

# DFJ Costume Pick Up, Performance, Summer Plan & More...

## DRIVE BY COSTUME PICK UP - Saturday May 16th

### Details/ Instructions for costume pick up:

1. This event will take place at BOTH our Bellingham & Lynden Campuses  
(If you dance at both locations, your costumes will be at our Bellingham Campus.)
2. If you take several classes, or you have multiple students, you only need to come ONCE and may pick up ALL your costumes at that time. If this is the case, please come at the time slot from your classes that works for best.
3. The majority of costumes have come in. However, some costumes may not have arrived yet or may be on backorder. If this is the case we will try to e-mail all of the students that this effects. We apologize for the inconvenience and will let you know when they come in.
4. Please REMAIN IN YOUR CAR during this drive by event. Simply roll down your passenger window and tell staff your student's NAME and CLASS.
5. IN BELLINGHAM - Please enter the parking lot and drive past the front entrance and around to the backside of the building. Costumes will be handed out from our Studio #4 Garage door.
6. IN LYNDEN - Please park in an available spot near DFJ on the same side of the street. Wait in your car until the staff member returns with your costume(s).
7. Please note: Costume bags and packages will be wiped down with disinfectant before they are handed to you. All DFJ staff will be wearing gloves and masks.
8. GO HOME & TRY ON your costume. Please unwrap your costume carefully from it's packaging in case we need to exchange for a different size. (Not all will be exchangeable, so if you can 'make it work' we suggest not trying to do an exchange - there are no returns. If it does not work, then please return it the same day, or on the next Monday between the hours of 9am-Noon. After Monday morning May 18th we will no longer be accepting costumes for size exchanges.)
9. POST - We want to make it a fun Social Media Picture Day BLAST! Saturday May 16th & Sunday May 17th. Please take pictures of your child in costume in a dance pose, be creative, make sure to tag @dancingforjoystudios on Instagram or Facebook. We can't wait to see everyone in their costumes!
10. WEAR your costume(s) during your class(es) during the following week: May 18th-22nd and any week after if you so choose.

### Bellingham Costume Pick Up Schedule, May 16th

9:00am -12:00 - Jubilee & Orcheo Dance Company

12:30pm- 2:00 - Monday Classes

2:00pm- 3:30 - Tuesday & Wednesday Classes

3:30pm - 5:00 -Thursday Classes

5:00pm - 6:30 - Friday Classes

### Lynden Costume Pick Up Schedule Instructions, May 16th

9:00am -10:30 - Monday Classes

10:30am - 12:00 - Tuesday Classes  
12:30pm - 2:00 - Wednesday Classes  
2:00pm - 3:30 - Thursday Classes

## **The Performance**

Dear DFJ Families,

Many things have come to light in the past week with the government phases of business re-starting, and we wanted to share with you our plan moving forward.

### **What on earth are we going to do about the show?**

With sincere sadness, we have to cancel the spring show for a variety of reasons. 1. Mount Baker Theatre will be closed during the month of June and possibly the remainder of the summer. 2. The new phases for re-entry and continued social distancing that is required will prevent us from safely putting on a performance. We explored possible alternatives but realized even if we could keep the audience apart, the dances and choreography do not lend itself to social distancing as an option. This is all a result of the recent extension of the large gathering ban and the continued social distancing measures throughout the re-entry phases.

### **Zoom Creation Presentations**

To honor everyone's hard work on their Creation Dances, we would like to ask that all students with costumes wear them to their zoom class the week of **May 18th - 22nd**. At some point during the class, teachers will ask family members that are present to sit and be an audience as we perform our dances or phrases of our dances that are completed. We would like to put together a short Creation Montage of this time. Please e-mail the studio with any videos and or photos that you might be willing to share. [info@dancing4joy.org](mailto:info@dancing4joy.org). Thank you.

We are moving forward with online classes until the end of the session, which is June 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last day of regular classes. The final 2 payment periods for the school year are the 4 classes between the date range of April 27-May 22, and May 25 – June 19.

For those of you who need to drop classes, please do so by email (we are not answering the phone at this time) before May 25<sup>th</sup> as this is the end of the pay period. For those of you who have and will continue to stay with us, we will discount tuition. We were going to give a \$5 'thank you' credit on tuition per student for the final pay period. Instead, we are going to 'thank you' discount everyone's tuition account by 25% for the May 25<sup>th</sup>-June 19<sup>th</sup> pay period. All virtual classes will continue to be the length that they have been, but we are going to drop the youtube portion of the lessons since there will no longer be a show.

We apologize once again that we cannot offer refunds for costumes in light of the Creation show cancellation; our hands are tied on that issue. As we face economic uncertainty and income loss as individuals and as businesses, we pray that we will soon be back in our space serving each one of you again with dance education.

### **Summer Programs/Plans**

#### **What about the summer programs?**

Everything else on DFJ's summer timeline, after June 19<sup>th</sup>, is now cancelled. We will not be having a drop-in dance program this summer but we are considering a modified online workshop program for those who want to continue your training and staying active. Stay tuned! We are also planning to offer

in-person private lessons, once we get to phase 2. Please e-mail the studio if you are interested. Private lessons can be up to three students with an instructor and are \$60/hour. In addition, we are hoping that we may be able to resume some camps and intensives before the summer is out, but with all of the uncertainty, we will wait to announce dates for any programs, camps, auditions, events placement classes, retreats, or the release of the fall schedule and registration. If you have already registered for something this summer, we plan on applying all deposits and payments to your dance account before June 1st, which can be applied towards June tuition. If you would like a refund instead please email our office. Thanks so much for your patience and patronage - we value this community of people so much!

### **Awards, Recommendations & Teacher Appreciation**

This year there will not be a formal Awards week, formal recommendations, or a formal Teacher Appreciation week.

The format of online dance education is not as conducive to our normal operations and end of the year traditions. Especially, when it comes to giving things to one another. We encourage staff and students to take a little time to say nice things to each other, or appreciate each other in the final week. There won't be any official DFJ presentations, and will be left to the creativity and energy of both staff and students to encourage each other.

Class level recommendations will **not** be sent out after the final week of classes. Teachers feel like they need to see everyone's progress in person before making those decisions. When signing up for fall classes everyone will need to re-enroll in their current spring level. Students will hopefully have the opportunity to come to a class placement day at the end of the summer, or get moved up throughout the 2020/2021 school year depending on their teachers evaluations. Moving up may occur for some students at the end of September, or the beginning of January. Keep working hard and it will pay off!

We miss you all, and can't wait for social distancing to end!

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