

EXPRESSIONS DANCE STUDIO

COSTUME/ PERFORMANCE WEAR CARE AND PROTECTION!!!

A dancer's most prized possession is their dance shoes, dance wear, and costume/performance wear. This information sheet is very important, as it will give you best practices on how to care and handle your dance supplies and costuming. Costumes are very expensive and time sensitive to order, so caring for them and keeping in the best shape possible is super important. We also like to trade/reuse costumes to get the most for our money, and in order to attain that, we need to keep them in the best shape possible!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!

- ★ PURCHASE A GARMENT BAG- EITHER THROUGH THE STUDIO OR AT WALMART- AVERAGE COST IS \$3-\$30
- ★ LABEL THAT GARMENT BAG- FIRST AND LAST NAME AND A CONTACT NUMBER
- ★ USE PLASTIC HANGERS- THE WIRE ONES CAN RIP OR TEAR YOUR COSTUMES. THE PLASTIC ONES WITH THE PANT HANGERS ARE GREAT AS YOU CAN STORE EVERY PIECE OF ONE COSTUME ON ONE HANGER.
- ★ STORE YOUR COSTUMES IN A DRY ROOM TEMPERATURE PLACE, FAR AWAY FROM SMALL CHILDREN, DOGS, DUST AND DIRT.
- ★ ALWAYS READ THE LABEL BEFORE WASHING----- MOST ARE HAND WASH ONL!
- ★ IF YOU ARE EVER UNSURE ABOUT CLEANING OR ALTERING A COSTUME, ASK YOUR INSTRUCTOR!!!!!!
- ★ HAVE YOUR ALTERATIONS DONE BY A PROFESSIONAL- WE HAVE A STUDIO REPRESENTATIVE IF YOU NEED TO FIND SOMEONE. AN AVERAGE COST FOR ONE COSTUME IS \$10.00
- ★ NEVER WAD UP OR CRINKLE YOUR COSTUMES AND IF THEY ARE WRINKLED, STEAM THEM!
- ★ STORE YOUR TUTUS -----UPSIDE DOWN----- THIS HELPS TO KEEP THEM AIRY AND FULL.
- ★ KEEP SHOE POLISH HANDY, THE SAME COLOR AS YOUR DANCE SHOES, SO YOU CAN TOUCH THEM UP!
- ★ ALWAYS STORE THE WHOLE COSTUME TOGETHER, YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU WILL NEED IT AGAIN
- ★ NEVER SPRAY ANYTHING ON THE COSTUME. PERFUMES/CLEANERS CAN LEAVE AN OIL RESIDUE ON THE FABRIC CAUSING NOTICEABLE DISCOLORATION.
- ★ NEVER PLAY OR REHEARSE IN YOUR COSTUMES OUTSIDE OF YOUR STUDIO DIRECTOR. THIS WILL CUT DOWN ON UNNECESSARY MISHAPS WITH YOUR COSTUME.
- ★ IF YOUR COSTUME AT ANY TIME DOES NOT FIT...TELL YOUR DIRECTOR SO WE CAN GET THE ISSUE FIXED ASAP.
- ★ IF YOU TAKE THE COSTUME TO BE DRY CLEANED...DONT LEAVE IT ANY LONGER THAN NEED BE. AND BE SURE TO LABEL THE BAG FOR THEM.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT ALL ABOUT HOW TO CARE FOR OR HANDLE YOUR COSTUMES, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN OUR COSTUMES/DANCEWEAR AND HOW OUR STUDIO IS REPRESENTED!