

The Steadfast Tin Soldier Permission Form

2023 Performance weekend: December 8-December 10

We are delighted to have your child participating in 2023's winter production of The Steadfast Tin Soldier! The Steadfast Tin Soldier has been a beloved tradition for Dance Fremont dancers for over 25 years. Please read the important information below, and sign and return the bottom of the slip. You may include a check for the **\$225 performance fee** with the slip, or pay online in Dance Studio Pro. To pay in DSP, click "Registration" in your parent portal. Select "The Steadfast Tin Soldier Participation" at the bottom of the page, and then check out. Please note that in DSP you can pay by ACH withdrawal (no CC fees) or credit card (3.09% + \$0.30 added). Keep the top part of this slip for your information. If cost is a prohibitive factor to participating, please contact Dance Fremont before deciding not to participate.

--Communication

Important rehearsal and performance information will be communicated regularly via email through DSP and Mailchimp. We expect all families to read these emails promptly; please check your spam folder regularly and add the info@dancefremont.com address to your accepted senders list. Casting and the preliminary rehearsal schedule will be emailed by 9/15 and will additionally be posted at the studio. Rehearsals will start the week of 9/18. The 2023 Performer's Packet will be available on the Dance Fremont website by 9/30. Please download and print it out for your reference! To make the most efficient use of the dancers' time, future weeks' rehearsal needs are determined by the progress made in past rehearsals. Accordingly, detailed rehearsal schedules will be posted 1-2 weeks in advance. **Please be sure to keep your Saturday afternoons free (and for levels 5 and 6, Wednesday evenings).**

--Attendance

There is a strict attendance policy to ensure that every child has sufficient preparation to have a successful and joyous performance experience. If a child misses their first rehearsal, it has a great impact both on the child's self-confidence and on the other students who are trying to imagine a missing body. Depending on the role, a student who must miss their first rehearsal may not be allowed to participate in that role or may have reduced participation. Please read the rehearsal schedule carefully, and reserve in your calendar the times of rehearsals for your child's role, and any "TBD" rehearsals.

- ♦ Dancers must be at the studio a minimum of **15 minutes before** their scheduled rehearsal.
- ♦ A maximum of one absence is allowed for illness or a family emergency only. Do not intentionally plan an absence!
- ♦ If a child misses more than one rehearsal, they will be excused from the production.
- ♦ Dancers may attend rehearsal via Zoom if they are feeling under the weather or may have been exposed to COVID-19 or if other circumstances arise to make it necessary. This will not count as an absence.
- ♦ Most dancers will rehearse on some but not necessarily all Saturdays for around an hour between 1:30 and 6:00. Dancers in levels 5 and 6 will also have Wednesday evening rehearsals.

Mandatory Attendance Rehearsals

There will be no excused absences on these days.

Sunday, Nov 26, 2023 1:30-5:30 p.m. (Act 1 1:30-3:30, Act 2 3:30-5:30) *This is Thanksgiving weekend!*

Saturday, Dec 2, 2023 1:30-6:00 p.m. (individual roles may just be called for part of the time)

Sunday, Dec 3, 2023* 1:30-5:30, rehearsal only held if necessary!

Wednesday Dec 6, 2023 5:00-9:00, Tech rehearsal

Thursday Dec 7, 2023 4:00-9:00 Dress rehearsal

Friday, December 8: 10:30 AM (school performance)

Saturday, December 9: 2:00 & 7:30 PM (performances)

Sunday, December 10: 2:00 PM (performance)



--Volunteering

The Steadfast Tin Soldier would not be possible without the volunteer efforts of the performers' families! Required: Please check the box next to volunteer jobs you anticipate being able to help with.

Backstage Box office Provide Bake Sale items Concessions/sell flowers Load in/out

Please let us know whether your child will participate in The Steadfast Tin Soldier by returning the permission slip below. Include the \$225 fee with the slip or pay online in Dance Studio Pro. Performance fee is non-refundable. Signed slip due Sat. **Sept 16th**.

Yes, my child _____ has permission to participate in The Steadfast Tin Soldier. I have read and understand the attendance policy, and the information about communication and volunteering.

No, my child _____ is not able to dance in The Steadfast Tin Soldier

Parent signature _____ Date: _____