

+ **FESTIVAL OF THE TREES INFORMATION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd**
PORTLAND CONVENTION CENTER (MLK Blvd and N.E. Holladay Street)

Call 665-5155 with any questions

ARRIVAL TIME: One hour before show time **READY TO PERFORM** (except costume). Your hair and make-up should be 100% fixed. Be in Dress code & nude leo under tights. Name in everything. Bring shoes/wear tights (?) and **do not bring** any jewelry. **IMPORTANT:** Stay with the group from arrival time until the show ends, pics, and costumes are turned in. Parents, this is a confusing venue. **If you** are not the type to go with the “very chaotic yet fun” flow, **don’t sign up**. Unpredictable setting!

WHEN DOES YOUR DANCER PERFORM?

Show Listed As	Arrive at	Start Time
STITES & KELLY’S	1:30	2:30 ish

Note: Come as early as you want, but please **do not** check in early as there is another performance with a different group involving dozens of people. Check in at your scheduled time **at the entrance** into the Festival of The Trees (please stand clear of the pathway). A teacher will come and escort dancers to the stage area from the entrance.

EXPECTATIONS:

- Arrive in dress code with hair and make-up fixed. **Don’t bring jewelry!** Parents, please **no** drinks, food anywhere near us (costumes) Dancers Stand against the wall as to not block entrance while waiting. Parents step back and watch from a distance.
- Do not wander off after your check in time. Turn in costumes before leaving. Takes additional 15-minutes at end.
- Performers need to stay **with their group** from arrival time until performance is finished, group pictures taken, costumes turned in.
- Performers need to be picked up by their parents and must check out with their instructor before leaving. Eye contact☺
- **Performers may not sit in the audience with parents while the Stites groups are performing.**
- Absolutely no food or drinks anywhere near the costumes. Zero tolerance for obvious reasons.
- Dancers can look at displays **AFTER** the performance.
- Parents, as soon as your child is in costume, please sit in the audience (with their coats, etc) and enjoy the performance.
- Is your dancer in two routines? Be prepared to **help them change and pin their hairpieces**. The teacher and a class parent or other adult will supervise dancers, but be prepared to help.
- Bring your **own** safety and bobbi pins. Put in a baggie with your name on it. No dance bags, purses, phones.
- Bring your cameras. ☺

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE: Wait at the main **inside** entrance (outside of Hall (A) into the Festival of The Trees (without blocking foot traffic) A teacher will meet you there and escort your dancer to the stage area. Do not enter the dressing rooms until directed to! There will be a parent helper from each class who will pass out the costume to you at the arrival time. Get your child ready (costume and final grooming) and then bring them to the teacher and **leave the formation area**. (We will be practicing and need to have space and less confusion.) Check back ten minutes before show time to make sure everything is going ok with your child’s makeup, costume and hair. Then sit down and watch the show. (If the dancer is in 2 routines, the **parent is responsible** to help them change in some cases– **know your part!**) **After the entire performance we have a group picture. Then change your dancer and turn folded costumes back in to the parent assistant.**

GROOMING: Grooming must be meticulous and professional. Read the specific information on separate handout. **Nothing** different than the rest of class. (Dark red lipstick, blush, perfect hair, no jewelry, gum, tattoos, glitter, toe/finger nail polish, unnatural hair color)

COSTUMES: Bring the correct leg attire and shoes. Nude leos go *under* tights. Costumes are general effect. Please deal with costume issues with a positive attitude. **Bring safety pins (not Dollar Tree type) and bobbi pins. No food or drink around the costumes – this includes adults with coffee.**

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL OF TREES: The Festival of Trees is a **fundraiser** put on by Providence Hospital. There is a gorgeous display of Christmas trees and holiday decorations, as well as craft displays, shows and refreshments. The setting and atmosphere are magical! Look for the performance stage once you are inside, that’s where we will be performing.

PARKING: There will be parking issues – arrive early to deal with them. Rain, wind. There is some street parking in the immediate neighborhood **or** you may pay to park at the Oregon Convention Center. Regardless, remember to leave **EXTRA TIME** for parking.

ADMISSION: Dancers are admitted free (*if* they are at the designated entrance HALL A on time), however other family members must pay the admission cost (\$8.00 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors, \$6.00 for children 3 to 12 yrs., 2 & under are admitted free.). This year all dancers will meet at the inside entrance Hall A going into the Festival of The Trees. A teacher from our studio will come and get all of us and then go to the stage area. If you are late or we somehow miss each other, you can pay for a ticket & get yourself up to the stage area and then be on the lookout for us.

*PLEASE Bring a festive ‘go with the flow’ attitude. I will be happy to hear your suggestions on the **MONDAY AFTER** Festival!*

December 3rd Festival of the Trees – All extra practices at Stites PLUS Have perfect attendance at class

Date	Time	For Which Classes
Mon. Nov. 14	5:00	Amy/Donnie's Thursday 4:30 class (Also enrolled in Ballet/Gym? Yes, there are classes as usual)
	6:00	Amy's Wed 4:30 class
Mon. Nov 21 – Mandatory		Everyone ☺
	5:00 – 6:30	Thursday 4:30 and Wednesday 4:30 classes
	6:00 – 8:00	Thurs 5:00 Donnie & Amy Advanced Jazz Students
	5:30 – 6:30	Twirlers (not all twirlers are involved in F of T due to time constraints)
November 17 (Thur)	6:45 – 7:45	All classes as usual ☺ EXCEPT... Tap will start at 6:45 as usual, but will continue until 7:45. T'was Night Before Christmas
November 30 (Wed)	5:30 – 6:45	Mandatory – Everyone ☺ (and yes, 4:30 group still comes for class at 4:30 as usual. Eat prior to class)
	5:30 – 8:00	*Tappers* Stay until 8:00 to work on all of your routines (Tap Hula, Ballet & ?) Advanced Jazz class , please arrive at 5:45 . This is because of parking, drop off issues
December 2 (Friday)	6:00 – 7:30	Everyone! Mandatory! (The Wednesday, 4:30 class – special request your group: Please arrive at 6:15 . This is simply for parking/drop off issues. Please pick up at 7:15)

Always in Dress Code, arrive 100% READY, Hair and **Make-up** done... **For either 30th, 2nd or both** ☺.

Be aware of the 2 drop off /pick up spots, **(Don't park there!)**.

Bring Bobbi pins, safety pins ALWAYS. Please buy high quality safety pins – (not Dollar Tree).

Need to purchase a nude leo? Let us know.

****If you sign up** for this event, a requirement is to complain only directly to me. ☺ And not in the beginning, middle or end of rehearsals/performance please. I **do** want to hear your concerns, though.

Thank you