



RECITAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear parents,

Here is an important packet of information concerning the dance recital and dress rehearsal. Please look over this carefully so you will be prepared for both of these events.

Dress Rehearsal will be on May 25th at The Saenger Theatre. This takes quite awhile so come prepared to exercise patience. I will provide a schedule with your arrival time. I am going to start with our youngest dancers at 3:00, and progress to the older dancers throughout the afternoon. Children should be dressed in their first costume with hair and makeup done. Please make sure your child has eaten before coming to rehearsal or recital. Please do not send food with your child. They can have a water bottle (water only please). When your child has performed all dances, you are free to go.

For dress rehearsal, your child will stay with you. You will change your child and sit with them while you wait.

Recital will be May 26th. The performance will begin at 2:00. I am estimating it will last 3 hours. For **recital**, your child will need to be at The Saenger Theatre at 1:00. Upon arrival you will drop your child at the back stage door with extra costumes. Please have them dressed in their first costume with their hair and makeup done. You will not be able to enter the backstage area. The theatre will open for seating at 1:30.

For recital, all the students will be backstage with our volunteer helpers. Helpers will line them up and walk them backstage when it is time for them to go back. Helpers will get students changed backstage when it is time for a costume change. **Parents will not be allowed backstage for recital unless there is an emergency.** I will have teachers with the preschool groups, and they will provide entertainment, snacks, and peace of mind for all of you watching.

Creative movement parents will need to pick their dancers up immediately after they finish dancing. All other dancers will need to wait for the intermission after their final dance. This is for the safety of the dancers.

The third act will again be an Encore act for our competition dancers. We encourage everyone to stay and support them.

Recording the Dances

You may record the dances during dress rehearsal only. During the recital, we have a professional videographer taping the performance. A DVD is included in your recital fee. Video cameras will be held by the theatre if brought to the performance. Cameras will be allowed both nights, however, please no flash photography on stage. Please remind family members.

Other Info.

Hair:

Your child's hair should be worn in a bun, unless given special instructions. If costumes have hair pieces, make sure the pieces are labeled with a name somewhere and that they have a way of being attached to her hair. You can hot glue the piece to a barette. Please include bobby pins to fasten hair pieces the night of recital. Please make sure hair is sprayed well, so it will last.

Costumes:

If your child has 2 or more dances, please put extra costumes in a large brown paper bag labeled with your child's name. If your child has only one dance, please prepare brown bag with an outfit to wear home.

Bags need to include the following:

- All costume pieces for other dances. Each item should be labeled with your child's name.
- Shoes for other dances. Tap shoes should have ribbons, elastic, or strings to match the color of the shoe.
- Bobby pins (for hair emergencies) and safety pins (for costumes)
- Other tights
- Outfit to wear home

Under garments:

Panties are not to be worn under costumes!!!

For older girls, a flesh-colored thong can be worn if you want. Make sure bras don't show. For some costumes, a bra is not needed, for others, a strapless may have to be worn. There are a few costumes that are backless. If your costume is backless and you need a bra, they sell a backless bra at Victoria's Secret (it tapes on the sides).

Tickets will be on sale May 9th! Dancers are automatically allowed to enter the show. For each dancer, you will receive one free ticket that you must pick up prior to dress rehearsal. You will have to sign showing that you received this free ticket. All other tickets are \$10.00 per person (adult and children) and can be purchased ahead of time or at the door for \$12.00 per person. Tickets are general seating and are first come, first serve. All balances must be paid before receiving tickets to the performance. Children under two years old do not need a ticket.

Makeup:

The dancers should wear stage makeup for rehearsal and recital. Stage makeup is important because it will make their faces and expressions show up better from a distance and under the stage lights.

For very young girls: blush, eye shadow, powder, and lipstick is usually enough

For young girls: blush, eye shadow, lipstick, powder, and mascara. Maybe foundation?

For older girls and teens: foundation, blush, lipstick, eye shadow, liner, mascara, and powder

Body and hair glitter looks nice and is fine with me

I will be sending home the program order, which will include tights and hair styles for each dance.

Release Procedures:

This is extremely important. Our youngest dancers, including the Creative Movement and Pre-K dancers will have certain drop off and pick up procedures. All dancers under the age of 11 will need to sign in the night of recital. This will occur at the dressing room door for your class.

Creative Movement pick up: They will dance at the very beginning of the show. As soon as their dance is finished, you may come to the door backstage to pick up your child. At rehearsal I will show you the pick up area. It will be important to pick up in this spot because there will be security at all other doors, and no one will be allowed to enter. Please send one parent to pick up. We love for dancers to stay and participate in the finale.

Pre-K pick up: They will dance in the first two acts. Pick up will be at the parents discretion, but must be during intermission. One parent will be allowed backstage, and you must sign them out. No pick up will be allowed during show time. Dancers may stay and enjoy the show, and are invited to come onstage for the finale.

Volunteers:

If you would like to be a volunteer backstage, I will have a form to fill out. Also, if you know anyone who would like to help with show please let me know. It takes a pretty big crew to put on this show!

*****If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. My cell number is (850)450-6919**

