

# Frequently Asked Questions

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## **What is Production week and why is it necessary?**

Your dancers have been working hard all year learning new dance technique and choreography which is a great start! Now it's time to pull everything together! Production week is when we pull together all of our dancers, classes, garments, props, staging, lights, sound, backstage helpers and hard work into a full-scale Praise & Worship Celebration lasting, approximately, 90-120 minutes(with intermission). This week is the dancer's only opportunity to practice their dances on stage under intense lighting and for our technical team (sound, lighting, video & backstage help) to see the dances for the first time to help create the best finished product they can!

## **Why can't my child keep their Celebration Garment?**

At Leaps of Faith, we aim to keep costs low for families while still offering excellent technique, resources and tools for your dancer. One way we do this is by having a onetime fee (Event Fee) which covers all garments (new, altered or embellished), tights if needed, accessories, props, backstage help and other event needs. Dance costumes can get extremely expensive and most of the time end up only being worn once then turned into dress-up clothes or shoved in the closet for years. By Leaps of Faith keeping the garments, we can ensure every student has a modest, beautiful garment without excessive fees and hassle.

## **Does my child need to wear makeup?**

Wearing make-up for pictures and/or the stage performance of our Spring Celebration is completely optional. If choosing to wear make-up, please keep the colors more neutral tones for picture day focusing on lips and eyes. However, I would like to add that stage lighting is very bright and has a tendency of "washing" facial features out due to the lights shining from multiple angles. Dancers typically do try to wear makeup on performance day for this reason. Again, focus on lips, eyes and cheeks. We also ask that all dancers remove any unnecessary jewelry and nail polish for both picture day and all performances. Hairstyles, tights and shoes should also be in unison with the rest of the class and will be assigned by their instructor. This is to create a more uniform and professional look.

## **Do I need to purchase tights for the Celebration?**

Nope! We've got you covered! Your Event Fee covers all that you need except shoes.

## **I can't be at the Mandatory Rehearsals & Dress Rehearsal, Is it okay if someone else brings my child?**

Mandatory Rehearsals are only mandatory for the dancers, not the parents. Whatever arrangements you need to make to get your child to rehearsal is up to you. Dancers are required to stay the entire time but parents are free to come and go as needed. We only ask that if you choose to stay, that you sit in the back of the sanctuary so as not to be a distraction.

## **I don't want to purchase pictures, do we still need to attend Picture Day?**

Although picture day is not required, we strongly encourage every student to attend and participate in their class pictures regardless of choosing to purchase or not.

**I don't want to purchase pictures now, can we borrow the garment at a later date so we can have pictures done elsewhere?**

No! Leaps of Faith does not lend out garments for any reason. You will have plenty of time before or after the Celebration to take personal pictures. Picture day is the only opportunity we offer for you to have professional pictures done of your child in their garments. You can choose to purchase your pictures at a later date by making arrangements with our photographer but the actual taking of the pictures must be done on the designated picture day.

**I see that we get a Free DVD of the Celebration. Can I purchase extra copies and when will they be done?**

Every family gets one FREE DVD of our Spring Celebration (Included in your Event Fees). Additional copies can be purchased for \$10 each. Once the Footage has been edited (Usually within 2-3 weeks after the event), the DVDs will be mailed out to your home address (make sure your current address is updated in our system via your parent portal online or by talking with our office manager at the front desk).

**Do I need to make arrangements to be backstage during the show?**

No... We will have backstage helpers who will assist dancers with getting on and off the stage and any garment changes that occur during the show. We do, however, ask that a parent or guardian assist their child with putting on their 1<sup>st</sup> garment for the evening. After that, parents are dismissed from the backstage area until after the show.

**My garments aren't in my dressing room! Where are they?**

When you arrive for both the dress rehearsal and the Celebration, you will need to check in at the **Check-in Table** located in the backstage hallway. There you will receive all of your garments neatly labeled and ready to go. Once dismissed for the day, you will need to return your garments to their labeled bags & hangers then return them to the **Check-in Table** to successfully "check-out". All garments belong to Leaps of Faith. Once garments are passed out, you are responsible for them. If garments aren't properly cared for, Families may possibly be charged for any pieces that get damaged or go missing.

**My child only dances in the first part of the Production, can we leave immediately after?**

It is our hope that every family stay for the entire program. All of our dancers have worked very hard and would love for you to stay and watch and celebrate in their success as well. It is a distraction to other audience members and dancers to have people get up and leave in the middle of any performance. We do offer the opportunity for all of our dancers to watch the show from either backstage via a television (for those waiting their turn to go on) or from the audience seated in our student section (reserved for dancers once they have finished all of their dances). We also try to allow for our younger dancers (usually our 3-5 year olds) to get dismissed to change out of their garments so they can sit with their family for the second half of the performance. It is our experience that the little ones love to watch the older dancers!

**How do I get tickets for the performances and are they truly FREE?**

It is our goal to keep ALL of our performances FREE! Many studios need to charge for tickets to help cover building rental, sound & lighting techs as well as custodial and facility fees. We have been blessed the opportunity to have many of our "costs" covered by donations. For that

reason, it is our mission to continue paying it forward and have all of our performances be a ministry opportunity... a chance for our dancers to give back to their community while sharing the love of Jesus. We do not "sell" tickets but instead have invitations that the students can pass out to their friends, family and community, inviting them to come. In lieu of any entrance fee, we ask that any wishing to partner with us, bring in a donation. This is not required to enter but simply an opportunity for others to join in on the giving of the blessing. The local cause and/or items being collected will be printed on the back of the invitation and collected at the back of the worship center as guests enter. Again, bringing a donation is not required.

**Don't forget to check out our website: [www.leapsofffaithcdc.com](http://www.leapsofffaithcdc.com) to view ALL of this information and much more regarding our dress code, policies, Celebration Requirements, calendar and other IMPORTANT information. Our parent page is constantly being updated to keep you informed! Please make sure any and ALL contact information changes are updated either in your parent portal or with our Office Manager.**