



HAMAZKAYIN ARMENIAN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY
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NAYIRI DANCE ENSEMBLE



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new season of Nayiri Dance Ensemble. As you know Hamazkayin is dedicated to the preservation and expansion of Armenian culture. With this in mind, Hamazkayin the Nayiri Dance Ensemble aims to uphold traditional dance culture of Armenia.

The Artistic Director of the Nayiri Dance Ensemble is Ms. Arpine Hovsepian who was born and raised in Yerevan, Armenia. Ms. Hovsepian is a professional dance teacher who has performed with “Paregamoutyoun Dance Ensemble” internationally. She teaches and choreographs traditional Armenian dances. We are very lucky to have her as part of the Hamazkayin of NJ team!

Please note that in order to have a successful year we need all the children to adhere by the guidelines provided on the following page. Please read the guidelines carefully and discuss with your child. If you agree to abide by the guidelines, please complete the attached application and return to Hamazkayin of NJ as soon as possible.

We will have a brief meeting with all parents on Monday, September 8, 2008 before rehearsal. Please come 20 minutes earlier than the scheduled rehearsal time for the meeting.

We look forward to another successful year of performances and advancement of Armenian culture. Please do not hesitate to contact Silva Baronian at (201) 321-7839 or Hamazkayin at (201) 945-8992 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee
Hamazkayin of New Jersey



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Guidelines

Rehearsals

- ☎ Rehearsals are every Monday from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm.
 - 5:30 – 6:30 ages 3 – 7
 - 6:30 – 8:00 ages 8 – 11
 - 8:00 – 9:30 ages 12 and up
- ☎ Please have your child arrive 5 minutes before rehearsal time so that rehearsal can start on time.
- ☎ Late arrival may lead to your child not qualifying to participate in the next performance of the group.
- ☎ Attendance at rehearsals is MANDATORY. No exceptions! No Excuses!
- ☎ If your child is ill and is going to miss rehearsal, please call Silva Baronian at (201) 321-7839 prior to rehearsal time.
- ☎ Unexcused absences may lead to your child not participating in the next performance of the group.
- ☎ Please have your child dresses appropriately. Girls must wear black leotards, tights and skirts (optional). Boys must wear black tights and t-shirts. Everyone MUST wear black ballet shoes. Children who are not dressed appropriately will not participate in rehearsal.
- ☎ Parents are NOT allowed at rehearsals. It is very disruptive to have parents/siblings/friends at rehearsals. It distracts the children from the task at hand, making rehearsals less fruitful.
- ☎ Additional rehearsals may be required closer to performance dates.
- ☎ Please have your child bring a healthy snack such as fruit and water or juice to be consumed during breaks only.
- ☎ Please note that children who misbehave consistently during rehearsals will be asked to leave the group permanently.

Performances

- ☎ Hamazkayin will keep you informed of performance dates and additional rehearsal dates as soon as they become available.
- ☎ Some performances may be out of town. Hamazkayin will do everything possible to provide these dates to you as far in advance as possible.
- ☎ All performers must travel with the group and stay with the group (if an overnight stay is required).
- ☎ Parents may follow the group with their cars but will not be allowed on the bus (or other appropriate mode of transportation) at any time.
- ☎ If your child is unable to attend a performance, please inform Hamazkayin as soon as possible.
- ☎ Hamazkayin and the artistic director want all the children to participate in all performances. However, this may not be possible for every performance. Each child learns at a different pace and some children may take longer to learn all the steps and perform up to par.
- ☎ The artistic director will make all decisions on who will perform. Please trust that we will do our best to put your child on stage. Please be patient and trust that we all want to see Hamazkayin children perform!

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Calendar

Rehearsals are EVERY Monday as follows. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

2008

September	8, 15, 22, 29
October	6, 13, 20, 27
November	3, 10, 17, 24
December	1, 8, 15, 22

2009

January	5, 12, 19, 26
February	2, 9, 16, 23
March	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
April	6, 13, 20, 27
May	4, 11, 18, 25
June	1, 8, 15