

# HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT PERFORMANCE



**Parents and guardians,  
this list of suggestions  
is intended  
to support YOU  
in your efforts to  
reassure your child  
that performing  
is for his or her own  
enjoyment...  
and that  
they are loved  
for WHO THEY ARE,  
rather than  
for their  
achievements**

If children are interested, encourage them to perform.  
If children are not willing to perform, do not force them.

Encourage students to see live professional performances as often as possible.

Eliminate focus on winning. Focus instead on the child's efforts rather than the overall outcome of the class, performance or audition.

Help children to set realistic goals based on their individuality, age, ability and experience.

Teach children that an honest effort is as important as a victory, so that the results of each class or performance are accepted without undue disappointment.

Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or for not living up to your expectations.

Remember that children learn best by example so practice what you preach.

Cheer, celebrate and applaud performances by ALL performers.

Last but not least, remember...

Children are performing for their enjoyment, not yours.