



School of the Performing Arts in the Richmond Community

March 10, 2011

Dear Parents,

Our talented young performers in CORE , Advanced CORE and Rising Stars classes are gearing up for our annual Spring Showcase, which will be presented on **Sunday, April 10th 2011** at the Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen. The students will present a demonstration of acting, singing and dance material that has been worked on throughout the semester. While the fall semester focuses on process, we are excited to offer a performance experience in a professional environment at the end of our spring semester. Please read over the following information and pay particular attention to the final rehearsal schedule on page two.

Do note that ONLY Rising Stars, Studio Jr., Studio, CORE, and Advanced CORE final classes participate in Showcase at Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center. Their final class takes place out at Glen Allen, in preparation for performance a few days later. The exceptions to the 2011 Showcase rehearsal schedule are:

Advanced CORE will rehearse on **Thursday, April 7th** from **5-7**. There will be **NO** class for them on Tuesday April 5th at Tuckahoe.

(Note: Mini SPARC and Fairytale Adventure classes have their own final share at the SPARC Center on Saturday, April 2. Specific information about these classes will be sent separately)

Attendance: Regular attendance is important during the final weeks of class, as students need to begin working as an ensemble as they move toward a finished product. Attendance at the final rehearsal at the Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen is mandatory. **If your child misses the final rehearsal, our instructors reserve the right to remove your child from the showcase.**

Adjusted Call Times: Please note the rehearsal and performance schedules below and mark your calendar appropriately.

Costuming: While we do introduce selected props and costume pieces, the students will be asked to wear uniform attire such as colored tops and black pants or other simple clothing. You will not be asked to buy an expensive costume, but may be asked to provide a plain t-shirt. Some classes may require basic props such as book bags, magazines or hats. No heavy stage make up is required or allowed. **SPARC instructors**

will send information home with your child identifying specific costume requirements.

Tickets: Each Advanced CORE, Studio Jr., CORE and Rising Stars family will receive four free tickets to the show in which your child is performing. Each Studio student will receive two. If you do not need all four tickets, we encourage you to share them with other families in your child's class. You may also send them to the SPARC office, as we will be keeping a waiting list for families that may need more than four tickets. If you would like to be put on the waiting list, please call the SPARC office and speak with Debra Clinton or Kathy Messick at 353-3393. As additional tickets become available, we will notify you.

Tickets will be handed out beginning Monday, March 28th at the regular class times and then the following week of April 4 at the dress rehearsals. If for some reason you do not get your tickets at that time, they will be waiting for you at the Cultural Arts Center the day of Showcase.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Final Rehearsal Schedule (at the Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen)

Monday April 4 Final Class:

Monday Rising Stars 4:00-5:00 on stage

Monday CORE : 5:00-7:00 PM on stage

Tuesday April 5 Final Class:

Mulan Jr.: 4:00-5:00 PM on stage

Tuesday CORE (Tuckahoe): 5:00-7:00PM on stage

Thursday April 7 Final Class:

Thursday Rising Stars 4:00-5:00 on stage

Advanced Core 5:00 to 7:00 on stage

Saturday April 9th Final Class:

Studio Jr. 10:00- 11:00AM on stage

Bon Air Core 11:00PM-1:00PM on stage

Saturday Rising Stars (Tuckahoe) 1:00-2:00PM on stage

Saturday CORE(Tuckahoe): 2:00-4:00 PM on stage

SHOWCASE SCHEDULE

2:00 PM Show (call time 1:15)

Studio Jr.

Thursday Rising

Monday CORE

Advanced CORE

Bon Air CORE

Mulan, Jr.

4:00 PM Show (call time 3:15)

Studio

Mulan, Jr

Monday Rising

Saturday Tuck CORE

Saturday Rising

Tuesday CORE

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Reminders for the day of showcase:

1. Please arrive on time at the Cultural Arts Center. All props, music, scripts or other items that are required should be brought to the dress rehearsal and the final performance. Each performer should plan on wearing their designated performance attire for the final rehearsal as well as the showcase.
2. Upon arrival, performers will proceed upstairs to the holding rooms/studios. Parents can proceed to the auditorium to be seated for the show. **After your child's showcase is over, we ask that one parent pick up his/her child from the holding room. No student will be released without an adult to meet them.**

SHOWCASE LOCATION INFORMATION

The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen

2880 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

(Located in northern Henrico County between Staples Mill Road and Woodman Road, just south of 295).

Information (804) 261-2787

Directions from I-95:

From City of Richmond and Points South:

(City of Richmond, Fan, South of the James, Chester, Colonial Heights, Petersburg, etc.)

Take 95 N. to 295 toward Charlottesville, exit 84B. Take exit 45B - Woodman Road South. Go to the light. Turn right onto Mountain Road. Go 3/4 mile and the Cultural Arts Center is on your right. Turn right at the sign.

From Points North of the Northern Side of 295:

(Ashland, Elmont, Doswell, Caroline, Fredericksburg, Hanover, etc.)

Take 95 S. and 295 toward Charlottesville exit 84B. Take exit 45B - Woodman Road South. Go to the light. Turn right onto Mountain road. Go 3/4 mile and the Cultural Arts Center is on your right. Turn right at the sign.

Directions from I-64:

**From Points East of 295 and east of Richmond:
(East End, Bottoms Bridge, West Point, Williamsburg, etc.)**

Take I-64 W. to 295 toward Washington D.C. Take exit 45B - Woodman Road South. Go to the light. Turn right onto Mountain Road. Go 3/4 mile and the Cultural Arts Center is on your right. Turn right at the sign.

**From Points West of 295 and from 288 (west of Richmond):
(Charlottesville, Goochland, Midlothian, Powhatan, etc.)**

Take I-64 E. to exit 177 (295 South) toward Washington/Norfolk. Take exit 45B - Woodman Road South. Go to the light. Turn right onto Mountain Road. Go 3/4 mile and the Cultural Arts Center is on your right. Turn right at the sign..

From Short Pump, Far West End of Henrico County:

Take I-64 W. to exit 177 (295 South) toward Washington/Norfolk. Take exit 45B - Woodman Road South. Go to the light. Turn right onto Mountain Road. Go 3/4 mile and the Cultural Arts Center is on your right. Turn right at the sign..

We know you are excited to see your child perform in the Showcase. Thank you for transporting your child to classes and rehearsals. **Please call the SPARC office at 353-3393 if you have any questions.**

We'll see you on April 10th!

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