

VJSD Presents

*Myths, Legends & Fairy Tale creatures.*

taking place on **Sunday, 30th June 2023 - 3pm & 6:30pm**  
**at Mansfield Palace Theatre, Leeming St, Mansfield NG18 1NG**

Dear Parents,

I am excited to announce that Vanessa Jay's School of Dance will be holding its annual Show at the Mansfield Palace Theatre on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June. This year's title is 'Myths, Legends and Fairy Tale Creatures'.

Due to 'Movie Night' being a sell-out success, this year we will be hosting two shows on the same date (Performance 1- 3pm & Performance 2- 6.30pm), unfortunately the theatre could not accommodate us for another day. This will be a big day for all our performers, but I can assure you, they will have the best time and be well taken care of. This will be for one year only, our 2025 and 2026 performances will be over two days.

Anyone in classes – Pre-School Ballet and/or Pre-School Tap will be in Performance 1 **only**. They will be collected after the first Performance. Under 5s are not allowed to perform in the evening show due to Licensing Regulations and it being too late for them.

Anyone aged 5 and 6 wishing to only be in Performance 1, please let Vanessa know ASAP or speak to Vanessa if you have any questions about staying for Performance 2. I need to know this information as early as possible please.

**All other pupils will be in both performances.**

Choreography is underway and costumes will soon be sourced. Please see below all the information required at this time.

**BEING INVOLVED**

The Show is optional, no child is forced to take part however from 25+ years of experience – performing as a child and being involved as a teacher, I can say the children thoroughly enjoy themselves, it is a wonderful experience. They love to dress up, spend time with their friends and will make memories to last a lifetime. If you are unsure about committing or your child is apprehensive, please speak to myself about it.

Children not involved will not need to quit their classes, they can still join in all aspects of the class ie. the warmups, technique sections and help us by standing in certain positions to fill others that may be absent whilst we work on routines. They are always learning.

## **COSTS**

All costumes are on a **HIRE** agreement between VJSD and yourself. They must be returned undamaged, failure to do so will result in a Costume Fee Fine of £25.

The costumes VJSD are providing to each child are not all owned by myself, I will be sourcing and hiring some of these from local schools. This means I can reduce the cost of costumes significantly. Purchasing new costumes can sometimes be £30+ per item. Due to hiring the costumes from outside sources the above fine (£25) for a damaged item is a necessity. Fake Tan is a definite NO!

The cost both performances is as follows –

Two Performances Breakdown

**1st class is £20 and any additional class(es) are £7 per class. ie –**

1st dance genre (Ballet) = £20  
2nd dance genre (Tap) = £7  
3rd dance genre (Street) = £7  
4th dance genre (Musical Theatre) = £7  
5<sup>th</sup> dance genre (Jazz) = £7  
6<sup>th</sup> dance genre (Lyrical) = £7  
7<sup>th</sup> genre (Singing) =£7  
Opening Number = £15  
Total = £77

One Performance Breakdown

**1st class is £15 and any additional class(es) are £5 per class. ie –**

1st dance genre (Ballet) = £15  
2nd dance genre (Tap) = £5  
3rd dance genre (Street) = £5  
4th dance genre (Musical Theatre) = £5  
Total = £30

*Each genre will be provided with a costume. Singing will not have an additional costume, but this fee will cover mics and sound technicians on the day.*

Our Opening Number is an additional £15, this covers costume fee and extra rehearsals (Opening Invitation will follow this email).

These costs involve payment for costume hire, the running of rehearsals and other pre-production overheads. It will also include a 'Myths, Legends and Fairy Tale Creatures' cast members T-Shirt, this will be worn on stage for the Finale and can be worn to classes after the show.

## **REHEARSALS**

Preparation is key, so with that in mind I please ask that you take this into consideration in the lead up to the show. Of course, there will be absences and illness but I please ask that the children attend as many sessions as possible.

I require a two-day **MUST** for the pupils taking part. These will be on the following days -

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June - 10:00-15:00 at Selston Parish Hall**

This rehearsal will be for **ALL** pupils, they will be asked to attend at different timeslots, we will be running the dances in show order. This rehearsal will help the children to understand which number (dance item) is before theirs, where they enter and exit, who they stand with (if classes are combined) and to get an overall understanding of the production at a slower pace. Therefore, it is vital that they attend this session to understand the information before they take part in a Dress Run on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June on the stage.

Children will **NOT** be needed all day, if your child is in more dance numbers, they will most likely stay longer etc. Timeslots for the children will be confirmed nearer the time. Babies will have a shorter time slot which will also be given nearer the time. This is roughly 1.5 hours long.

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 10:00-20:00 at Mansfield Palace Theatre**

This will be a Dress Run at the theatre. The children will attend from 10:00, run the show in costume and then have a break to eat and get ready before Performance 1 begins at 3.00pm. After the first show some of our cast members will leave to go home and the rest will stay, eat, chill and get ready for Performance 2 at 6:30pm. Further information regarding specific timings for the day, what they need to bring and how the show will run will be provided at a closer date. This rehearsal will be for all students (except babies\*) in the theatre all together. They will run the show in order and in their costumes. This provides my Backstage Team with a greater understanding of changing times and the running of the show in real time. It is vital that **ALL CHILDREN** attend this rehearsal to understand the theatre setting, it can be quite daunting for many of our new pupils or those that were not with us last time. We will spend time showing the children all aspects of backstage, their journey to the stage from their dressing rooms, what the side of stage looks like, where they stand on stage etc. They will also get a feel for the sound, lights and where the audience will be etc. Again, this is an absolute **MUST**, not only for a safety aspect but to make sure we have happy and excited children.

\*Babies will have their own arrival time (later than the others). They will then practise their dance on stage a couple of times and then be escorted to the dressing rooms ready for their performance at 3pm. We know this can be overwhelming for the little ones; therefore, I like to spend a set time with them and make sure they are comfortable and happy!

*More precise times (including finishing times), requirements and other information about the rehearsals and the show will be given nearer the time.*

### **STAFF AND HELPERS**

All rehearsals will be without parents, I may call on a small handful of parents with DBS checks to help at the Saturday Rehearsal, please.

This year we will require help backstage. I am hoping that due to us having two performances, some parents may like to assist at one performance and watch the other. It is great to see how it is run, feel the children's excitement etc, any help is much appreciated. I will send out an email closer to the show for those wishing to put their names forward. If you do not have a DBS, VJSD will do this for you.

I have also hired current and ex-dance teachers to chaperone the children. All my staff and assistants will hold DBS checks and each changing room will be run by an adult that also holds a Chaperone License. There will also be several first aiders on site. Your child will be in safe hands. Shows can only run if we have enough backstage members.

### **DVDS/PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE CHILD ACT**

I have booked the same DVD & Photography company to take pictures of the Dress Rehearsal and film the Show. **There will be no permitting of photos or filming by the audience - Mansfield Palace's rules.**

There is an advertisement statement to be completed on the Booking Form attached regarding your child being used in pictures for future advertisement.

This year's performance will be available via online streaming.

### **TICKETS**

Tickets will be dealt with by the Theatre, these will go on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## REGISTRATION

If you wish for your child to participate in our **Myths, Legends and Fairy Tale Creatures** performance please complete the attached form. Forms can be collected from Reception.

Registration must be completed by **31<sup>st</sup> March** this gives me time to source and collect costumes, try them on the children with enough time for alterations etc.

**Payment to be made by 30th April.** If you need to know your total amount, please ask myself or Amanda.

I hope you are looking forward to what I am sure will be a day to remember. The children are so excited to start 'Show Work'. It is a wonderful time in the VJSD's calendar!

Any questions please feel free to get in touch.

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Many thanks

Vanessa



# Booking Form Information

By signing this form, you are agreeing to your child taking part in VJSD's production of Movie Night on **Sunday 30th June** and attending the Dress Rehearsal on the same day. You are also agreeing to your understanding of the costs entailed and will pay a Costume Fine of £25 if any item returns damaged.

My child ..... will be taking part in Myths, Legends and Fairy Tale Creatures on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. I agree to the attached information (rehearsal attendance and costume fine) and will show this by signing below.

Cost of costume hire.....  
(Reception can help with this)

I (print name) .....agree to the attached statements.

Signed .....Dated .....

## FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Please complete the statements below by lining through the Consent/Do Not Consent in regards for the below advertisement options.

I am aware that there is no filming or photography by myself and understand that VJSD has hired a company to produce a copyrighted DVD that I can purchase after the show.

I Consent/Do Not Consent for my child to be used on future Social Media, Website and other promotional advertising.

Signed ..... Dated .....