



October 17, 2023

Dear Dancers and Parents,

This information sheet is regarding the all-student concert, "Soul to Sole", a.k.a. "recital". All classes except for Dance with Me or those listed on the schedule as not a performance class will participate in the dance concert.

Participation in the concert is optional, but we hope you'll join us for this exciting experience! Because the vast majority of students participate in the concert, we assume you will participate unless you notify us in writing (info@solecitydance.org) or fill out this [Google Form](#) by November 10th. Please feel free to speak with the front desk, your instructor, or the concert coordinator, Moriah Bureau, if you have any questions not answered below.

PERFORMANCE PHILOSOPHY:

Performing is an important part of the dance experience and most students find it exciting to share this aspect of the art form with friends and family. Being on stage with costumes, lights and a live audience magnifies the emotions and message we are expressing in our movement. The concert gives students the opportunity to share with pride all they have learned throughout the year. Additionally, participating in this all-student concert allows young students to observe advanced dancers performing other dance styles and understand more about what dance can be and can express.

DATE OF SHOW AND REHEARSALS:

This year's concerts will be held the weekend of June 1-2 at Noble High School. Each class dances once in one of the shows. We make every effort to put young dancers and their siblings in the same show, but it is sometimes impossible. Specified cast lists for each show will be announced by **March 1**. If you have a major family conflict (such as a wedding or graduation) with one of the show dates, please notify us in writing by December 1 and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Dress rehearsals on the stage will happen on June 1. The exact times for each class will be announced by **March 1**. **Dress rehearsal is mandatory for all aerial students.**

CONCERT PARTICIPATION FEE:

There is a \$20 nonrefundable concert participation fee for each student which is due November 15th. This fee will be automatically added to your account. This fee covers the cost of time spent planning and organizing the show along with faculty time on the day of the show. It will also include a digital download after the show for all dancers who participate.

COSTUME PHILOSOPHY:

At SCD, we keep our costumes simple, sophisticated, and age-appropriate. Our faculty creates each dance with care and artistry, choosing costumes that keep the focus on the dancers, technique, and choreography.

COSTUME FEES:

In order to receive costumes in time for fittings and exchanges, we must order them in December. Students will be billed the same amount as SCD pays for the costume plus a handling fee to cover the costs we incur in ordering and handling the costume. Partial costumes will be charged a partial handling fee. SCD does not strive to make a profit on concert costumes but we must cover our costs. Please consider that the costume ordering process includes: choosing costumes, measuring students, sizing, filling out order forms, placing and tracking orders, receiving and sorting orders, fitting, making exchanges, packing, and delivering to students--like having a personal shopper!

SCD faculty makes every effort to choose attractive costumes in the lower price range that will still feel special for the dancer. In order to break up the costume fee into financially manageable parts, we have divided the total into two parts--a \$38 deposit due November 15 and a balance due February 15. Balances for costumes will be calculated and sent to you as soon as they are known. You can expect the balance to be \$30 to \$35.

Please note: we cannot order costumes for those who have not made their deposits or who have outstanding tuition on their account. Costumes are generally handed out two weeks prior to the performance. Students who have not paid their costume balance(s) or tuition to date will not be allowed to take their costumes home.

Costume deposits are not refundable after orders have been placed due to administrative costs and costume company cancellation fees and policies. The date by which a costume can be canceled differs for each company. They are generally not able to be canceled after mid-January, in which case you must pay the balance and the costume will be delivered to you. Please contact us immediately if you find you must cancel your participation.

TICKETS & VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteer opportunities will be available for those who would like to help out backstage and see the show at no charge. Volunteer sign-ups will be posted on the bulletin board in the studio. All volunteers must have a background check. All record release forms must be filled out and dropped off at the front desk by April 8! Background check forms will be located on the table by the bulletin board once volunteer sign-ups are posted.

If you have any further questions about the concert, please feel free to speak to your instructor, the concert coordinator- Moriah Bureau (moriah@solecitydance.org), Alex Poulis (alex@solecitydance.org), or call the studio at 603-750-7777.

Sincerely,
Moriah Bureau, Concert Coordinator

***The following classes will not be performing at the end of the year dance concert: Pre-Pointe classes, Dance with Me, Saturday Teen Ballet ABT 3/4/5 (Sat), Pointe 1 (Sat), Jazz Leaps and Turns, and Adult classes.**