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SHOWCASE 2008 – DANCE INTO SUMMER

Dear Parents,

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Showcase 2008 is rapidly approaching and we want to keep all parents and students informed on what is happening. Enclosed is a brief overview of this year's Showcase. Please review the following information and visit www.therockschool.org or the Showcase bulletin board in The School lobby for more information.

Each student's account must be in good standing before they can receive their costume or tickets.

SHOWCASE DATES AND TIMES

Showcase 1:	Saturday, June 14 th at 1 PM
Showcase 2:	Saturday, June 14 th at 3:30 PM
Showcase 3:	Saturday, June 14 th at 6 PM
Showcase 4:	Sunday, June 15 th at 1 PM
Showcase 5:	Sunday, June 15 th at 3:30 PM
Showcase 6:	Sunday, June 15 th at 6 PM

REHEARSAL DATE *

Tuesday, June 10 th
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Wednesday, June 11 th
Thursday, June 12 th
Thursday, June 12 th
Friday, June 13 th

Specific rehearsal times for each class are posted online and on our website. If changes to the schedule are necessary, you will be contacted.

LOCATION: Rehearsals and performances will be held at Swarthmore College's Lang Center for the Performing Arts. Visit www.therockschool.org or www.swarthmore.edu for directions.

PREPARING FOR THE SHOW

REHEARSAL: * In order for each student to rehearse, we will begin promptly at 2:30PM. Please make arrangements for your child to be dismissed early from school, if necessary. We apologize for this inconvenience. Dancers need to **ARRIVE 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THEIR REHEARSAL TIME.** Rehearsals are important for your dancer to get acclimated to the stage. Please plan to attend and contact the school with any conflicts. Plan ahead for traffic. We cannot entertain requests for extra stage time if your child misses their scheduled rehearsal onstage.

CLASS ATTENDANCE: It is in your dancer's best interest and is important to all classmates that your child attend their regularly scheduled classes, as this is where they learn their choreography. Please inform the office of all absences.

COSTUMES: We make every effort to get your child a costume closest to their body type. However, there are many instances where costumes will need minor alterations. Costume alterations are the parent's responsibility and in most cases they are minor adjustments such as tightening straps and hemming of pant length etc.

MAKE UP, HAIR & ACCESSORIES: Parents & students are responsible for their own hair and make-up for the performance. Students should wear lipstick, blush, mascara & eye shadow. Information about dancer's hair, make-up and accessories will be sent home with his/her costume. Students should arrive at rehearsals "performance ready" in full hair and make-up.

TICKETS: Tickets will go on sale starting on May 5, 2008. **THERE IS A LIMIT OF 6 TICKETS PER FAMILY** (per show). Tickets can be purchased on our website (www.therockschool.org) or by filling out a ticket order form (available online and at The School). This limit is placed to ensure that every family receives their tickets. All remaining tickets will go on sale on June 2, 2008, and at this point you may purchase additional tickets.

All forms for Showcase 2008 are available online at www.therockschool.org or on the Showcase board in The School lobby.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AT THE THEATRE

VOLUNTEERS: We depend on the support of parent volunteers! If you are interested in being a volunteer, please complete the volunteer form and return it to the office. Thank you in advance!

THE PERFORMANCE VENUE: NO food or drinks will be permitted in the theatre. We are excited to provide the opportunity for your children to perform in a professional venue, and we ask that you respect the rules of the theatre. Designated areas will be provided for students who are in multiple shows to eat.

DAY OF THE SHOW

ARRIVAL – Call time for Showcase is **ONE HOUR BEFORE THE TIME OF YOUR CHILD’S SHOW.**

DURING THE SHOW – All students performing in Showcase will be held backstage until the completion of their entire show. You may pick your child up backstage **AFTER** the house lights go back on, at the end of the show. Arrangements have been made, and Rock West staff and volunteers will care for your child until this time. We ask that only **ONE PARENT** come to pick up your child at the appropriate time.

BACKSTAGE – No unauthorized persons will be permitted backstage during the performance. Drop off and pick up areas will be clearly defined and all parents will be asked to leave the downstairs area and take their seats before the show begins.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY – **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY OR VIDEOGRAPHY** is permitted during the show. This is for the safety of your child and other performers, as flashes and other lights in the audience are distracting and dangerous for performers. You **MAY** photograph or videotape your child’s showcase rehearsal or purchase professional DVD’s or photographs. **NOTE:** We cannot guarantee a full run through for any class. Be aware that faculty, directors and technicians will be moving about on stage, possibly during the rehearsal of the dance.

Professional photographs will be taken at Rock West on Friday, June 6th with Deborah Boardman. DVD’s can be ordered through Quality Video of DE., Inc. on the day of the show. Order forms are also available ahead of time online and at The School.

FUN AND GAMES

T-SHIRTS – Showcase 2008 t-shirts will be available for pre-order only. Order forms will be available online and at The School.

RAFFLE – Get your summer started right with our “Summer Fun” themed raffle items. Raffle tickets may be purchased during all of the Showcase performances, and winners will be contacted the week after the show.

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