



Recital handbook

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General Recital Information

The opportunity to perform in a recital is an exciting, empowering and confidence-building part of the dance training process. This is where we love to watch our students learn about the theatre, rehearsals and teamwork while they enjoy the opportunity to showcase their skills in a professionally run production. Recitals are a wonderful way for students to showcase the results of their hard work and for family and friends to join in the pride of their achievement. We love giving all students the chance to perform for their family and friends in this supportive and fun environment and encourage even our youngest and newest performers to be involved. If there is any reason why your child will not be able to perform at the recital on the dates and times provided in this handbook, please let us know so we can make amendments to the class routines involving them. This is without doubt the highlight of our year and we are so excited to show you how hard our dancers have been working!

1. *Attendance*

In terms of attendance, it is very important that students do not miss any of their scheduled classes between now and recital time so they can spend their rehearsal time together to perform their routines, feel confident and look amazing. If your child is sick for class but well enough to come and watch, this is preferable to missing out altogether. If for any reason your child will miss any of their regular classes, we ask that you contact the front desk at 360-918-2171 to let us know in advance. As a reminder all students must be present in class the last week of classes prior to a recital. If a student is absent and does not inform the front desk, the student may not be able to perform in the recital with the class. Students may only miss class the week before a recital if prior consent has been given. This is strongly discouraged as it is very important for the students to get to rehearse with the whole class before a performance, but if it is absolutely necessary, please speak with the front desk immediately.

2. *Rehearsal*

Here at South Sound Dance, dress and technical rehearsals are a super important part of preparing for our recital. This is where we get to see the costumes working on stage in a group to really compliment the dances your children have been working so hard on throughout the year. It gives us a chance to make any adjustments and ensure that everyone has time to get ready between their dances. We can see if any costumes are missing hairpieces or need to be altered.

Even more importantly, it gives the stars of our show a chance to get up and rehearse together and on the big stage – a very different environment than they are used to within the studio walls. They can overcome some of the jitters that may hit when the bright lights come on and really prepare themselves for the show ahead. It is a fun and rewarding experience and a great chance to play with their friends and watch some inspiring dancers as they wait for their turn in the spotlight.

For the Holiday Recital, we have a Dress Rehearsal at the studio where we put the whole show together for the first time. We also have a Dress Rehearsal at the Theater prior to the show. Lead Roles will have several additional rehearsals. Please see the rehearsal schedule online at <http://www.southsounddance.com/holiday-show> and review your class handout for your class information.

Students will need to bring along all of their costumes, and arrive with hair and makeup done. Please bring along hairspray, bobby pins, bun pins, hairnets, stockings, socks, hair ties and safety pins.

All costume and clothing items must be clearly labelled and children are asked to bring healthy snacks (snacks that do not stain) and a bottle of water – all labelled with your child's full name. Our staff and volunteers will ensure that children are reminded to drink water regularly and eat their snacks at the allocated times.

Parents and staff members who are volunteering to help at the recital will also need to be available for Dress Rehearsal to ensure they understand their roles and can see how everything will be run on show day.

3. *Check-in*

At our rehearsals and recitals you will be able to find a staff member at the front desk or lobby area to direct you to where you need to go. A parent or guardian is required to remain with all children age 9 & under while in the dressing room or in the theatre unless their class has been picked up by one of our staff members. Children age 10 & up may be dropped off, but must be signed-in and out by a parent or guardian. Children age 10 & up will not be allowed to leave the premises unless a parent or guardian has signed the out. All students will have a group mom they will check-in when in the dressing room. Group moms are only responsible for checking class attendance, helping with costumes, and acting as a liaison between parents and SSD staff. Group moms are not responsible for the care or supervision of children other than their own.

4. *Balances Due*

Please note that unfortunately any families with unpaid dance or costume fees will not be allowed to participate in our recital.

5. *Finale/Bow*

Finale is an opportunity for your dancer to come out on stage with the whole studio and take a final bow. To participate in the Finale dancers must be in costume and line up for the Finale at the backstage door 15 minutes prior to the close of the show. Groups moms will let dancers and their families know at what point students should line up for Finale in the show program.

6. *Opening Number *June Recital Only*

All dancers age 5 & up are invited to perform in the Opening Number (the very first dance!) for our June Recital. Opening Number does require additional rehearsals. Rehearsal times and the Opening Number signup sheet will be posted in March. More information to come in March.

Recital Times and Location

Holiday Show

Venue: Olympia High School Performing Arts Center
Venue Address: 1302 North Street SE, Olympia, WA 98501
Parking: Park in the student parking lot around the back of the school. Use the cafeteria entrance to access the theatre.

Show Date: Sunday, December 16, 2018
Show Times: 12:00pm & 4:00pm

*Please arrive with hair and makeup done 30 minutes prior to your classes scheduled rehearsal time and check-in with your group mom. See individual class sheet for class rehearsal and show times.

June Recital

Venue: Minnaert Center for the Arts, SPSCC
Venue Address: 2011 Mottman Rd. SW
Olympia, WA 98512
Parking: Park in lots to left or right of center.

Show Date: Saturday, June 29, 2019
Show Times: TBA

*Please arrive with hair and makeup done 30 minutes prior to your classes scheduled rehearsal time and check-in with your group mom. See individual class sheet for class rehearsal and show times.

Recital Rules & Procedures

As always, the safety of our dance family is our #1 priority. When students arrive at the rehearsal and recital they are to be signed in by a parent or guardian, and must be signed out when it is time to leave. If your child has any Medical Conditions that may require attention whilst in our care or are carrying any medication with them, please notify our group moms or SSD staff when you sign in. It is best to arrive with hair and makeup done and ready to get dressed in costume.

Students age 9 & under must always have one parent or guardian with them at all times, except when their class is picked up by an SSD staff member and taken back stage for their rehearsal and performance. Students age 10 & up may be dropped off, but must remain in the dressing room or theatre with an SSD staff member. When being picked up, all children need to be signed out of the venue by their parent or guardian. Please avoid asking your child to meet you outside the venue or in the car park as a parent has to be seen for you to pick them up. If someone else is picking your child up, please speak with our front desk staff prior to rehearsal and show day.

Students are not permitted to leave the venue while the rehearsal and recital is running. No student is to leave the backstage area or dressing rooms during intermission if the student is still performing. Example, a student dancing in both Act 1 and Act 2 should remain in the dressing room during intermission. If a student is only performing in one routine, or has permission from her instructor, the student may go in to the audience to watch the show after the student has finished dancing. If the student is dancing in Act 2, the student may arrive early to watch the rehearsal of Act 1, and again may go back into the audience to watch the remainder of Act 2 after she has completed her rehearsal. All students that are in the theatre watching the show must have a cover up on over their costume or must change out of costume. Cover-ups can include SSD jackets, T-Shirts, large or oversized dresses. Shoes must also be worn in between the dressing room and theatre.

All students who plan to watch the show from the audience after their performance must have a ticket. Children age 3 & under may sit on a lap. All performers will be required to line up for Finale 15 minutes prior to the show's end time. Please see section, Finale.

Only South Sound Dance staff and registered parent helpers are permitted backstage. We are unable to run messages or food to students, so please make sure they have everything before they come backstage for rehearsal and the recital.

Please try not to bring anything valuable, especially electronic devices. Cell phones must be on silent in the changing, backstage, and theatre areas during the recital. Our studio and the venue will take no responsibility if an item is damaged, misplaced, lost or stolen.

Private videography and photography is strictly prohibited, as we will have professionals attending on the day to provide these services for us, leaving you free to sit back and enjoy the show in the moment!

Explicit language, inappropriate attire, offensive clothing and criminal behaviour will not be tolerated. Consuming alcohol and smoking are not permitted.

Costumes & Recital Fees

Holiday Show

To keep costs at a minimum, we have set a reduced holiday rate for each of the age groups here. Please see the below cost breakdown. Holiday Show costume fees & recital fee are due October 1, 2018.

Recital Fee	\$20 (includes 2 tickets to the show)
Tiny & Kinder Classes	\$35 + tax
Elem Classes	\$45 + tax
Level 1 – 3 Classes	\$55 + tax

June Recital

To keep costs at a minimum, we have set a flat rate for each of the age groups here. Please see the below cost breakdown. June Recital costume fees & recital fee are due January 21, 2019.

Recital Fee	\$30 (includes recital t-shirt)
Tiny & Kinder Classes	\$50 + tax
Elem Classes	\$60 + tax
Level 1 – 3 Classes	\$70 + tax

Caring for your Costumes

Please do not attempt to wash or remove stains from any costumes until after Recital. If your costume does get stained or damaged it cannot be replaced. You can soak the costume in cold water immediately. Notify the studio if your costume has been damaged. Unfortunately any damage or staining to costumes once they have been collected may incur a fee.

AFTER RECITAL - When washing your costumes, please ensure they are washed in cold water only on a gentle cycle, preferably using a lingerie wash-bag to ensure that they are not damaged. Costumes should not be tumble-dried, and take care not to over-expose them to direct sunlight.

Any costumes with sequins or embellishments must be hand washed in cold water.

Tickets

Holiday Show

Tickets for the Holiday Show are for general admission seating and must be purchased by phone or in person at South Sound Dance.

Venue: Olympia High School Performing Arts Center
Show Date: Sunday, December 16, 2018

*Tickets go on Sale Nov 26.
\$10/ticket if purchased in advance
\$12/ticket if purchased at the door*

June Recital

Tickets for the June Recital are assigned seats and are sold through the Washington Performing Arts Center at (360) 753-8586. For information on purchasing tickets or information on the theatre please visit <https://www.washingtoncenter.org/events-tickets/box-office-information-help/>.

Venue: Minnaert Center for the Arts, SPSCC
Show Date: Saturday, June 29, 2019

*Tickets go on Sale June 3.
\$20/section A
\$15/section B*

We do not charge for children under 3 years old to attend our recitals, unless they will be occupying their own seat. We also ask that you consider our dancers and other audience members when bringing young children to watch, and if they become loud, distressed or disturb any other audience members, to please take them outside to let off a bit of steam before returning to enjoy the rest of the show.

Hair and Makeup

For hair and makeup tutorials please visit our recital page and click on the available videos.

Tiny and Kinder Dancers

Make up: Brown eye shadow (purple if skin is darker)
 Mascara
 Pink blush
 Pink lipstick.
 Hair is specific to class. Please see your class sheet.

Elementary and up

Make up: Foundation
 Brown eye shadow (purple if skin is darker)
 Mascara
 Eyeliner
 Pink blush
 Pink lipstick
 Hair is specific to class. Please see your class sheet.

Company Students/Lead Dancers

Make up: Foundation
 Brown eye shadow (purple if skin is darker)
 Mascara
 Eyeliner
 False Eyelashes
 Pink blush
 Pink lipstick
 Hair is specific to class. Please see your class sheet.

Makeup for Boys

Make up: Foundation
 Brown eye shadow
 Light Mascara
 Eyeliner
 Soft blush to go under the cheek bone
 Lip liner or lipstick one shade darker than actual lip color to fill in lips
 Comb and gel hair in place

Photos & DVDs

Photos

We are so excited to have our fabulous professional photographers taking snaps of our dancers to create some wonderful keepsakes from our recital. Photo day for both the Holiday Show and June Recital will take place at South Sound Dance and will involve all of our hardworking dancers. Performers will be photographed in full costume with hair and make-up done just as they would have for the show. Due to time restrictions, we will only be able to shoot one individual photo and one group photo per dance group. Exact times for the groups on photo day will be given out a bit closer to the date, but please try to keep the day free until we can advise in more detail.

Holiday Show Photo Date: Saturday, December 8, 2018

June Recital Photo Date: Sunday, June 9, 2018



Photos can be purchased from *Courtney Kelley Photography*. Payment for photos should be made by cash or check to *Courtney Kelley Photography*. Please see your class photo envelope for specific package and photo pricing.

For copyright and child safety reasons, we do not allow any photographs to be taken during the show by anyone other than our contracted photographer. We also cannot allow parents or friends to take photos of students posed and in costume during our official Photo Day, as it can be very distracting and compromise the quality of our reasonably-priced professional photographs.

Action photography from the day of the performance will also be available within 48 hours of the performance. To order action photos please visit...

<http://cortneykelleyphotography.com/proofing/south-sound-dance>

Password: SSD

DVDs and Digital Downloads

In conjunction with copyright and child safety laws, personal photography or video recording is strictly prohibited. We have employed professional Videographers *Turning Leaf Productions* to capture these memories for you! The cost of the high-quality recital DVDs or digital download is \$30/dvd or 2 for \$55. **All orders for DVDs and Digital Downloads must be paid to South Sound Dance and be placed by the recital date.** Orders placed after this date will be \$45/item. No orders can be placed 30 days after the recital. Pickup is usually available from the studio within 4-6 weeks. Place your order with South Sound Dance to ensure you don't miss out on this great keepsake!



What to Bring

All children must bring a clearly labelled bag, caboodle, or makeup kit with makeup, hair spray, gel, hair elastics, bobby pins, and safety pins.

Your dance shoes, stockings, socks and dance underwear must also be packed. Don't forget your costumes too! These are best hung on coat hangers and protected in a costume bag that is clearly labelled. If you have a portable costume rack, please bring it as hanging space is quite limited.

FOOD AND DRINK - Costumes are easily ruined by food and drink stains. It is best to eat when not in costume! However, it is very important they have something nutritious to keep their energy up and sometimes they might be in costume so choose snacks that won't stain – this means NO fast food, cheese snacks and chips, etc.. NO nuts or nut products. We recommend apple slices, string cheese, hard boiled eggs, crackers, health and protein bars, bagels, carrots, cucumber slices, bananas, etc. They also need to bring A LOT of labelled water – NO soft drinks or juice as it stains the costumes. This is for both the rehearsal and concert.

Children are discouraged from bringing any valuables including phones, iPods, iPads and laptops as the venue and South Sound Dance will not take responsibility for any items lost, damaged or stolen.