



ARTISTRY TAKES FORM



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## 2020 Spring Showcase Performance

### *The Giant's Garden*

## Family Guide

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As of January 6, 2020. Subject to Change.

***Register by 9am on Monday, February 3, 2020***

***Mandatory Dress Rehearsal & Photos: May 26, 27, 28, 2020***

***Performance Dates: May 30-31, 2020***

*The Giant's Garden* is choreographed by Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy and MBII Director, Rolando Yanes, with support from the MBSA Faculty and is based on the book, *The Selfish Giant*, a story of a garden that can only thrive on the joy and delight of children.

Please, read this handbook in detail and keep for reference this spring. We will update the handbook and distribute it via email as new information becomes available. The most current version is always available at: <http://www.milwaukeeballetschool.org/students/student-cast-information>.

Performing increases self-confidence and provides an opportunity to work towards a project in which each child is an important part of a larger whole...and it is a lot of fun! While tickets must be purchased for family and friends to attend the show, there are no additional costume or performance fees to participate in the showcase performances.

## THE PROCESS

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- **By 9:00a.m. on Monday, February 3, indicate Yes or No regarding your child's participation via the link below.**
- Students will spend a short amount of class time each week rehearsing their role.
- Later in the spring, classes that are dancing together will have special rehearsals to merge their choreography. This schedule is yet to be determined.
- Finally, in May, we bring the full cast together to assemble the show from start to finish and children learn the transitions between dances before bringing the show to the stage.

## SIGN-UP BY 9:00a.m. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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- **A response is needed by you, if your child is or is not participating.**
- Read all the information below before deciding if your family can commit to this performance.
- Fill out the survey once for each MBSA student in your family.
- Students in Boys Class I or II and another ballet level, will dance with their ballet level for the performance of that branch location and with Boys classes for the other locations. (For example, a boy in Ballet II at Towne Centre and Boys I will dance with Ballet II in the Towne Centre show but with Boys Class for the Riverpoint and Baumgartner Center for Dance performances.)

**Participation Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Giant20>**

## CASTING

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Each level participating will have a specific role in the production:

Pre-Ballet I	Star Flowers	Ballet III	Garden Children III	Ballet VII	Winter
Pre-Ballet II	Little Birds	Ballet IV	Hail	Pre-Academy	Summer
Pre-Ballet III	Squirrels	Ballet V	North Wind	Academy I	Fall
Ballet I	Garden Children I	Ballet VI	Spring	Academy II	Various Roles
Ballet II	Garden Children II	Boys Class	Giant's Helpers		

## MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL AND PHOTO DAY – at the Baumgartner Center for Dance

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**Students must attend their full rehearsal to participate in the performance.** If your child cannot attend the rehearsal for his/her branch, they may not be able to participate in the performance. Please speak with your child's instructor if you have a conflict with this rehearsal. Individual and class photos will also be taken during these times.

Tues, May 26	Riverpoint, Boys Classes & Academy Students	5:00-7:00pm
Wed, May 27	Towne Centre, Boys Classes & Academy Students	5:00-7:00pm
Thurs, May 28	Baumgartner Center for Dance, Boys Classes and Academy Students	
	Saturday Show 4:15-5:45pm	Sunday Show 6:00-7:15pm

On the day of your Dress Rehearsal at the Baumgartner Center for Dance, class photos will be taken in costume by a professional photographer. Individual photos will also be taken, if you would like to order prints. Your child will receive a photo order envelope in early May. If you would like to order a class photo or individual photos of your child in his/her costume, you must complete this form and send it to dress rehearsal, with payment.

## PERFORMANCES at the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center

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### Saturday, May 30

9:00-10:30a.m.	Ballet VII, Pre-Academy, Academy I and Academy II class and spacing on stage
10:30a.m.	Riverpoint and Boys Class students arrive to theatre for rehearsal
11:30a.m.	Theatre opens for seating
12:00-1:15pm	Riverpoint Performance
1:30p.m.	Baumgartner Center for Dance students arrive to theatre for rehearsal
2:30p.m.	Theatre opens for seating
3:00-4:15pm	Baumgartner Center for Dance Performance #1

### Sunday, May 31

9:30-10:30a.m.	Ballet VII, Pre-Academy, Academy I and Academy II class and spacing on stage
10:30a.m.	Towne Centre and Boys Class students arrive to theatre for rehearsal
11:30a.m.	Theatre opens for seating
12:00-1:15pm	Towne Centre Performance
1:30p.m.	Baumgartner Center for Dance students arrive to theatre for rehearsal
2:30p.m.	Theatre opens for seating
3:00-4:15pm	Baumgartner Center for Dance Performance #2

**There are 2 different performances for the Baumgartner Center for Dance students.  
Your child only attends the rehearsal(s) and performance(s) to which he/she is assigned below.**

Saturday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>
Pre-Ballet I, Saturday		Pre-Ballet I, Tuesday
Pre-Ballet II, Saturday		Pre-Ballet II, Tuesday
Pre-Ballet III, Saturday		Pre-Ballet III, Tuesday
Ballet I, Saturday (10:30)		Ballet I, Tuesday
Ballet I, Saturday (12:00)		Ballet II, Thursday
Ballet II, Saturday		Ballet III
Ballet III		Ballet IV
Ballet IV		Ballet V
Ballet V		Ballet VI
Ballet VI		Ballet VII
Ballet VII		Pre-Academy
Pre-Academy		Academy I
Academy I		Academy II
Academy II		Boys Class I
Boys Class I		Boys Class II
Boys Class II		

## VENUES

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When putting dates and times in your calendar, note location as well.

### **Baumgartner Center for Dance**

128 N Jackson St, Milwaukee, 414-902-2100

- Dress Rehearsal/Photo Day venue
- There is metered and free parking at the Baumgartner Center for Dance available on neighborhood streets.
- Students should enter and exit through the front door on Jackson St.

### **South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center**

901 15th Ave, South Milwaukee, WI 53172

- Performance Venue

### **VERY IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT PERFORMANCE DAYS AT SOUTH MILWAUKEE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER:**

Due to back-to-back performances and the need to organize traffic flow of more than 1000 people every 90 minutes, please follow this procedure for dropping off and picking up your student dancer at SMPAC. Signs will be posted to help direct everyone.

**ARRIVAL:** Park in the main lot, near door #9 or the overflow lot on the north/west side of the building. Then, walk with your child along the west side of the building as **Student dancers must enter through the loading dock doors #3-4...no exceptions.** Audience members enter through the main entrance on the north side of the building, marked door #9. Please DO NOT bring your dancer through the main entrance before his/her performance. Staff and parent volunteers will be on hand to check in children and take them to their dressing rooms.

**DEPARTURE:** Student dancers line up in the hallway near the cafeteria after the performance, located near the theatre lobby. ONE adult must come and check out each child after the show. Please do not bring additional family and friends to this area. There is room in the lobby for your child to greet his/her guests after he/she is checked out. Exit the theatre out the main entrance with your student and guests.

## TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY, APRIL 20

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- Reserved seating tickets on sale Monday, April 20
- South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center Box Office [www.southmilwaukeepac.org](http://www.southmilwaukeepac.org) or (414) 766-5049.
- Box office hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
- Tickets purchased by May 29 are \$23 for all attendees ages 3 and up and free for children under 3 years of age, but a ticket is required.
- Tickets purchased at the theatre on May 30 or 31 will be \$30 each. We strongly encourage you to purchase tickets in advance because the SMPAC box office is only one window and will not be able to accommodate a great deal of walk-up sales and will call the day of the show. Order your tickets early so they can be mailed to you before performance day and save \$7 per ticket!
- Tickets are not available through Milwaukee Ballet and student discounts do not apply.

## CAST T-SHIRTS - optional

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Details will be available later this spring.

## PROGRAM MESSAGES – optional

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Details will be available later this spring

## **VIDEO RECORDINGS – optional**

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Details will be available later this spring

## **BALLET CLASS ATTENDANCE**

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- Only FULLY ENROLLED students are eligible to participate in the performance.
- Regular attendance in scheduled ballet classes is required for students to participate in *The Giant's Garden*.
- Students who have excessive absences, and therefore do not know the choreography, will not be able to perform. Participation of students with excessive class absences will be left to the discretion of the teacher.

## **COSTUMES, HAIR, MAKE-UP – required for May 26, 27 & 28 and May 30 & 31**

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Costumes are property of Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy and will be worn over regular class attire.

All students must wear regular class attire under their street clothes to dress rehearsal and the performance. Studios and backstage areas are not private enough for students to totally undress.

Boys do not require make-up. Hair should be combed neatly.

Girls:

- Hair should be slicked back into the required style.
- NO BANGS, as they create shadows on children's faces under stage lights.
- All hairpins and hairnets must match hair color. No additional hair accessories.
- Very short hair is to be pulled off the face securely. No headbands.
- All girls must have hair a mid-bun, right on the back of the head.
- Girls in Pre-Ballet I through Ballet IV should have very light blush and a natural lip gloss.
- Girls in Ballet V-VII should have blush, light eye shadow, one coat of mascara, and natural lip stick color.
- Students should not look as if they are wearing make-up. Just brighten natural features for under stage lights.
- No underwear under leotards and tights. This should be a regular habit but if your child is not used to this, please start practicing long before rehearsal and performance days.
- No nail polish or jewelry of any kind.

Academy students will receive hair and make-up instructions specific to their role.

## **FAMILY VOLUNTEERS**

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*The Giant's Garden* will not be a success without many family volunteers. Descriptions of the volunteers needed are under the sign-up links. We hope you will give some of your time to make the show run as smoothly as possible by volunteering for one of these options. Please sign-up for one of the below opportunities via these links:

Baumgartner Center for Dance Families: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/BCDshowcase20>

Riverpoint Families: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/RPshowcase20>

Towne Centre Families: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/TCshowcase20>

Boys Class I & II: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/BOYSshowcase20>

## **Rehearsal Day Volunteer (Either May 26, 27 or 28)**

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- 2 volunteers needed per class
- Supervise students in the studio where they wait for their turn to dance
- Assist students in putting on costume pieces (instructions will be provided)
- At designated time, escort class to rehearsal studio
- At the designated time, escort class from the rehearsal studio to the photo room, wait with them while they are photographed, escort the class back to the rehearsal studio
- When they are done rehearsing & being photographed, escort students back to dressing room studio and assist in removing costume pieces
- Supervise the class until each child has been picked-up by a parent

### **Performance Day Volunteer Needs (May 30 and/or 31)**

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- 2 volunteers needed per class
- Supervise students in dressing room studio where they wait for their turn to dance
- Assist students in putting on costume pieces (instructions will be provided)
- When directed by a staff member, escort class backstage and observe them dance from backstage
- When students are done dancing, escort students back to dressing room studio and supervise them until the bow
- When directed by a staff member, escort class backstage for bow
- After bows, return to dressing room and assist in removing costume pieces
- Supervise the class until each child has been picked-up by a parent
- Backstage supervisors do not need to purchase a ticket to the show, you will be backstage the full show time and will be able to see your child dance from side-stage.

**The process of *The Giant's Garden* will be smooth with everyone's patience, cooperation and attention to detail.**

**Please keep this packet for reference and always ask if you have any questions.**

**THANK YOU for participating in this exciting process!**

**We look forward to sharing the hard work and accomplishments of the students the day of the show!**