

New Paltz Ballet Theatre

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Policy: **Social Media**

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The New Paltz Ballet Theatre recognizes and respects the rights of our dancers to share their opinion and experiences on social networking sites like Facebook Snapchat, Instagram, YouTube, twitter and similar sites ("Social Media"). Use of Social Media presents certain risks and carries with it certain responsibilities. Therefore, The New Paltz Ballet Theatre has established the following rules regarding Social Media.

You may not share or post material (photos, video, text messages or comments) relating to New Paltz Ballet theatre or its dancers, including your friends, that would be likely to harass, bully or embarrass the New Paltz Ballet theatre or any of its dancers.

You may not share or post material (photos, video, text messages or comments) relating to New Paltz Ballet theatre or any of the dancers or that may invade the privacy of your fellow dancers.

While at rehearsal or at any performance, you may NOT take pictures or videos of others without their permission. **No** photos or video may be taken of other dancers who are changing in the dressing rooms or backstage. You must ask permission of any dancers before you take any photo or video of them. If you intend to post that video or photo on any Social Media site, you must again ask that dancer's permission before you make the post.

Do not share or post anything that you would regret being seen by **everyone**, including your teachers, your parents and Ms. Lisa or your other dance teachers. Stop and think: What would my parent/teacher/Ms. Lisa think if s/he saw this and how will I explain why I chose to post or share this? If you have the least hesitation after thinking this through, then do not post or share the material.

During rehearsals and performances, New Paltz Ballet Theatre reserves the right to restrict **and confiscate** devices that we reasonably believe are being used in violation of this policy. If a device is confiscated from one of the dancers, the dancer's parent guardian will be notified and the device will be returned to the parent or guardian only. We reserve the right to ban a particular dancer, a certain group of dancers, or all dancers from bringing cell phones to rehearsals or performances, if a dancer or a group of dancers has acted in violation of this policy.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREED TO ABIDE BY THE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY ABOVE.

_____ (PARENT) for myself and on behalf of _____(Dancer)

_____ (Signature of Dancer)