



Recital Survival Guide

Please take a moment to read before contacting the studio with questions.

Dear Parents,

For the past eighteen years, En L'air School for Dance has provided its students with an exciting performance experience through its annual Spring Recital. The staple of any dance school, a recital conjures images of childhood and Americana for many. It is a rite of passage for thousands of youngsters around the world; a chance to shine in front of family and friends that they anticipate with nervous excitement.

Our recital offers your children a professionally directed performance that allows them to present to their family and friends the results of a year's hard work, dedication, and progress.

A big part of dance training includes learning through performance. Although performance opportunities can help prepare some students for a possible career in dance, they also contribute to a child's success in non-dance activities. The onstage experience can result in better in-school presentations, improved social skills, and strong interview skills for future college and job opportunities.

The rehearsal process is a tremendous learning experience as well. It helps the children develop retention skills and by working together with their classmates on a group performance they learn the positive aspects of working as a team to create the best end result.

Dedication to the recital is the responsibility of both students and parents. We have created this Recital Guide in an effort to clarify what is expected.

WHAT IS THE RECITAL THEME THIS YEAR?

This season our show is called The Greatest Showman. Watch dazzling acrobatics, stunning choreography, and singing and dancing as dancers of all ages entertain you like never before.

WHEN IS IT?

Our show is Sunday, June 14, 2020. There are two performances. We have a 12:00 matinee and a 4:00 afternoon show. We recommend dancers arrive by 11:15 and 3:15 respectively. It is our goal to make the recital experience organized and exciting for all involved as well as for our gracious audience. It's a team effort; students, parents, volunteers, the teachers, stage manager, and the director are all key players in the success of the shows.

WHERE IS IT?

The recital (and dress rehearsal) are held at Somerset Berkley Performing Arts Center located inside Somerset Berkley High School, 625 County St., Somerset, MA 02726. Please enter through the Auditorium doors and not through the front entrance as it will be locked.

HOW, WHEN and WHERE CAN I PURCHASE RECITAL TICKETS?

Recital tickets go on sale June 1st at 8:00 AM. They range in price from \$14.00 - \$18.00 depending on where you choose to sit. Children, regardless of age, require a ticket. However, if you have a toddler who will be on your lap, a ticket is not required. Tickets are sold until June 12th and then will be available only at the door provided we do not sell out. There is no limit on the number of tickets per family. Seating is assigned and the doors open 30 minutes prior to each show. You may purchase tickets online at tututix.com/enlairschool or on our Facebook page under the 'Buy Tickets' Tab or at the door provided we do not sell out. We do not sell tickets at the studio. All students perform in both shows except the following classes.

Performing in our 12:00 Show:

Monday 5:15 Twinkle Stars ages 3-4
Wednesday 5:30 Twinkle Stars ages 4-5
Saturday 11:15 Mini ShowStars

Performing in our 4:00 Show:

Thursday 5:00 Twinkle Stars ages 3-4
Saturday 10:30 Twinkle Stars ages 5-6
Tuesday 4:15 Mini ShowStars
Thursday 5:00 Mini ShowStars Hip-Hop
Dads

DRESS REHEARSAL

Mandatory dress rehearsal is Saturday, June 13th at Somerset Berkley Performing Arts Center from 8:00-6:00. You will NOT have to attend the entire rehearsal. The schedule is below and posted on the lobby bulletin board. When you arrive at your child's scheduled time below come to the auditorium. On Recital Day, Twinkle Stars are in the "Chorus Room" and ShowStars are in the "Distance Learning Center." Ensemble girls are in the Girls PE Locker room and boys are in the Boys PE Locker room.

Please attend in full costume, hair, makeup etc. We will rehearse ballet first.

Regular Weekly Class Day & Time	Rehearsal Time
Ensemble	8:30 - 9:30 12:00 - 1:00 4:15 - 6:00
Monday Grades 4-5 Classes	9:30 - 10:30
Tuesday 5:15 ShowStars grades 2-3	10:30 - 11:15
Saturday 10:30 Twinkle Stars ages 5-6 and Wednesday 5:30 Twinkle Stars ages 4-5	11:15 - 12:00
Thursday Grades 6-8 4:15 classes	12:00 - 1:00
Tuesday 4:15 & Saturday 11:15 Mini ShowStars Grades 1-2	1:00 - 1:45
Monday & Thursday Twinkle Stars ages 3-4	1:45 - 2:15
Wednesday Musical Theatre & Lyrical Grades 4-5	2:15 - 3:00
Monday Grades 2-3 Hip-Hop & Lyrical	3:00 - 3:45
Dad/Daughter Rehearsal	3:45 - 4:15
Full Show Rehearsal	4:15 - 6:00
Clean up and organize for Sunday	6:00 - 6:30

Dress Rehearsal is closed to the public. There is no food or drink permitted in the auditorium. This is a beautiful facility and we hope to return, so please empty liquids in the sink before throwing the container in the trash and pick up all your belongings before leaving.

DRESSING ROOM ETIQUETTE

For safety and organization reasons, children should have an activity planned when waiting in the dressing rooms. There should be no balls bouncing or running around. Cartwheels, gymnastics etc. are not permitted. Please keep the children together with their classmates rather than running around. Volunteers please take the children to the restrooms as a group. No child should be left alone. Please confer and communicate with each other so the rehearsal and recital process is smooth and orderly. En L'air staff members, Rachel Frady, Nikki Cabral, Anna Zembo, and Charis Hall will be assisting where and when necessary.

COSTUMES

We spend many hours determining the correct costumes for each class. They are always age-appropriate and of the highest quality possible. Costumes will be distributed as they arrive from the designers usually beginning in early February. To ensure there are no costume problems students should not wear their costumes, accessories, or tights prior to the dress rehearsal or performances. Costumes will not be distributed to anyone with a past due balance. Please login to your account and check payment status.

COSTUME CARE

Please write your child's name in all costumes, shoes, and accessories. Place costumes in a garment bag (most come with one from the manufacturer) with your child's name on the outside. Pack accessories in a clear plastic bag with your child's name on the bag. Hats or headpieces should be stored in a hatbox or similar container to prevent damage. Please do not wash costumes. To remove wrinkles, hang the costume in the bathroom and allow shower steam to remove wrinkles. Do not iron. Never put tights in the dryer.

WHAT KIND OF TIGHTS SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR?

En L'air will provide each student with a pair of recital tights. It is vital to a cohesive look to have all performers wearing the same brand/color/weight of tights. Tights this season are from Revolution Dancewear. They will be distributed with costume(s.) Recital tights are for portraits, dress rehearsal and performance only. Do NOT wear these tights to classes. If you wish to have a second pair on hand, please purchase them from the school prior to the show. They are \$10 each for children sizes and \$12 each for adult sizes.

Shoes MUST BE all the same brand, color and style. Please refer to shopnimbly.com/enlair to purchase the correct shoes.

Your child should wear nude/flesh-toned underwear and not flowered or colored. This way we don't see them peaking out from underneath their costume. Girls should wear nude colored / beige bras as well.

HOW SHOULD THE STUDENT'S HAIR BE?

Male students should have simple, neat hair. All female students should wear hair in a low bun.



Comb through the hair and part on the side or down the middle. Wetting the hair slightly with a spray bottle or combing a bit of gel will make it smooth. Put the hair in a low ponytail. Wrap hair around the elastic pinning as you go. The bun should lay rather flat as seen below rather than cone shaped. Spray with hair spray. Add a hair net in matching hair color and spray again. Please pin bangs as well. If hair is too short for a bun pull sides back and fasten securely. Hair should be smooth and professional with no fly-aways or bumps.

Please see our FB page for video tutorials on hair buns.

ACCESSORIES: All students age 7 and older require 8 mm crystal stud earrings. If your child doesn't have her ears pierced we offer clip-ons. Earrings are \$10 for pierced and \$12 for clip-on and will be worn in all future recitals as well. Please let us know if you need a pair. Returning students should have theirs from previous years. (Twinkle Stars do not wear earrings...all other classes do.)



MAKEUP?

Stage make up is mandatory so your child does not appear washed out under the stage lights. A triple shadow palette of dark brown, mauve, and ivory should be applied to the lid. Black mascara, black liner on the top lid only, blush on cheeks and neck. Lips should be red. Yofi in "Foxy" is the perfect



choice and made for the stage. Do not use pink or purple lipstick. MAC All Fired Up is a good choice too. There are numerous YouTube How To videos you can access. Mode Dion cosmetics offers a line of makeup and many videos. Check email for links to videos. Male students should apply a bit of makeup too so they are not washed out onstage. We'll post a video for boys too. Twinkle Stars ages 2-6 should use the Mode Dion color palette available for purchase at the studio, which is the perfect shade for their young faces.

PRE-PLANNING

The recital is not a one-day activity. It takes pre-planning and organization. Please gather all costumes, accessories, shoes, and makeup several days in advance so you'll know if something is missing. Bring extra hair gel, hairnets, bobby pins, and hairspray. Other handy extras include:

- Baby wipes (to fix makeup mistakes or wash hands)
- Baby powder (for itchy costumes and changing tights)
- Safety pins (for emergency costume repairs)
- Clear nail polish (to repair minor holes or runs in tights)
- Your pain reliever of choice
- Band-Aids (the invisible kind)
- Water
- Dryer sheets for getting deodorant off costumes
- Hairspray and rubbing alcohol for removing lipstick stains
- Plain tea bags neutralize the odor of shoes

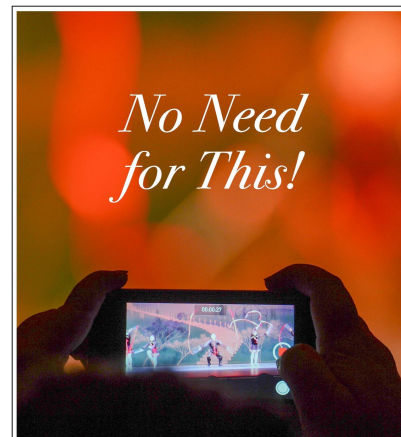
At dress rehearsal, a parent or guardian must accompany children under the age of 10 at all times. Please do not leave your child at the school by themselves at any time for any reason.

All students should have the brand and color of dance shoes required in our Dress Code. If you have any questions, please check the bulletin board.

NO VIDEOTAPING - NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY During Sunday Recitals

Professional Recital Video and Professional Action Photos:

We understand how important it is for each family to preserve their dancer's recital memories via video and still photos. We do not allow video cameras or flash photography in the theater during the actual performance. Flashes are distracting and dangerous to the dancers on stage. Remember, dancers are staring into a dark space and flashes from the audience can temporarily blind them resulting in collisions on stage and/or falling off the front of the stage. This is not an issue at dress rehearsal because the house lights are on while they are performing.



People taking video or shooting pictures of their child on stage block the view of and distract audience members seated behind and to the sides.

A video taken from the audience with a non-professional camera rarely turns out to look very good due to the challenging lighting, shakiness, and heads of audience members that block the view of the camera. No personal video cameras or smartphone video are allowed at the shows; however, they are allowed at the dress rehearsal.

Each performance is professionally photographed, videotaped, and edited. Our professional photographers and videographers do a wonderful job and are highly experienced in shooting and filming dance performances at conventions, competitions, and recitals. They produce excellent quality high definition videos.

You may order a copy of the recital in its entirety in DVD, Blu-Ray or USB. We will send an email with a direct link to Daedalus Media where you may order.

AUDITORIUM RULES

SBRHS Performing Arts Center restricts any food, drinking or smoking in the auditorium. En L'air is held responsible for any damage to the school. Please remind students and family members to respect the space and use trash receptacles. No videography or flash photography is permitted.

BACKSTAGE

The backstage area of the stage is for students and En L'air personnel only. The "dressing rooms" where the children will be while not onstage is a "female only" area. There are no dads or brothers permitted as there are girls of all ages using it to change costumes. Male students will be in the Boys PE Locker room. They will be assigned a parent volunteer. We know they'd prefer to be with their sisters or classmates, but this is not possible as female students will be changing clothing.

AWARDS CEREMONY

The annual awards ceremony will be held at the end of the 4:00 show. Students who have attended En L'air for five, ten or fifteen consecutive years will be receiving a special Trophy. We also award the Erika Hall Memorial Prize.

GIFT STORE

There will be an opportunity to purchase commemorative recital t-shirts, flowers, trophies and En L'air apparel. We will email details in February. It is customary in the dance world to present performers with a recital gift.

VOLUNTEERS

Anyone interested in volunteering to help backstage is much appreciated. **A volunteer signup form can be found on the front desk, at the end of this guide,** and also in the "Files" section of our FB page. Parents need only volunteer for one show and then they can view the second show from the auditorium with family. Moms who volunteer for a show receive ADVANCED SALE for tickets. We require two parents from each class for each show for students ages 2-6 and one parent for grades 1-6. All other students do not require a parent volunteer. They are well versed and trained in how to change costumes, etc. and how to get to and from the stage.

Volunteers are the reason our shows are successful. Without them, parents would be required to remain backstage with their children for both shows. That isn't much fun for anyone. Therefore, please consider becoming a member of the volunteer pool.

And finally, for the benefit of all, we ask for your punctuality, patience, cooperation, and understanding. Our shows are a high-quality, professional production complete with high definition sound, intricate lighting, props, beautiful costumes, and creative choreography. It is professionally filmed **and** professionally photographed.

The Spring Showcase is a highly anticipated event in the life of the students. This is everything to them; a chance to finally perform in front of an audience and showcase what they have learned. If there is a conflict, please call the studio and speak with the director at your earliest convenience. Dress Rehearsal is mandatory. Your child will be lost without it, especially with the new venue or if they are new to dance this year.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation and thank you for choosing En L'air School for Dance!

Volunteer Application for Recital 2020

Name:

Email:

Cell Phone:

During which show are you available to volunteer?

Sunday 12:00 show (11:15-1:45)

Sunday 4:00 show (3:15-5:45)

Which class are you available to volunteer with?

- Twinkle Stars Ages 3-4
- Twinkle Stars Ages 4-5, 5-6
- Mini ShowStars
- ShowStars Grades 2-3 (Tuesday)
- ShowStars Grades 4-5

Thank you for completing the application and for offering to join our Volunteer Pool. Volunteers are the reason our shows are not only successful, but enable parents to sit and watch the show with their families.

You will receive a FREE commemorative recital shirt for volunteering. The shirt may be for you or your child. Please circle size below:

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