

Dear Families & Dancers in “I Want My MTV” / “Cinderella” --

First and foremost, I want to thank those of you who reached out to me for your understanding regarding the difficult decisions I had to make. Please believe me when I say that I wish we could keep everything as it was - I wish every single one of you could be in the theater with us, I wish we were going to be at Hempfield’s Performing Arts Center for our show, I wish the dates stayed the same - I wish nothing had to change. But as you know, that isn’t the case.

I did have a few people reach out asking if I looked elsewhere, offering suggestions - so I did want to let you know that I reached out to all local parks that have stages, all local high schools with auditoriums, Lancaster Catholic, and all colleges in the area. Unfortunately, we were either denied or our several attempts to reach them went unanswered. The Fulton was the only venue to offer their space to us.

If you have plans for the weekend of June 18-20th, PLEASE reach out to us to see if we can make it work for your dancer. The last thing we want is this whole situation to take away the opportunity for your dancer to perform what they’ve worked all year on.

Please let me know about your conflicts by May 18th - after that date I will be unable to make any changes due to getting music and lighting in order.

With that being said, I want to let you know that I am not able to change the filming time for “Cinderella” on Saturday morning. We are going to be juggling two events that weekend – our elementary/preschool in the studio parking lot at Encore and your dancer’s filming at the Fulton. Our instructors will be bouncing back and forth between both locations and in order for our ballet instructors to be present for the filming, we have to keep it at the time it’s at.

Here are the details for the weekend of the filming:

FILM TIMES / SCHEDULE:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QcR57HYmAm4DxLMi_9PIYfHHCcaIDNoUJlICXfoMBAw/edit?usp=sharing

to view the different schedules for each day, click the tabs at the bottom of the sheet with the date

THE DATES AND LOCATION:

- Filming Dates: Friday, June 18th
Saturday, June 19th
Sunday, June 20th
- Location: Fulton Theater - 12 N Prince St, Lancaster, PA 17603

HOW WILL THIS BE RUN?

- We WILL NOT be filming in the order of the show! We cannot run it as a normal show because:
 - We are limited on how many dancers can be in the building at one time, and if we were to run it as we normally run the show, all dancers would have to be present at once. This is not allowed at this time.
 - Many dancers who are dancing at the Fulton also have siblings who are in our parking lot performances and we have tried to coordinate it so that the parents don't need to try to be in two places at once
- Each routine will be given a 15 or 20-minute time slot (depending on the length of the routine) to walk through their dance and their spacing. Then they will film the dance.
- We will have a free livestream running while we are at the Fulton. You will be able to watch the dancers perform their routine on the stage as it's being filmed that day.
 - There will be a watermark over this livestream - so we ask that you avoid recording the livestream, for it is not the finished product!
 - We recommend tuning in 10 minutes prior to their time just to be safe!

WHAT TO KNOW & EXPECT THE DAY OF:

- Students will need to be dropped off at the Fulton's stage door - located on Grant Street (between the Ware Center and Fulton)
- Dancers should be dropped off wearing their first costume 20 minutes prior to their stage time
 - Once your child exits the car to please continue to move forward towards Water Street
- Students may remain in the building until they have completed filming all of their routines for that day
 - If they have a long break between filming, please notify us if you will be picking up your dancer during that break. They are free to leave (with a family member) and return 20 minutes prior to their filming time
- Temperatures will be taken at the stage door
- Students will be given hand sanitizer upon entering
- We recommend that your dancer packs food and water with them if they will be at the Fulton for a lengthy period of time. They are able to eat in the dressing rooms.
- We are going to try to set up a way for the dancers to watch the filming while they are waiting in the dressing room area!
- As of right now, we are anticipating that the dancers will need to wear their flesh colored masks while on stage. We will update you if this changes!
- **Parking in Lancaster City**
 - Friday & Saturday - parking is free after 6pm
 - Additional parking for those days includes:
 - 2 hour free parking on North Mulberry Street
 - Free parking all day on N Charlotte Street
 - Parking on Sunday is free

- Parking garages are always an option, but they are not free.
 - You can also pay for parking at the meters, but some of them have two hour time limits
- Parking garages
 - Lancaster Parking Authority (LPA) - 30 W Orange Street
 - Hager Parking Lots - 40 N Market Street
 - East King Street Garage - 150 E King Street

WHAT TO KNOW & EXPECT AFTER FILMING:

- You dancers will need to be picked up on Water Street. Encore staff and/or The Men of Encore will be waiting with the dancers
 - If your dancer is not waiting for you when you arrive, please circle around the block – we cannot block traffic, so everyone must keep moving! The Fulton was adamant about this.
- Once filming is completed, we will put the video together in the original order with all of the bells and whistles!

We do not have a price for access to the entire recital film yet. Because this change was so recent, we are still figuring out the cost of everything on our end to put this all together. Once we know the price of the film, we will let you know.

You will be able to purchase access to the downloadable film AND you are able to purchase a hard copy of the recital, if you wish. All proceeds that we receive from families purchasing the link go towards helping us cover the cost of the venue.

We are also in touch with Penn Cinema to try and rent out the entire building to set up a safe viewing of our show! We thought this would be a unique and special way for the dancers to see the finished product with their friends and family - not to mention, they'd be on the big screen!

We will be in touch about this as soon as we know more information.

Once again, I am so, so sorry about the changes that had to be made and any inconvenience it has caused you and your family. I am heartbroken that after 25 years of recitals at Hempfield High School's Performing Arts Center, we are not able to return at this time. I pray that this is the last time we have to make our shows work around guidelines and regulations and that next year's show will be live.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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