

# Tuition & Recital Costume Payment Information:

As you have already been informed, our annual recital is canceled due to the COVID-19 crisis and the mandates for closures stipulated by our state government. This sudden, unexpected forced closure in mid-March has placed our studio in financial turmoil just as so many other small businesses are experiencing. We have heard from so many of you that you do not expect a refund of paid tuition and many of you have continued to pay tuition throughout this time. We are beyond grateful for the support and have tried to keep everyone dancing with our on line support. If you had pre-paid April and May tuition and expect a refund, please email the office manager: [ljaynesimdc@aol.com](mailto:ljaynesimdc@aol.com). We will continue supplying your dancers with on line resources and then when North Carolina enters phase 1, we will offer greatly reduced private lessons.

At the time the studio was forced to close we were already in receipt of the recital costumes since distribution of those costumes was less than 3 weeks away. In Motion paid in full when costumes were ordered in late fall of 2019. The policy of costume companies has not changed in response to the coronavirus—costumes cannot be returned and are not refundable. We have arrived at decisions concerning recital costumes for what we hope will be favorable options for our families. We appreciate your understanding from the beginning of ordering costumes that fees are non-refundable.

Here is what we can offer you if your recital fees are currently paid in full:

**OPTION 1:** Let IMDC keep your costumes and give you a credit for the amount you paid. This credit will be applied to your account for the 2021 dance recital. Even if costume companies increase prices, which we anticipate them to do in the wake of their financial situation concerning the current crisis; we will not pass along these price increases to you—for example: if your child was ordered 2 recital costumes for 2020 recital then you will have a credit for 2 recital costumes for 2021 with no additional fees.

**OPTION 2:** Pick up your child's costumes on days assigned later in May.

While we realize this is not an ideal situation, neither is the entire crisis we are all currently experiencing, so we do hope you will work with us as we are trying to work with you.

*If your recital costume fees are not paid in full, the only way to take advantage of the two options above is to finish paying the amount owed and any outstanding charges for tuition; otherwise, your deposit is forfeited since it does not pay our cost for the costumes which we have already invested on your behalf because your child was signed up for participation in the 2020 recital.*

The link below takes you to a google doc sheet—on there you will find your last name ONLY IF RECITAL FEES ARE PAID IN FULL. On that document we are asking you to choose option 1 or option 2 as outlined above.

*If your name is not on the google doc sheet provided, that means that your tuition through March or your recital fees were not paid. In this case, we will be emailing you individually over the next 10 days to inform you of your personal options and will request a reply to that specific email so we can individually address your needs.*

**Again, thank you so much for your support of IN MOTION. The cards, letters, emails, texts and social media praise has kept me going through this time.** We hope that you are re-registered for summer and fall and if not, please visit the web site and do so as soon as possible. If you need advice about fall or have other questions, the best way to reach me is: [inmotiondance@aol.com](mailto:inmotiondance@aol.com)

*Stay well and keep dancing,*

*Michelle Nicholson*