

The Dancer's Place - Recital Newsletter 2024

TDP's 2024 Game Night Recital is just around the corner! This letter contains a lot of essential information, please take the time to read through it carefully and thoroughly to ensure that you have a clear understanding of what is *happening* and *expected* in the coming weeks. Please contact us if you have questions.

Recital

The recital will be held at **St Ambrose University Galvin Fine Arts Center** on Saturday, June 8th.

Recital is broken into 2 shows.

The first show will be at 10:00am. The second show will be at 1pm.

10am show dancers: All dancers will need to arrive, dressed and ready to dance between 9:15 and 9:30am. This includes hair and stage makeup being done. (Additional hair and makeup info in the General Information section)

1pm show dancers: All dancers will need to arrive, dressed and ready to dance between 12:15 and 12:30pm. This includes hair and stage makeup being done. (Additional hair and makeup info in the General Information section)

For dancers with multiple costumes, please be sure you have all the costumes and accessories packed. Please be sure you or your dancer gets their costumes and accessories in order before rehearsal and then again before the show, so they are ready for any quick changes.

The doors to the auditorium will open 30 minutes prior to show time. Please wait patiently in the lobby until then.

Dress Rehearsal

Dress rehearsal will be held on Friday evening, June 7th, at **St Ambrose University Galvin Fine Arts Center**.

10am Show Rehearsal will begin at 5:00pm

1pm Show Rehearsal will begin at 7pm

Please have your dancer dressed in their first costume by the time listed for each show. The Production number will be rehearsed at the end of each of the rehearsals. Once your child has rehearsed all their routines on stage, they are free to leave or to sit in the auditorium with you and watch the rest of the rehearsal. For dress rehearsal, please pick your dancer up in the dressing room, and check them out, after they have rehearsed all their routines.

When you arrive, please drop your dancer off with our volunteers. (We will have signs directing families). When you pick your child up from the dressing room after they are done, be sure to check out with one of the volunteers in the dressing room.

You can video and take *non-flash* photos only during rehearsal.

Recital Video

We are having the recital professionally videoed. Individual videoing will not be allowed during the shows. Photos from cell phones, tablets, and other devices with lighted screens and/or flash will **not** be allowed during recital. The light from the screens light up the auditorium, negatively affecting the professional video. Additionally, this affects the view of those seated around you and the flashes blind your dancers. Anyone found doing either will be asked to leave.

Each family will be receiving 1 copy of the full video, from both shows as a digital download.

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Ticket Sales

Recital Tickets are reserved seating. You can select your seats for the 2 included tickets online at the same time as you purchase whatever extra tickets you need. You'll want to do this all in one transaction if you'd like to have your group or family seated together. You will use a coupon code, to get the price removed from your 2 included tickets for your transaction. You can also buy tickets in person at the studio, if you'd like to pay cash or would like assistance with the online system.

We encourage you to attend both shows to support all the TDP students! We have a coupon code that you can order tickets to the second show for free, after you purchase tickets to the first show. Please support all our students, they have worked so hard and deserve all the applause and encouragement we can give them.

The online ticketing process will go live Thursday, May 16th at 5:30pm.

Tickets will be \$15 each in advance, through June 6th. \$18 the day of the event. The online ticket company does have a nominal fee on top of this. We will be able to help with tickets at the studio as well, if you choose to pay cash or check. Coupon codes for the included tickets and for the second show tickets will be emailed out early in May.

You do not need a ticket for the performing students; they will remain backstage until the end of the recital. All other children will need a seat/ticket, unless they are babies/small toddlers that will sit on your lap without blocking the view of the person behind you.

Please note: All outstanding balances (costumes, recital fee and tuition), must be paid in full before tickets can be purchased or seats selected. No Exceptions.

Recital Etiquette and General Information

Stage makeup is recommended, the bright stage lights wash out the performers' faces. Makeup should be slightly more and a darker shade than you would normally use, so that your dancer's face does not look washed out in the stage lights. If you are unsure how much, use rehearsal as a test for how it looks on stage or ask the office, staff, or older performers for help/advice.

Hair should be in a bun. Preferably at crown height, but tumblers may need to go higher, and those with hats or varied hair length may need to go higher/lower. Bun builders are available in our store or at various beauty supply stores. You can style the hair into the bun in any way you choose. Examples: bump the front, braid the front or back into bun, etc.

No colored nail polish.

No jewelry allowed, except for the performance earrings that are included with your costumes. Don't forget to bring/wear the earrings for pictures, rehearsal, and recital.

Label everything! If anything gets left behind, it is much easier for us to get it back to you if it has a name or initials in it. Dancers with multiple costumes, a tub or laundry basket is extremely helpful to keep your things together after changes.

Dancers in Dance Combo 1, 2 & 3, please bring your dancers ballet shoes (in a dance bag) to recital. We would like to be able to change them from their tap shoes into their ballet shoes for the finale and for safety in the backstage dressing rooms.

In the auditorium, please stay seated during the show. If you must get up during the show, be sure to do it between routines, not during.

Please make sure you are not blocking anyone's view by standing or by children sitting on your lap that sit too tall.

No food or beverages in the auditorium or backstage. (Except water)

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We recommend your dancer bring a water bottle for backstage.

All cell phones should be turned off or silenced, this includes dancers and audience, during rehearsal and recital.

Parents, remember that your children have worked for 10 months for this show. It takes a lot of discipline and courage to perform onstage. Give them praise and encouragement for all their efforts.

Recital Costumes

Recital costumes, tights, and earrings have been sent home. Please be sure costumes, tights, and all accessories stay together and are put up until recital, except for recital pictures and dress rehearsal. If a costume gets lost or ripped, it cannot be replaced in time. As for the tights, don't let your child wear them to class, these are just for recital pictures, rehearsal, and recital. AFTER recital, then feel free to use them for class. But if you do happen to get a run in your tights and you can purchase a replacement pair.

Please take into consideration other performance opportunities after Recital. If your dancer participates in these additional performances, your costumes will be needed for these and for Festival of Trees next fall.

Recital T-shirts

Recital t-shirts are designed with the recital theme. The backs of the shirts will have each dancer's name on it. We will be taking pre-orders for the shirts, and only ordering shirts that are pre-ordered. An order form was sent via email on April 17th in the form of a google link. One shirt per family is included with your recital fee. Additional shirts can be ordered for \$25. All Orders must be in by April 30th. A color photo of the design is on our Facebook Page.

Flowers

For your convenience, there will be a flower vendor in the lobby of the auditorium, if you would like to purchase flowers for your dancer. They will be sending us a list of items they plan to have available and pricing a couple of weeks prior to recital, we will send that out to everyone then. If you have any questions before then, please let us know.

We will also have our Studio Bears and Tutu Stuffed Animals available for purchase at recital and prior to recital.

Recital Music

We have all your dancer's music available on Dropbox for any dancer or family to access to practice with. If you need the link, please let us know.

Attendance

We would like to mention that student attendance is important to the entire class as we get this close to recital. Please try to have your child at every class when possible. We do understand sometimes there are reasons they can't make it, and kids do get sick. But please try to understand that outside of illness, missing classes does affect the rest of the dancers when they are working on the recital routines.

Summer Classes

After the recital, classes will be taking a week break. Summer session of classes will begin on June 17th and run through July 25th. The class schedule will change for the summer session and is on our website. You can sign up in the office or register online! Go to: <https://app.thestudiodirector.com/dancersplace/portal.sd> to register online.

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Recap of Dates:

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No classes June 10th through 14th

Summer Classes start June 17th

Summer registration is open

2024/25 Fall Classes begin early in August.