or nice suitcase.
- Friends and family members, including children, are not allowed in dressing rooms or performance areas.
- Use a Starbelly T-Shirt or veil to cover up your costume when not performing.
- Women are required to shave their underarms or wear a wrap top.

Encouragement!

It is such a joy to watch people have fun while they dance, even when something goes awry. If you're not performing that show or you have a gap between pieces, please join the audience, if appropriate to do so. Belly dancers in the audience help to encourage people to clap, zagarite, and make noise! Remember to live in the moment and forgive yourself if you miss a step or even a whole combo. It happens to even the most experienced dancers! So long as you are having fun, smiling, and feel the music, so will your audience!

Other information:

Limitations:

Paid group performances will go to the Starbelly School of Dance Scholarship and Financial Aid Program! Most, if not all the performances by **Starbelly Student Performance Team** are donated to the community.

Directors Rights

Director can change or update guidelines at any time. It is up to the director to determine what performances are appropriate for who and when. Director has the right to remove any student the public performance if guidelines are not met. Students that are removed from a public performance due to not meeting the guidelines will not receive a refund of their class fees.

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