

# **CARY DANCE PRODUCTIONS - DRESSER MOM INFORMATION**

## **CDP CIRCUS: THE GREATEST SHOW**

*Thank you so much for volunteering to help make this a magical day for our CDP dancers!! We appreciate your generosity, time, and patience. All dresser moms must sign up [HERE](#).*

*Please arrive 45 minutes early to the dressing room the day of your class's dress rehearsal and on the actual recital day. Once you arrive, check in with the dressing room coordinator at the table in the front lobby to pick up your badge. Only moms wearing these badges will be permitted backstage and in the dressing rooms.*

### **FIRST...**

You will need to find the room that has your class listed and make sure your area is prepared for your group of dancers. Some dresser moms divide the dancers into groups that they will each be responsible for - you can come up with a plan that works best for you, your group of dresser moms, and your class.

Dancers should be dropped off in their first costume with hair and make-up performance ready. They should have all of their belongings labeled, and an "emergency kit" including extra hairspray, lipstick, bobby pins, safety pins, and anything else they might need before their stage debut! Once all dancers arrive, please keep them seated and quiet until it's time for them to line up and head to the loading dock. One of our "runners" will come get your class 3-6 dances prior to their stage time (please have them standing in their assigned line at this time). You will walk with the runner and dancers, guiding them quietly and safely backstage.

Before heading into the wings, dancers will wait in the "loading dock". Please stay with your dancers and help keep them quiet while they are waiting here. From the loading dock, our backstage coordinator will come get your dancers and take them backstage. After they move backstage, you can go to the audience and have a seat in the "dresser mom" reserved area in the auditorium to enjoy the performance! Once the girls are finished dancing, please make your way back to the loading dock to pick them up and take them back to your assigned dressing room. From here, you will either get the girls ready for their next dance, or wait with them until they are taken to the lobby (with one of our runners) for pick up.

### **JOB DESCRIPTION...**

There are many students who do not take all dance forms with their class. For example: Jayden takes ballet, tap, and jazz, but Sofia only takes tap and jazz. Lila only takes ballet. Please be sure you are aware of those students who might be "waiting" while the other children are changing for their next dance, Please keep those dancers with you at all times. Let them walk down to the loading dock with you, or have one dresser mom stay back with them. Dresser moms should plan to observe your classes the week of May 11-16, during our "In-Studio Dress Rehearsal" to learn all dancer's names and the order they should be lined up for each routine. At dress rehearsal and recital, once your class has finished their last dance, please wait with them in their designated dressing room area until one of our CDP runners picks you up, to take your entire class to the lobby. Please stay with your dancers in the lobby until everyone has been picked up. Feel free to bring a book, crayons, etc to help entertain your dancers when they are COMPLETELY FINISHED dancing and waiting for pick up :) Just be sure they are NOT wearing their costumes near anything that could stain them!

### **DROP OFF AND PICK UP ON RECITAL DAY...**

If all of your classes are dancing in the first half of the show only, parents will drop off 45 minutes prior to show time and pick up at intermission. If they are in the second half of the show only, parents should drop off at intermission and pick up at the end of the show. If your classes are scheduled to perform throughout the entire show, they will be dropped off 45 minutes prior to show time and picked up at the end of the show.

### **AWARDS...**

If anyone from your class is receiving an attendance trophy, please take them to the loading dock two dances prior to intermission. After the awards ceremony, the staff will be responsible for getting them back to their assigned dressing rooms. They can come on stage for awards dressed in normal clothes or in costume.

### **TICKET INFO...**

Dresser moms will be given one complimentary ticket for the dresser mom seating area located in the balcony. You may use this seat to watch your class performances. If your class is dancing in ACT 1 ONLY and you would like to watch the second half of the show, you WILL NEED to purchase a ticket for you and your child to watch the rest of the show. This is the same for dancers performing in ACT 2 ONLY.

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*THANK YOU for volunteering backstage during our 2020 Spring Recital!  
We rely on you to help us run a smooth show. Please carefully read the checklist below, to make sure you are aware of all details regarding your position. All dresser moms must sign up [HERE](#).*

1. Always wear your name badge/necklace. Anyone without a badge/necklace will not be permitted backstage.
2. Keep your dancers together at all times.
3. Stay in assigned areas when not in dresser mom audience seating, loading dock, or backstage.
4. Make sure we do not have any boys or dads coming into the dressing areas.
5. Keep your dancers seated and quiet between performances.
6. Take everyone to the bathroom and have them "go now" whether they have to or not :)
7. Make sure dancers do not wear underwear under their tights.
8. Check for fingernail polish and jewelry.
9. Check each dancer's costume to be sure he/she has on all pieces, and that they are being worn correctly.
10. Smooth all hair - use hairspray if needed.
11. Make sure shoes are tied in double knots and ballet laces are tucked in.
12. Make sure dancers are quiet in all areas of the auditorium.
13. BE CALM, BE FRIENDLY, BE HELPFUL. Let your dancers know your name, and that you are there to help them.
14. Please be reassuring to all nervous dancers :)
15. If you have dancers that are in a second dance, change their costume as soon as they come off stage! Do not wait!
16. Remind dancers how to stand off-stage. Quietly, and in their lines.
17. Have dancers in exact line-up when runner comes to pick them up before heading to the loading dock backstage.
18. Once the backstage coordinator has the class, you will be dismissed to watch from the designated dresser mom area in the audience.
19. You must come backstage to meet your class IMMEDIATELY after their dance (meet them where you left them).
20. Remind the girls to SMILE! SMILE! SMILE!

*\*Please bring student line-up list for each dance, and give this to the backstage coordinator before heading to the audience\**