

Dear Parents and Dancers,

Each year, with the exception of last, we stage a large scale Ballet Performance at an Outside Venue, in order to give students the opportunity to perfect and perform on the big stage. We are thrilled to formally announce our Annual Ballet Performance this year is scheduled to take place on **Saturday 25th May 2019** at the **Gateway Theatre (with 2 performances at 2pm and 4.30pm)** and we are delighted to invite your child to perform.

Attached to this letter is the full rehearsal schedule. As ever, involvement in the show will require discipline and commitment to rehearsals - which will take place both in class with some extra rehearsals on weekends, and weekdays, as the show approaches. We would therefore ask that you ensure your child can attend **all** classes and rehearsals before registering for the show. As you can imagine, a project of this size takes meticulous planning and we need consistency of attendance from all concerned to make sure it is a success. Our primary concern is for our students to have a wonderful experience on-stage and this can only be achieved if they feel confident and well rehearsed.

Show Fee: The cost for taking part in the show this year will be **\$450** for older Students (Grades 1-8*) and **\$320** for our younger students (Grades - Beginner, Pre Primary, Primary & Discover Dance*) for which you will receive:

- 1 Full Costume (to the value of \$60)
- 2 Tickets to the show
- Upwards of 30 hours of extra rehearsals for Grades 1-8, and 20+ for younger students

This show fee also helps to contribute to production costs: set, lighting, sound, licensing, insurance, music rights and hire of the theatre. Centre Stage will absorb all remaining costs.

*Note this is the current name of your child's class, not the grade they are due to move up to next academic year.

A note from Pete re budget: I would like to add a very brief note re budget. Ali and I believe that the performance element of our work is crucial to the development of the students. It doesn't sit well with us to have to charge dancers to perform; after all, we are performers ourselves and believe that it should be the other way around. Obviously in a training environment however, this simply doesn't add up, as it is impossible to sell enough tickets to finance a show. Theatres in Singapore are very expensive (the one we are in for this show is running close to \$10,000 for just the two days and that is before including all the other costs involved in producing a show.) So, we are just asking for a few things:

- a) Your understanding as to why we have to charge
- b) Your enthusiasm for encouraging friends and family to attend
- c) If any business owner or senior member would like to sponsor us, we are looking for \$5000 to defray costs.

If you are interested in finding out more about the budget, we are very happy to share. We are passionate about both the benefits of live performance and the education and development of our students; please help us to maintain these opportunities!

Many thanks

Peter

Co-Founder - Centre Stage School of the Arts

We have streamlined the sign up process this year so to officially register for the show, please go online and purchase your show kit here: <https://centre-stage.com/home/product/snow-white-show-kit/> by **Saturday 13th April 2019**. Late signups will incur an additional charge of \$70 – unless delayed payment has been discussed and agreed upon with our office. (We do completely appreciate it's currently school holidays)

Any questions about the sign up process, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our office on 6732 7211 info@centre-stage.com - with any questions relating to rehearsal and class content, contact Ms. Megan directly on megan.west@centre-stage.com.

Finally we would like to thank you all for your support and encouragement with our Dance Department, it is always much appreciated.

Best Wishes,

Ali & Pete

and Team Centre Stage

Rehearsal Schedule – Snow White - 2019

Learning choreography for all dances has already begun within classes for all ballet students and will continue.

Additional rehearsals will take place on **Sundays & Fridays** at **Block 15 Woking Road, in the Dance Studio on Level 3**. According to the following schedule:

Sunday 21st April:	9am – 3pm:	Grade 1 - 8
	1pm – 3pm:	Beginners/Discover Dance/Pre-primary/Primary
Sunday 28th April:	9am – 3pm:	Grade 1 - 8
	1pm – 3pm:	Beginners/Discover Dance/Pre-primary/Primary
Sunday 5th May:	9am – 1pm:	Beginners – Grade 8 (Full company)
Friday 10th May:	4pm – 8pm:	Grade 2 – Grade 8
	4pm – 6pm:	Beginners/Discover Dance/Pre-primary/Primary, Grade 1
Sunday 12th May:	9am – 3pm:	Grade 1 - 8
	1pm – 3pm:	Beginners/Discover Dance/Pre-primary/Primary
Friday 17th May:	4pm – 8pm:	Grade 2 - 8
	4pm – 6pm:	Beginners/Discover Dance/Pre-primary/Primary/Grade 1
Thursday 23rd May:	4pm – 8pm:	Grade 1 - 8
	4pm – 6pm:	Beginners/Discover Dance/Pre-primary/Primary

****** Show Weekend Friday 24 Saturday 25th May 2019: ALL Students Required, all weekend at Gateway Theatre ******

Friday 24th May
(Technical/Dress Rehearsal):

4pm – 8pm*: **Full Company Required**
**Finish times may differ depending on Grade*

Saturday 25th May (Show Day):

Full Company Required
8.30am: Grade 1 – 8
12pm: Beginners/ Discover Dance/Pre-primary/Primary

Show #1: 2pm
Show #2: 4.30pm

Important Please Note:

Participation in the show requires practice outside of rehearsal:

- Ms. Megan will put videos of rehearsals each week online at this password-protected link: <https://centre-stage.com/home/snow-white-practice-material/> (Password: *dopey*) these must be looked at practiced and learnt for the following week.
- **Additional rehearsals** will be called for older students throughout the next few weeks; this will be emailed out individually to those required.