

## 11/4/2022 Soirée Meeting Notes

Greetings Families of Golden Heart Performing Arts!

If you are receiving this message it is because you or your student has been invited as a part of the cast for the Winter Solstice Soirée. These notes are important as they reflect strict dates and deadlines for performances. I have tried to make one precise message but if questions arise please reachout to me, **Teal Belz via email at [teal@goldenheartak.com](mailto:teal@goldenheartak.com)**.

We encourage all of our students to work on the artistry of performance. By showcasing, students move away from the athletic component of aerial and acrobatic arts and into the hybrid, Artist-Athlete. These students confidently showcase:

- Taxonomy: The language system connecting our base positions to actions.
- Training: Techniques, strength and flexibility.
- Artistry: Creating shapes and using gestures to tell a story.

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### Soirée Tickets on Sale to Performers

- Wednesday, November 9th starting at 8am at LUMI Coffee Bar (in-person only, limited to 5 tickets per family)

#### Friday, November 11th, 2022

- Costume orders due by end of day

#### Soirée Tickets on Sale to Public

- Wednesday, November 16th starting at 8am at LUMI Coffee Bar (in-person only)

#### Aerial-A-Thon Fundraiser

- Saturday, November 19th from 1-7pm (manila folder)
- Money due Saturday, December 3rd

#### Thanksgiving Week - November 21st-25th

- No Semester-Based classes
- Drop-In Classes and Workshops with Special Guest, Coach Crista available on the MindBody App
- Black Friday, November 25th, swag for purchase online at [www.GoldenHeartAK.com](http://www.GoldenHeartAK.com)

#### Friday, December 2nd, 2022

- First Friday Performances start at 5:30pm
- All Fall Semester-Based programs **END**
- All Spring Semester-Based programs **OPEN**, book on MindBody ASAP to guarantee your spot

#### Silks With Santa Carnival Fundraiser

- Saturday, December 3rd from 1-4pm

#### Corporate or Private Donations Due

- Sunday, December 4th

#### Mandatory Dress Rehearsals

- Tuesday, December 6th from 5-9pm (Costumes)
- Thursday, December 8th from 5-9pm (Costumes, Hair, Makeup, Photographer)

#### Shows - 7 Total

- Wednesday, December 14th, *time TBD (Limited School Show)*
- Thursday, December 15th at 6pm
- Friday, December 16th at 6pm
- Saturday, December 17th at 2pm and 6pm
- Sunday, December 18th at 2pm and 6pm

**Winter Solstice Soirée will be hosted at Golden Heart Performing Arts December 14th-18th of 2022. This is our BIGGEST show of the year.**

[Check out the trailer from last year's show](#) to get a glimpse of the experience ahead!

Theme // Come one, come all! An entertainment spectacle has found its way to the Golden Heart City. Daring feats of strength and exhibitions of human skill come to life at the Winter Solstice Soirée. There is something for everyone with over 20 aerial and acrobatic acts in one show. Step right up and see for yourself, the heaviest twins in the world, magicians, jugglers and more! This will be our 5th Annual Winter Solstice Celebration, welcoming the return of the sun back to the Golden Heart City of Alaska.

**Show Dates & Times**

7 Shows, 5 Days

75 Seats per show (no tables)

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(Limited School Show)*

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Saturday, December 17th at 2pm and 6pm

Sunday, December 18th at 2pm and 6pm

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*\*Note that FNSBSD students have early dismissal 12/14-12/16 and Holiday Break begins 12/19 as noted above in the FNSBSD calendar table.*

We do not have any plan in place for a digital or streaming version of this show as it takes place in a 360° experience and being in the moment is of value to us.

Artist-Athletes need to be present a minimum of 1.5 hours prior to show time.

**Mandatory Dress Rehearsals**

Tuesday, December 6th from 5-9pm  
(Costumes, Rigging, Lighting, Sound)

Thursday, December 8th from 5-9pm  
(Costumes, Hair, Makeup, Rigging, Lighting, Sound, Photographers)

*\*Finals Week\* Bring homework, reading or art projects. Lots of quiet downtime. No parents. Just performers and stage crew. We will feed the performers!*

### **Mandatory Media Release Form**

All Artist-Athletes performing in the Soirée show must have a photo and video waiver prior to the Rehearsals. We will issue a Media Release and use first and last names to give credit to their wonderful work! *Audience members will not be permitted to film or photograph the show. We hire professionals for that!*

**Costumes** are pre-determined by Coaches, though they love artistic input. Costume orders are due by the end of day on Friday, November 11th, 2022. Please make sure Coaches know your size. *There are no hair ties on wrist, painted fingernails, bra straps or underwear showing at any of our productions or rehearsals!*

**First Friday** December 2nd at 5:30pm hosted at Golden Heart Performing Arts. This event is catered towards students who are not performing for the Soirée. Additional First Fridays will be available in Spring.

### **Fundraising**

Our goal is \$20,000 to cover the following expenses:

- Lighting Engineering
- DJ (yes, we have a LIVE DJ at the show!)
- Chairs
- Print
- Costumes
- Props & Decor
- Makeup
- Filmography
- Studio Closure
- Staffing

### **Corporate or Private Sponsorship**

If you are connected with an Individual or Business interested in supporting Golden Heart Performing Arts please reach out to Coach Teal directly at [teal@goldenheartak.com](mailto:teal@goldenheartak.com) to discuss a sponsorship letter. Even a few hundred dollars would be helpful! Sponsors would receive credit towards our event and tickets to enjoy.

### **Food Vendors**

Performers, Stage Crew and Volunteers will be spending ample amounts of time at the studio between rehearsals and shows. They will need to be fed something healthy during this time. Estimated 80 servings. We would graciously appreciate a discounted or donated food service. Sponsors would receive credit towards our event.

### **Silks with Santa Carnival**

Saturday, December 3rd from 1-4pm at Golden Heart Performing Arts. Performers need to donate 1 hour of time to run this program. Open to community members to learn a basic aerial maneuver and snap a picture with SANTA! Other fun carnival activities included.

### **Aerial-A-Thon** (manila folder pick up at the studio)

Saturday, November 19th from 1-7pm at Golden Heart Performing Arts. Bumpin' music sets the tone for a high-intensity afternoon of aerial and acrobatic arts. Performers receive a "Pledge Sheet" to collect donations per trick, climb or drop they can complete in a one hour time frame. Friends and family members can sponsor per trick, climb or drop OR a flat rate sponsorship. Arrive 15 minutes early to warm up. Money due Saturday, December 3rd, 2022. Collect over \$500 for a limited edition water bottle! Top 5 receive an additional prize!

Collect mailing addresses for big ticket donors and we will send them a "Thank You" postcard!

### **Intermission Bake Sales**

20 Minute Intermissions at each show, cash only sales. Individual servings valued at \$1/ea, pre packed and an ingredients list please.

### **Silent Auction Gift Baskets**

1x per show, 6 shows = 6 Baskets worth over \$100 each

Tickets \$10/ea, sold at the show

Handmade Items (non perishable food please)

Gift Cards to local businesses

### **Ticket Sales**

In person public ticket sales start Wednesday, November 16th at LUMI Coffee Bar (open weekdays 8am-3pm). Performers can purchase tickets in advance of the public, Wednesday, November 9th at LUMI Coffee Bar (limited to 5 tickets per family). ***This is to let parents purchase their tickets prior to public ticket sales. We hold no responsibility for sold out shows and family members not purchasing tickets.***

Cost per ticket \$30 Adults, \$20 Youth (17 and under),

75 tickets per show, 6 shows total = 450 Tickets Total (twice as much as last year)

Having audience members up close and personal is intimate and keeps the audience in tune with the physicality presented. The limited tickets might sell out so don't wait to purchase!

### **Swag Sales**

We will have NEW items for sale as we approach the Holiday season. Pre-orders will be available online at [www.GoldenHeartAK.com](http://www.GoldenHeartAK.com) starting Black Friday. Order in advance to assure you receive your product in time and the right size! We will over order products to make sure we have some for sale at the events but these will be a first come, first served basis.

### **Volunteers**

A lot of the work for the shows will happen beforehand. We are in need of volunteers to help with such tasks as bake sale goodies, swag sales during intermission, cleaning, hair and makeup, rigging ninjas, and backdrops. *Volunteers who put in 3+ hours of time receive a FREE ticket to a Soirée show.* A separate email will be sent out with an excel sheet of volunteer duties, times and dates.

## Other Notes

This is not a place for stage fright. We do not have the ability to convince performers to get on stage, they need to be mentally, physically and emotionally ready for this journey.

How to prepare yourself or your child:

- Consistency is key. Attendance is mandatory for students performing.
- Eat well.
- Drink well.
- Stay active.
- Work within your mobility skill set.
- Don't horseplay.
- Stay away from Covid!

Continue to review the website <https://www.goldenheartak.com/performers> for updated information! We will send emails with updates as needed.

Thank you!

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