

## **CTS SUMMER SHOW 2024 INFO PACK**

I am thrilled to announce that our annual Summer show 'Cirque Du Cygnets' will be held at the beautiful Benenden Theatre this year.

The Summer show features performances from all of our students (excluding Hatchlings and our Adult classes) here at CTS.

There will be two performances on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 17.30 and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 14.30.

As always, if you have any questions regarding anything below, please feel free to contact Hannah at 'info@cygnetstoswans.com'.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. I am really looking forward to making this production the best experience it can be for your children!

### **'KEY DATES' for your diary:**

*Please be aware that the rehearsals below are compulsory*

FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

Deadline for the consent form below to be completed AND show fee is due

FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2024

Tickets go on sale

SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - COMPULSORAY FULL COMPANY DRESS REHEARSAL

10am – 1pm approx. more detail to follow (preschoolers will be given a short time slot)

Wadhurst Commemoration Hall

SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2024 - COMPULSORARY FULL COMPANY TECHNICAL/DRESS REHERSAL  
FOLLOWED BY THE FIRST PERFORMANCE

Approx. 12.30 drop off, more detail to follow (preschoolers can be collected in between rehearsal and performance by prior arrangement)

Benenden Theatre

SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2024 SECOND SHOW FOLLOWED BY AN AWARDS PRESENTATION

Approx. 12.30 drop off, more detail to follow

MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024

NO CTS MT CLASSES – A DAY NEEDED TO RECOVER!

### **PAYMENT**

There will be a slightly different cost structure this year. Many costs have increased since last year such as venue hire and chaperone/teacher wages. Also, as a business we cannot sustain what we have done with costumes for the past two years; I absolutely cannot ask my mum to sew for the extraordinary number of hours for free again!! In addition, I am always mindful of our environmental impact. Therefore, we will be doing a big combination of making/sewing/hiring/re-using/buying this year. The only way we can make this fair for all, is that the costumes will not be yours to keep any longer I'm afraid. All costumes must be left in the dressing rooms following the second show.

There is a small fee required to be part of this production. This cost will vary depending on how many classes your child attends. This money helps contribute towards chaperoning your children at the dress rehearsal on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and at the theatre on the 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>, costumes, set & production & venue hire. We will be fundraising to cover the inevitable shortfall – any ideas welcome! The Summer show is non-profit-making.

Your child's participation fee can be found below and you will be invoiced for this in due course.

- 1 class £30.00
- 2 classes £40.00
- 3 classes £50.00
- 4 classes £60.00
- 5 classes £70.00
- 6 classes £80.00
- 7 or more classes £90.00

Payment is due by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.

All show fees are non-refundable.

### **REHEARSALS**

The majority of rehearsals will take place during your child's regular class times. PLEASE ALSO SEE KEY DATES ABOVE.

### **ABSENCES**

As you can appreciate, this is a very complex process and we ask for your cooperation with regards to your child's attendance throughout.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY**

During the creative and rehearsal process your son/daughter may be photographed or filmed and this may be used for promotional purposes. On your show form, you will be able to state if you DO NOT wish for your child to be photographed or filmed during this process.

Should we receive no notification, we will assume there is no reason why any of the cast cannot be photographed or filmed. The show will also be professionally filmed and will be available for purchase.

## **COSTUMES**

You will be asked to provide a 'base layer' for each number your child/ren is in. This is usually just ballet shoes/tap shoes/socks/tights etc. Every child will need flesh coloured invisible seamless dance underwear. We will provide everything else.

## **HAIR & MAKEUP**

Your child/ren will be required to arrive with their hair and makeup (except preschoolers) 'show ready', more details to follow. Our chaperones will not have time to do hair and make-up.

We only ask for a small amount of tasteful makeup! We simply aim to bring some colour to their faces and open their eyes under the stage lights as is standard practice in a professional show. If you would prefer your child to not wear any makeup, please email me directly.

## **TICKETS**

Tickets for the show will be released for public sale on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March on Ticket Source as per previous CTS shows. Tickets are non-refundable.

We are aiming for tickets to be priced as follows:

- Adult Ticket - £16.00
- Child Ticket - £10.00 (under 18's)

Babes on laps go free

## **WELLBEING**

Your child's well-being is our primary concern. If they become distressed and aren't able to be comforted by our chaperones, we will request that you collect them. Once they have been collected, we would not expect them to perform. While we will not put any upset children into the wings or on to the stage, they may become upset once they see the audience and are on the stage. If this happens, they will be able to leave and wait in the wings with their chaperone until they can be safely collected (bearing in mind that it can be hard to get their attention at this point and they may only come to the wings as they leave the stage, where their chaperones will be waiting.)

We understand that it can be disappointing not to see your child on stage. However, when they give us the message that they are not ready for performance yet, we have to listen. If you have any specific concerns or questions around this, please contact me.

### **TIME ON STAGE**

Please trust in us, the experts, to cast your children appropriately in accordance to their experience, confidence and ability that they show us weekly in their classes. If they only attend one class, they may only be on stage for a couple of minutes, but believe in us that the amount of joy in being part of the journey, the life experience and the core memories made is so worth it.