

Steppin' Out Dance Centre

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Recital T-Shirts: Recital T-Shirts are on their way! All dancers 5&up are learning a special finale dance to perform at our recital! T-Shirts are \$25 (incl. tax). If you haven't ordered yours, our **final order will be placed on Monday, May 20th!**

Flowers for the Stars and Recital Bears: We will be selling flowers and dance bears in the lobby at our annual recital on a limited basis. Dance bears are available for pre-order in our dancewear store. They come in pink and purple and are \$25 each. Make your dancer feel special on his/her big day!

Recital Pictures: There's still time to order your recital pictures. Use the link and the passcode below to order yours. As a reminder, you have to place separate orders for each class. (Please check your email as the link was emailed to you from Bruce Haskell for easy access)

Picture Ordering Link - <https://bhp.hhimagehost.com/2024SODC>

Code - 2024SODC

Recital Video Forms: Order forms for this year's Recital video are now available. This year, all videos will be digital and no DVD's will be produced. This will result in videos of better quality and overall easier access. Digital links of our show will be \$40 for the first show and half price for the second show (total if you purchase both shows is \$60). As always, there is no videotaping or picture taking during the recital. We have hired a professional videographer to capture this special day and need to ensure a certain number of videos are purchased.

Speciality Numbers - Open to All Dancers and Their Families: Practices have begun for our family numbers including Mother/Daughter Clogging, Father Daughter/Mens Number and Family Funk. See separate handout for practice times. There is a \$20 family fee. Sign up in our dancewear store now!

Trophy Recipients: We will be ordering our 5,10,15,20,25,and 30 year trophies this weekend. Listed below are the names of the dancers who have signed up to receive a trophy this year. If you do not see your name on this list, please email us before Saturday, May 11th to be added to the trophy order:

5 Year: Lillian Rumery, Lydia Yates, Mina Lenahan, Lana Glasgow, Olivea Desmaris, Zaya Saucier, Zoe Rosario

10 Year: Brianna Birmingham, Emma Montoya, Madelyn Byrd, Christina LePauloue, Izabella Lizotte, Jolene Perkins, Megan Walsh

15 Year: Megan Orlandella, Stephanie Cote, Calista Saucier

20 Year: Melissa Montoya, Taylor Parsons

Dancers will receive their award right before intermission; onstage during both shows. Please wear a dress/nice outfit!

Last Day of Regular Classes/Instudio Rehearsal: Our last day of regular classes is Saturday, May 25th. One week of instudio rehearsals will follow (see below). We will run each number twice during their time block. This will allow dancers to begin to feel comfortable performing in front of an audience. Instudio times:

Tuesday, May 28th 4:30pm-7:45pm First Half of the 2pm Show

Wednesday, May 29th 4:30pm-7:45pm Second Half of the 2pm Show

Saturday, June 1st ~ 9:00am-12:30pm All of 10am Show (NO Productions practiced during this rehearsal)

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Dress Rehearsal/Recital Program: Dress rehearsal will be held on Friday, June 7th at Sanford Performing Arts Center from 3:30-8:30pm and we will be following the order of the show for this rehearsal in costume to practice spacing on the stage. Performance Teams will be practicing production numbers during dress rehearsal as well as our Small Fry Teams.

All dancers will be awarded a special ribbon for their participation in our 2023-2024 season. These will be handed out at dress rehearsal.

The Recital Program is now posted in our lobby. It will be emailed as well. Please look over the program to make sure your dancer(s) do not have any back to back numbers and that names are spelled correctly. The office needs to be notified of changes no later than Monday, May 13th. (As a reminder, we can not guarantee that changes can be made but we will do our best to accommodate). Our program will be finalized after this date and dress rehearsal times will be available and released on Friday, May 17th.

Recital Info/Tickets:

Our Recital is on Saturday, June 8th at the Sanford Performing Arts Center. Our Morning Show is at 10am and our Afternoon Show is at 2pm. Tickets are now available in our dancewear store from 6-7pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9-11am on Saturdays. Tickets are \$15 and are **CASH ONLY**. Please remember that all accounts must be current in order to purchase tickets. Dancers and children under the age of 4 will not need a ticket as long as they are sitting on a parents lap. All other dancers can sit in the gym and watch the show on the big screen.

Reminder: In order for there to be less distraction, any dancers 5&up should not be in the auditorium during the half of the show they are in. For example, if your dancer is only in the first half of the show, you can pick them up during intermission to watch the second half of the show. As well as this, in respect of our dancers and audience members, please wait until intermission or the end of the show before exiting the auditorium. If you absolutely must exit early, please wait until a number is done as the doors must stay closed during each number as it can be very distracting when the doors open during numbers. We highly encourage all family members and dancers to stay through the entire show. Our dancers and faculty have worked so hard to put this show together for you and all dancers are part of our finale number at the end of the show!

Summer Dance Classes and Camps Special: We will be offering a 5 week summer dance session starting in July as well as several different weeks of dance camps. Register for 2 or more weeks of dance camps by June 1st to get \$25 off! Payments for camps must be made before June 1st in order to receive the discount) Sign Up Now! See below for the list of camps we are offering this summer:

Perfectly Pink Sparkle Camp ~ June 17th-June 21st/Ages 5&up/10am-1pm/\$150 for the week

Swiftie Dance Camp ~ June 24th-June 28th/Ages 6&up/10am-1pm (\$150) or 10am-3pm (\$225)

Disney Princess & Pirates Week ~ July 15th-July 19th/Ages 5&up)/10am-1pm/\$150 for the week

Broadway/Animation Camp ~ July 22nd-July 26th/Ages 8&up/10am-1pm (\$150) or 10am-3pm (\$225)

Camping Week ~ August 12th-August 16th/Ages 5&up/10am-1pm (\$150) or 10am-3pm (\$225)

Pre-Register for Fall Classes: Our current dancers will have the chance to register early to ensure you get into the classes you want! Our fall schedule will be released by the beginning of June. Pre-register by June 15th and get \$10 off your registration fee.

Maine Spring Fling: Our Clogging Performance Teams will be participating/competing in the 3rd annual Maine Spring Fling on May 17th-18th, 2024. Wish all of our clogging teams good luck!