

Polonez Dancer's Tools - Friendly 10 Tips For Costume Care :

10. No food or drinks while in costume. Clear water is fine while in costume.

9. Learn how to hang things properly. Properly means that you have taken the time to make sure that there are no folds in the fabric.

8. Each Polonez Costume Set has a name labeled hanger and a bag, please respect it's belonging.

7. Show up on dressing time earlier. Make sure you wear the costume properly to show off the dance character and yourself to your best.

6. Avoid perfumes or scented deodorants to prolong the life of the costumes. Perfumes and other scents are very bad for fabrics, they speed the degeneration of the fibers.

5. Don't leave things to the last minute. If is Concert Time it's not a good time to ask for a fixing your costume, better ask at least the day before.

4. Be honest about the fit. Resist the temptation to squeeze into it. The pressure on fabrics can cause irreparable damage to costumes.

3. Learn to deal with the small stuff. Buttons fall off – collect them all ! That's the way it goes. On standard fabrics it's usually fine to hand-stitch a repair, as long as you are careful.

2. Note for the mature dancers - No smoking. Fabrics retain the smell and discoloration of smoke. Plus it's icky. Plus burn marks happen.

1. Don't assume anything about cleaning a costume. If your costume needs cleaning, always ask our costume coordinator if that is your responsibility. If it is, then ask for cleaning instructions. Many costumes are hand-made and do not come with care labels. You can do a lot of damage to a costume with a washer and dryer.