

# **MALENKEE PRESENTS! 2018 NOTIFICATION**

***Dear Parents and Ballet Students:***

I am very excited to announce our Malenkee Ballet Repertoire Company's Student Showcase:

**Malenkee Presents! 2018**  
***In the Alexandria Room at Edmond Town Hall***  
***On Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018***  
***7 p.m.***

*There will be a dress rehearsal from 5:00-6:30 p.m. before the show*

I would like to note that this showcase is one of the prize possessions of our school. We are so blessed to have a program long-established in promoting the creative process among our students, one that enables them to develop their own artistic thumbprint on a piece of music, choreography, costuming, and staging unlike any piece that has ever come before it or will come after it. This project gives them a way to express their unique emotions, character, and talent as both choreographer and performer and gives their audience a window into their true form of self-expression and identity.

That being said, I take this project with the utmost seriousness and commitment. It is not a right that they have earned but rather a privilege, which they enjoy as committed members of this company. There are deadlines they must abide by to show that they too are taking this project seriously, planning ahead, and giving it the time needed for it to grow in detail, precision, excellence, imagination, and creativity. If I find that any dancer(s) are not taking the project with the utmost attention to these elements, I hope I have your support when it comes to making a decision about which pieces will be presented at the showcase, to represent the level of care and commitment by which this company operates. This process can teach so much in the way of leadership, initiative, time management, forethought, and dedication, all disciplines needed to be successful choreographers! I will make a point of giving them ample time in rehearsal on Fridays and extra studio hours during the week so that they feel they are adequately prepared for each deadline and so that they are also given adequate feedback and support wherever they need it along the journey!

The studio will be available at select times Monday through Friday afternoons so that they may rehearse in the studio as much or as little as needed, to have space to spread out and choreograph. I hope they plan ahead and use this valuable resource! Level 4 groups will have reserved studio time from 7:15-7:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays after their class, and we will set an official schedule for your calendars. Level 5 and 6 also have studio availability from 5:45-6:15 before their class period on Mondays/Wednesdays to use the space.

**Music selected, performer information/groups chosen: Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rough draft/outline, first presentation (minimum 30 seconds): Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rough draft danced to music, costumes selected, choreography written: Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Edited music, costume to studio, typed final choreography, & finished dance: Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Dress rehearsal (in costume): Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 6:15-8:45 p.m.**

***Sign and return by February 1, 2018:***

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Printed Name & Signature of Dancer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_