2023 STUDIO INFORMATION PACKET
* BULLOCK CREEK HIGH SCHOOL *
MIDLAND, MICHIGAN

THIS PACKET MUST BE PROVIDED TO EACH PARTICIPANT.
STUDIO DIRECTORS/STAFF ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ALL DANCE FAMILIES HAVE THIS INFORMATION.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, and Sunday, May 6th/7th at Bullock Creek High School in Midland, Michigan. If you have competed with us before, we are thrilled to have you with us again. If you are joining us for the first time, we welcome you, and look forward to meeting you! If you are in need of directions, visit the EVENTS page of our website, www.DanceForceXpress.com.

We would like to start by expressing our gratitude for having you with us.

Your routine numbers and times for your studio were previously sent to your Studio Director. A full schedule is available for download on our website. Your studio schedule lists the times that dancers are estimated to perform. Dancers should arrive in their first performance costume, and should be ready to perform at least 30 minutes prior to their estimated performance time.

Doors will open at 8:00 pm on Saturday, and 8:30 am on Sunday – please do not plan on arriving earlier, as the building will not be accessible. Please enter through the Performing Arts Center entrance.

There are no admission fees for spectators. You may enter the auditorium from either side of the lobby. There may be seats blocked off for the video and photo crews, as well as the Dance Force Xpress judging team. Please do not move any signs or sit in any restricted areas. Please note that our staff members are available to address any needs or concerns, and will be stationed in the main lobby and backstage. ***The judging team and production team (photo and video) should not be approached at any time. Thank you in advance.*** If you must leave or re-enter, please only do so between routines. Please keep in mind that dancers may be taking the stage for the first time in a very long time, or may be taking the stage for the last time as they graduate. We ask that you reward every performance for a job well done! We encourage support, applause, and cheering. With respect for the performers, the use of electronics and casual conversation should be limited to the main lobby to ensure that dancers have a distraction-free performance. Thank you!

In the main lobby you will find photo kiosks featuring action photos from *All Star Productions*, event merchandise from *Dance Force Xpress*, and concessions from *Bullock Creek High School.* Please note that food and beverage are **not allowed** in the auditorium. We ask for your full cooperation and understanding of this policy as a guest.

Dance Force Xpress merchandise will be available throughout the competition in the lobby until the start of the final session on Sunday. The limited edition 2023 Tour Tee, featuring all studio names, is available in limited quantities for $25. Following awards, the sales table will also have commemorative trophies in a variety of sizes, as well as commemorative pins representing the placings (Silver, Gold, High Gold, Platinum, etc.)

If you have pre-ordered event merchandise through our website, please stop by our merchandise table and pick up your items. As a reminder, the 'Tour Bundle' and discounted pricing was only available for pre-orders placed by April 24th. Dance Force Xpress accepts cash, credit, or Venmo. Due to varied wi-fi connectivity on-site at events, cash sales are preferred for quicker service.

Dressing rooms are provided and assigned for each studio. Dressing rooms have been assigned depending on the number of registered dancers per studio, per session. To avoid congestion in the dressing rooms, only performers, studio staff members, and parents that are essential to the dancers' needs (ages 12 and below) are allowed in the 'backstage area', which includes the main hallway outside of the dressing rooms, dressing rooms, and backstage. These areas are indicated in pink on the enclosed facility map. Dancers should ONLY be in the dressing rooms during the sessions that they are performing in. *For example;* if a dancer is scheduled to perform in Saturday session 3, they should not be in the dressing rooms during sessions 1 or 2. Please be courteous when setting up your space. There will be times when the dressing rooms are busy due to the size of scheduled routines. Again – we stress that if dancers are not actively changing costumes, that they are not in the dressing rooms. Dancers are welcome in the main lobby, auditorium, or general areas if they are not actively changing. The dressing rooms are not practice or rehearsal areas. There are restrooms backstage for dancers as well as in the main lobby area.

Food and drinks are not allowed in the auditorium and we Thank You for your cooperation in keeping the facility clean. Dancers may bring a snack and/or beverage into their dressing room. Participating studio staff members are asked to monitor your student's dressing room during the event and prior to leaving to ensure the area is clean. This venue **does not** have dedicated space for studio snack tables. Please only bring food/beverage on an individual basis, as there will not be an area for 'studio' tables to be set up. Tables and chairs will be set up in the main lobby. This area is open to dancers and spectators to enjoy a snack or meal. Please ensure that the tables are left clean for the next guests. Again, these are not 'studio' tables, and should be used in a revolving manner. Thank you!

All Star Productions will be taking thousands of action photos as well as performance videos. **AGAIN THIS YEAR –** both are **included** in your registration fees! We are absolutely thrilled to partner with All Star Productions to offer this fantastic value. Studio directors will be sent a link to photos and videos when they are available for download (approximately 5-7 days following the competition). Keep an eye on our social media for announcements as well. Looking for same-day printed photos? Please make time to visit the kiosks in the main lobby to create custom collages at discounted prices!

Photography and video recording during performances is prohibited. Any issues may result in the routine(s) being disqualified from Overall Awards. This policy is for the safety, privacy, and protection of our dancers. Thank you for your attention – we appreciate your dedication to keeping the competition running smoothly without distractions or interruptions regarding video recording. **The event will not be live-streamed.** Photos may be taken during the awards presentations, as well as in the main lobby.

There will be an awards presentation at the conclusion of each session. During awards, all dancers are welcome to join us on stage! One representative should be selected to accept awards for each routine. All routines will receive a ***DFX Diamond, Platinum, High Gold, Gold, Silver, or Bronze*** placement (determined by a scale) with ribbons for each performer. We will also be presenting any special awards, division high awards, and overall placings. Award sheets are provided in your program to easily track awards!

Additional information on the Dance Force Xpress adjudication system/judging is provided to each Studio Director, and is included in the program. We highly encourage dancers and dance families to take a moment to learn more about the adjudication system to best understand the awards presentation and have the most beneficial experience.

Every competition is different! Our adjudication system is as follows:

DFX Diamond (171 – 180 points) *Achieving 95% of total points possible*

Platinum (153 - 170.9 points) *Achieving 85% of total points possible*

High Gold (135-152.9 points) *Achieving 75% of total points possible*

Gold (108 - 134.9 points) *Achieving 60% of the total points possible*

Silver (90-107.9 points) *Achieving 50% of the total points possible*

Bronze (Below 89.9 points) *Achieving less than 50% of the total points possible*

Dancers should gather their belongings in the dressing rooms after their awards presentation, and plan on meeting family in the main lobby. Please do not send family and friends back to the dressing room areas, as dancers will be arriving for the next session. Banners will be available in the main lobby for photo opportunities. **NEW!** The DFX photo booth is available in the main lobby – we invite dancers and spectators to join in the fun and capture a fun memory! There is no charge to use the photo booth. Please share your memories with us on social media!

Participant Waiver Notice: *Registering for any Dance Force Xpress event indicates that the participant and legal guardian have reviewed and accepted the terms of the participant waiver in its entirety. The participant waiver is available for review on our website FAQ page, or the bottom section of every page of our website. A signed participant waiver will not be collected for this event. Participating Studio Directors will sign a master waiver at check-in to confirm that they have provided all participants with this information packet.*

We ***Thank You*** in advance for spending your day with us.

Best wishes - see you soon!

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