

Everything you need to know about recital.....

BEFORE THE BIG DAY

- ❖ Make sure that your tuition and all fees are paid. You must be paid in full to dance in the recital.
- ❖ Try on all of your costumes and make sure that they fit correctly. Take in straps if needed and note where pins are needed.
- ❖ Make sure that you have the correct tights and shoes if they are needed. If you don't know what you need check the website or ask your instructor.
- ❖ Make sure that you know what hairstyle and make-up you will use. Practice if you need to!
- ❖ Know the order of your routines. This will be posted at the studio.
- ❖ Pack all of your costumes and accessories in a plastic bin or laundry basket in the order that they will be needed. This will make it easy for your dresser. Don't forget safety pins, bobby pins, hair accessories, hair spray, hair gel, and makeup. If your costume has gloves, a special hair piece, earrings, or other special accessories put them in a Ziploc bag so that they don't get lost.
- ❖ Combo dancers should find out who your dresser will be. This will be posted at the studio. (Older combo dancers who are old enough to change costumes on their own may not have an assigned dresser.) Your dresser is an older dancer who will help with costume changes during the show. Parents will not be required to help change costumes. You may sit back and enjoy the show!
- ❖ Purchase tickets! These will be for sale at the studio until the end of May. After that you can only get them at the door the day of the show. (You will receive two free tickets.)
- ❖ There will be a recital rehearsal at the studio the week of the recital. This rehearsal will be a run through of each show in **regular dance clothes**. The newsletter will give detailed information about days and times for specific groups. Dancers may leave as soon as they have done their routine(s).

AT DRESS REHEARSAL

- ❖ Arrive stage ready in your first costume 15 minutes before the scheduled time. (This includes make-up, hair done, and remember no underwear!) If you have multiple routines, take your costume bin/basket to the dressing area and leave it where you are directed. If you have only one routine, go straight to the auditorium. Everyone goes into the auditorium for a brief meeting.
- ❖ We will practice the ending bow first at dress rehearsal. After we practice the bow we will open the curtains so that you can see where to pick up your dancer at the end of the recital.
- ❖ All dancers will go backstage after the bow rehearsal and we will go through the show in full costume, hair, and make-up. Once they are backstage, they must remain backstage. There will be no going in and out. You may leave as soon as you have finished all of your dances. A parent must go backstage for your dancer to be released.
- ❖ If you would like to order flowers for your dancer, there will be someone taking orders at the gift table on dress rehearsal night. The flowers will be ready when you arrive for the recital. You may also purchase any other gifts from our gift table on dress rehearsal night.
- ❖ If you have not already received your dance pictures, you may pick them up on dress rehearsal night at the gift table.

- ❖ You may video record the show during dress rehearsal. (You will not be allowed to do this at the actual recital.)
- ❖ Don't forget to pick up your costume bin/basket before leaving. Reorganize and make sure that you have everything for the recital!

AT THE RECITAL

- ❖ Arrive for your show 30 minutes before show time. You should be stage ready in your first costume for the show. That means hair is done, make-up is on, and remember no underwear!
- ❖ Take your costume bin/basket to the dressing room and put it where you are directed. Parents are not allowed to stay in the dressing room so be sure to give your dresser any special instructions before leaving.
- ❖ Dancers will remain in the dressing room with their assistant teachers. Little dancers who have no costume changes (groups a-d) will remain in the back hallway with their assistant teachers and a parent volunteer. A parent should bring them to the back hallway and make sure that they check in with the parent volunteer. The same parent should come and pick them up after they dance and check them out with the parent volunteer. We want our dancers to be safe!
- ❖ Be sure to take your dancers to the bathroom before leaving them backstage!
- ❖ If you ordered flowers at dress rehearsal, they will be ready for pick-up at the gift table.
- ❖ Parents should come and get little dancers right after they perform so they can sit with you and watch the show. You will bring them backstage 3 numbers before the end of the show to get ready for the final bow.
- ❖ After the final bow you will pick up your dancer on the stage. Don't forget to bring their special gifts!
- ❖ Don't forget to go backstage and get your costume bins/baskets to take home!

OTHER IMPORTANT INFO

- ❖ You will be able to order DVDs of the recital at the gift table.
- ❖ There will be a photographer taking pictures during the recital. These will be made available to order. Flash photography is not allowed during the dress rehearsal or recital.
- ❖ Bring your dancers to see the Company Gala! It's a great opportunity to see a wider variety of dance styles.