

DIXON DANCE STUDIO PRESENTS

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ANNUAL SUMMER RECITAL 2026

Welcome to the Dixon Dance Studio Recital Handbook!



We are so excited to have you join us for our annual summer recital! Whether you're a returning dancer or a first-time participant, this handbook is designed to be your go-to guide for everything you need to know as you prepare for the big performance. Inside, you'll find important information, helpful tips, and detailed instructions to ensure a smooth and successful recital experience for both dancers and their families.

From rehearsal schedules to performance day logistics, this handbook is here to help you stay organized and answer any questions you may have along the way. We are committed to making this recital a memorable and fun experience for everyone, and we hope this guide provides you with all the tools you need to feel confident and prepared!

Thank you for being part of the Dixon Dance Studio family, and we can't wait to see you shine on stage!

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GENERAL RECITAL INFORMATION



We know that preparing for the recital can feel like a lot to take in, especially for new families. Our goal is to make this experience as smooth and enjoyable as possible for both dancers and their families. This handbook is designed to be a helpful resource, filled with all the important details you'll need to know about rehearsals, performance day, and everything in between. We've organized the information to make it easy to navigate and to help answer any questions you may have along the way. Our team is here to support you, and we're excited to work together to make this a memorable experience for your dancer!

The opportunity to perform in our recital is a truly exciting and empowering experience that plays an important role in your dancer's development. It's a chance for them to shine, build confidence, and learn the values of teamwork and commitment. We love watching our students explore the world of theatre, rehearsals, and performance, all while showcasing their hard work in a professionally run production. Recitals provide a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate their achievements, and for family and friends to join in the pride of their progress.



We encourage every dancer, including our youngest and newest performers, to participate in this special event. If, for any reason, your child is unable to perform on the scheduled recital dates, please let us know as soon as possible so we can make the necessary adjustments to the class routines. This ensures that every dancer can still be part of the magic!

RECITAL ATTENDANCE POLICY

We want every dancer to feel fully prepared and confident for the recital, which is why regular attendance is crucial in the weeks leading up to the performance. After the recital registration deadline on **Friday, March 6, 2026**, dancers are allowed to miss up to 3 classes. If a dancer misses more than **3 classes**, they may be at risk of not being able to participate in their recital dance.

If you will be absent, please be sure to notify us ahead of time by calling our front office at **707-678-8881**. This helps us communicate with the instructor and ensure your dancer stays on track with the routine. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to a fantastic recital performance!



2.

RECITAL TIMES & LOCATION



MAKING THE BAND 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Get ready for an exciting summer of rehearsals and performances! Please make sure to mark the dates for our upcoming events and be sure to **arrive promptly** for your dancer's scheduled call time. Our performance will be held at a different location from our studio, so it's important to account for travel time and any potential traffic delays. We highly recommend checking your route ahead of time to ensure your dancer arrives on time and ready to perform. Timely arrival is essential to ensure everything runs smoothly on performance day.



STAGING REHEARSAL

Wednesday, June 24th at 5:30pm

Vacaville Performing Arts Theater

1010 Ulatis Drive Vacaville, CA 95687

All dancers must wear all black and hair must be pulled out of their face. Bring all dance shoes!

DRESS REHEARSAL

Thursday, June 25th at 5:30pm

Vacaville Performing Arts Theater

1010 Ulatis Drive Vacaville, CA 95687

Performance hair/makeup and full costume!

SHOW #1

Saturday, June 27th at 10:00am

Dancer call-time is 9:15am

Vacaville Performing Arts Theater

1010 Ulatis Drive Vacaville, CA 95687

SHOW #2

Saturday, June 27th at 6:00pm

Dancer call-time is 5:15pm

Vacaville Performing Arts Theater

1010 Ulatis Drive Vacaville, CA 95687

SHOW #3

Saturday, June 28th at 2:00pm

Dancer call-time is 1:15pm

Vacaville Performing Arts Theater

1010 Ulatis Drive Vacaville, CA 95687

*Show #3 will be filmed! This show also includes our awards ceremony at the end. *

3.

REHEARSALS



Rehearsals are essential to ensuring a smooth and successful recital. Something WILL go wrong but that's alright because we have these rehearsals for that exact reason. They provide an opportunity to identify and address any potential issues, allowing us to make necessary adjustments before the performance. This process is crucial for both new and returning families to understand, as it helps set expectations and clarifies the purpose of each rehearsal.

STAGING REHEARSAL

Staging rehearsal is an important part of preparing for the recital, giving dancers the opportunity to practice their routines on stage and get comfortable in the theater setting. All dancers are **required** to attend this rehearsal to ensure they are fully prepared for the big performance.

The dress code for staging rehearsal is **all black**, with black leggings and a t-shirt or tank top preferred. Hair must be **pulled back and out of the dancer's face**, we recommend a bun or ponytail, as that's most likely the hairstyle they will have for the performance. This rehearsal is a key part of the process, so we appreciate your dancer's full participation and preparation!

DRESS REHEARSAL

Our Dress Rehearsal serves as a full-scale practice run for the recital, allowing dancers to experience the performance environment firsthand. During this rehearsal, dancers will wear their complete **performance attire including costumes, hair, and makeup**, to familiarize themselves with the stage and refine their routines.

Bring all costumes, including necessary accessories, neatly **labeled with your dancer's name**. This ensures quick changes and organization during the rehearsal. Dancers will utilize backstage dressing rooms for costume changes. Please ensure your dancer is familiar with the process to facilitate efficient transitions.

PURPOSE:

- Helping dancers acclimate to the stage environment and performance logistics.
- Addressing any last-minute adjustments to choreography, timing, and spacing.
- Providing an opportunity to rehearse under performance conditions, boosting confidence for the actual recital.

OBSERVATION:

Parents and family members are typically welcome to observe the dress rehearsal but not required. However, we only allow one parent/family member to attend dress rehearsal.



Note:

Once they are done with their part of the rehearsal, they are welcome to head home! Let's make this rehearsal smooth and prepare for a fantastic recital!

4.

YEARBOOK PHOTO DAY & RECITAL T-SHIRT



Dixon Dance Studio is hosting a photo day for our recital yearbook! Our yearbook is a new addition to the studio and we enjoyed capturing the memories last year for our dancers and families to look back on. Our photo day details are listed below along with information about yearbook pricing!



RECITAL T-SHIRT

Dixon Dance Studio creates a recital t-shirt every year! Everyone who participates in the summer recital will receive a t-shirt the week of recital. Your t-shirt is included in your recital fees so don't worry about purchasing or preordering one.

Keep an eye out for emails asking you to confirm your dancer's size and the spelling of their name.



YEARBOOK PHOTO DAY

We're excited to announce that Dixon Dance Studio is creating our second yearbook, filled with memories from throughout the year! This yearbook will feature all our dancers and highlight events that have made this year special.

Yearbook Photo Day Details:

Date: Friday, March 20

Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Dixon Dance Studio

Make-up Photo Day:

Date: Saturday, April 18

Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Location: Dixon Dance Studio

spots are limited for the make-up day

We invite all dancers to stop by during this time to have their picture taken for the yearbook. It's a wonderful opportunity to be part of this inaugural edition and to commemorate the year's experiences together.

For any questions or more information, please contact us at 707-678-8881.

2025-2026 RECITAL YEARBOOK

Pre-orders are available in April!

OPEN - Monday, April 6th

CLOSE- Friday, May 8th

\$25/yearbook

Visit our website for more information about purchasing your recital yearbook!

5.

TICKETS



Don't forget to purchase your tickets!! Tickets go on sale 1 month prior to our summer recital! Tickets will be available for purchase at the door but we strongly advise you to purchase in advance to guarantee enough seats for all your loved ones coming to support your dancer! Performances frequently **sell out** completely before the event.

TICKET INFORMATION

We are excited to announce that recital tickets will be available for purchase starting **middle of May 2026!** Tickets will be available for all showtimes, so you can choose the performance that works best for you and your family.

Note: All parents and family members must have a ticket. If you plan to attend more than one show, a separate ticket is required for each performance. Children under age two may attend for free as a lap child, but they still need a ticket reserved through the box office.

If your dancer would like to join you in the audience after they perform, they are also required to have a ticket!

Tickets can be purchased

1. In-person directly at the Vacaville Performing Arts Center Box Office
2. Online at www.VPAT.net (online purchases include a \$5 TICKET FEE)
3. Over the phone: 707-469-4013

Box Office hours are Tuesday - Friday 12:00-6:00 PM and located at 1010 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687

Be sure to get your tickets early so you don't miss out on the chance to see our talented dancers shine on stage!

SHOW #1

Saturday, June 27th at 10:00am
Dancer call-time is 9:15am

SHOW #2

Saturday, June 27th at 6:00pm
Dancer call-time is 5:15pm

SHOW #3

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HANDICAP SEATING

If you or a loved one is in need of handicap seating with wheelchair access, please notify VPAT when purchasing your tickets to guarantee a comfortable seating arrangement for the performance. If you need assistance with finding these seats while purchasing your tickets, you can call the Box Office at 707-469-4013.



6.

COSTUMES SHOES & TIGHTS



Here's a brief snapshot to help you get started as you prepare for dress rehearsal and show day! A full Costume Guide—including detailed information on tights, shoes, and a picture of each costume—will be sent out by the end of April.

Costumes have been selected by each teacher and will be handed out and tried on during class throughout April. Sizing is based on your child's measurements and the costume company's size chart. Occasionally, an exchange may be needed, so please let us know right away if a different size is required to ensure it arrives in time for recital!

TIGHTS

- Check your tights for any holes or runs, and make sure they are the correct color for your routine.

COSTUMES

- Label all costumes on the inside to avoid mix-ups.
- Double-check that all accessories are accounted for and packed in your bag.

SHOES

- Label your shoes and ensure you have all the pairs needed for your specific style of dance.
- Wipe down your shoes to make sure they are clean and performance-ready.

CARING FOR YOUR COSTUMES

We encourage you to store your costume in a closet or safe place up until the recital week. We recommend that you DO NOT wear the costume prior to recital week so you can avoid the risk of stains or other damage to your performance gear!

Please do not attempt to wash or remove stains from your costume until after recital! If you have any issues with your costume, please check with us before washing them on your own. If a costume is damaged, families will be responsible for purchasing a new one.

STYLE	TIGHTS	SHOE
Tap	Footed or Convertible	Black
Jazz	Footed or Convertible	Tan
Ballet	Seamed Mesh Convertible	Pink Ballet Slipper
Hip Hop	Footed or Convertible	White sneaker
Modern Contemporary	No tights	None
Acro	Footless	None
Pointe	Seamed Mesh Convertible	Pink
Tap/Ballet Combo	Footed or Convertible	Black tap
Tap/Jazz Combo	Footed or Convertible	Black tap

7.

GROOMING - HAIR & MAKEUP



We understand that hair and makeup can be overwhelming, especially for first-time performers, but it's an important part of preparing for a successful performance. During our new parent meeting, we will address any questions or concerns you may have about performance hair and makeup. For your convenience, you can also find all the basic information below to ensure your dancer is performance-ready!

PRESCHOOL CLASSES:

Hair:

- curled hair and pulled out of their face nicely

Make up:

- pink blush
- mascara
- pink or red lipstick

NOTE:

eyeshadow and foundation are not required for our little dancers, but if you choose to use it, please stick to a neutral palette. We recommend taking a look at your dancer on stage under the bright lights to gauge the amount of makeup you would like to use.

ALL OTHER CLASSES (Ages 6 and up):

Hair:

- **BALLET Levels A-D** are required to have buns with a hair net for their ballet routine.
- **ALL OTHER STYLES:** side part, slick back ponytail with gel and hairspray. No flyaways or whispies. (See example photo)

Make up:

- foundation
- pink blush
- eyeshadow (neutral colors)
- mascara or false eyelashes
- pink or red lipstick (red recommended)

Example of slick back ponytail for dancers ages 6 and up.



HAIR ACCESSORIES:

Dancers must check with their instructor about any specific hair accessories needed for their routine. Some costumes come with accessories, and it's important that everyone looks the same and uniform. If you're unsure about the accessories, be sure to check with the choreographer for your routine.

Also, don't forget to pack extra hairspray and pins in your dance bag to keep everything in place for the performance!



Say cheese and take a bow! Oh, and don't forget to wave to mom and dad! The finale is such a fun moment and we want everyone to be a part of it.

FINALE

The finale is one of the most exciting and memorable moments of our recital! It's when all the dancers come back on stage at the end of the show to bow in their costumes, celebrating their hard work and dedication. This moment is just as special for the dancers as it is for the family and friends who are there to support them.

FINALE REHEARSAL

We want to make sure the finale goes smoothly, so we will rehearse it during dress rehearsal on June 24th. This will be the first thing we do, so dancers can leave once their individual performances are complete.

NOTE:

For the actual performances on June 27 and June 28, the finale will take place at the very end of the show. Dancers are not required to stay for the finale, but we highly encourage it so they can be cheered on and celebrated for all their hard work!



RECITAL PROCEDURES



Please pay close attention and read thoroughly the procedures for both Dixon Dance Studio and Vacaville Performing Arts Theater. It is very important to follow these procedures so we can ensure safety for our dance family which is our #1 priority!

SUMMER RECITAL PROCEDURES

At our dance studio, the safety of our dance family is our top priority, as well as respecting the venue space we are using for the recital. To ensure a smooth and safe experience for all involved, we have established the following procedures for rehearsals and performances. These guidelines are designed to keep everyone safe, organized, and ensure that we respect the time of both our dancers and venue staff.

CHECK-IN AND SIGN-OUT

All dancers will be required to check in and sign out for each rehearsal and performance. Students are not permitted to leave the venue during rehearsals or performances unless they have been signed out by a parent or guardian. This is crucial for keeping track of our dancers whereabouts and ensuring their safety at all times.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

We kindly ask that you be on time when picking up your dancer. It is important to respect the time of our teachers and the staff members at the performing arts center. Late pick-ups can create disruptions and extend the workday for those involved in the event. Please plan to arrive a few minutes before your dancer's scheduled pick-up time to ensure a smooth handoff.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

When coming to the venue, please be mindful of the valuables you bring with you. The studio and the venue are not responsible for lost or stolen items. We recommend that dancers leave any unnecessary valuables at home to avoid potential issues during the event.

PHOTOS & VIDEOS

While we understand that capturing memories is important, photos and videos are strictly prohibited during rehearsals and performances. We have arranged for professional photographers and videographers to be present at the third performance to capture the magic of the event. These professional images and videos will be available for families to enjoy as a keepsake of the recital.

We appreciate your cooperation with these procedures, as they help ensure a safe, respectful, and enjoyable experience for all dancers, teachers, and staff. Thank you for being part of our dance family!



RECITAL VOLUNTEERS



Our show wouldn't be possible without the help of our fabulous volunteers!! If you are interested in being a part of our summer recital, we would be extremely grateful and happy to have you!

RECITAL VOLUNTEERS

As we prepare for our upcoming dance recital, we want to take a moment to express our deep gratitude for our amazing volunteers! These events simply wouldn't be possible without your support, and we are truly thankful for each of you who helps make the magic happen.

We have a limited number of volunteer spots available, so sign-ups will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be aware that there will be limited space for parents to hang out backstage during the recitals. If you would like to be backstage, we kindly ask that you sign up through the volunteer list.

A **Sign-Up Genius link** will be sent out soon to reserve your spot. If you choose to volunteer for a specific show, please note that you will not be able to watch that performance, as we need all hands on deck backstage to keep things running smoothly. Volunteers will be assigned to various areas as needed, so you may not be with your child during the show.

For our **preschool parents**, we understand the importance of being close to your little ones during the recital. We will make every effort to keep parents of preschool dancers with their children as much as possible. Thank you for your understanding and support as we work together to create an unforgettable experience for all our dancers!





Your beautiful SMILE of course!! It is important to bring a dance bag with all your stuff organized because backstage can be busy busy and chaotic on show days.

PREPPING YOUR DANCE BAG

Dancers, be sure to come prepared! All children must bring a bag with the following essentials:

- *Hair Products:* Extra hairspray, gel, elastics, bobby pins, and safety pins
- *Makeup:* Make sure your makeup is packed and clearly labelled.
- *Dance Apparel:* Shoes, tights and necessary undergarments.
- *Costumes:* Pack your costume on a coat hanger and in a costume bag, both clearly labelled. If you have a portable costume rack, bring it along, as hanging space is limited.

FOOD & DRINK: FUELING UP FOR THE BIG DAY!

To keep your dancer energized and ready to perform, make sure to pack enough food and drink for the entire day. But remember, costumes can easily get ruined by food and drink stains, so please follow these guidelines:

- No fast food, cheese snacks, or chips that can leave stains.
- No nuts or nut products due to potential allergies.
- *Hydration is key:* Bring plenty of labelled water in a bottle with a sealed lid to avoid mess or spills.
- Make sure the food you pack is nutritious and won't cause a scary mess!

This is for both rehearsals and performances, so come prepared!

THANK YOU!

With everything packed and ready, your dancer will be set for a smooth, exciting recital experience! Let's work together to ensure the best possible experience for everyone involved. Thank you for being part of our Dixon Dance Studio family! We can't wait to see everyone shine like a disco ball on that stage!



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