



Recital Handbook 2023– 2024

Recital Date: June 2nd, 2024

Dress Rehearsal Dates: June 1st, 2024

Picture Days

Pictures will be taken at Stage Door Dance Arts the weekend of April 5-7 (schedules will be given out approximately one month prior to picture day). All students are asked to be present for their class picture. After the group photo shoot, students may choose to have solo portraits created. Picture Day also serves as a “practice” for parents and students to know how the costumes, hair etc. will need to be for the Dress Rehearsal and Recital. Students must wear their full costume and required shoes for their dance(s). There will be a Costume Details Sheet passed out when you receive your costume. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes ahead of the scheduled time since photo shoots can run ahead of schedule. A \$10 sitting fee will be assessed for each student who chooses to participate.

Dress Rehearsal

The Dress Rehearsal occurs on the days leading up to recital and allows the students to become familiar with the theater’s surroundings and feel comfortable with their performance, costume(s), and being onstage. Participation in the Dress Rehearsal is mandatory. We run an organized and timely dress rehearsal; your help with the process will guarantee a professional production. Each class has a 10-20-minute time slot to rehearse their performance on-stage with their teacher. We ask that you arrive 20 minutes before your scheduled time slot. These time slots will be distributed by the beginning of April or at the latest, by Picture Day. Dancers sit in the auditorium and watch the other rehearsals until their class is called onto the stage. Dress Rehearsal is also the only opportunity for parents to videotape and take flash photography.

Name Check

Please see the programs that will be taped to the studio walls on picture weekend to verify the spelling of your dancer’s name. Please check it for accuracy and make any necessary changes.

Recital Day

The front doors for audience members to go into the auditorium will open 60 minutes prior to curtain call, please let other family members know so that they may arrive accordingly. Saving seats is strictly prohibited! Each family receives 2 complimentary tickets to each show in which their child participates. All other tickets must be purchased in advance or in the venue lobby.

Recital Performance Arrival and Dismissal

Parents/guardians should bring the students to the auditorium at the appointed time. Students will remain backstage for the entire performance. Parents are not allowed in the dressing rooms after the children have been checked in for the recital unless they are volunteering as a backstage mom. The only exception is that parents may come backstage during intermission to help facilitate hair and costume changes.

Special Note: Please do not attempt to pick up your child during the performance. All students will be under the supervision of responsible adults and will be safe for the length of the performance. The dressing rooms will have appropriate activities in place.

Volunteering

SDDA relies on the assistance of many dedicated volunteers to provide a high-quality performance experience for your children. Your child is a direct beneficiary of this volunteer effort, so we hope that you will become an enthusiastic member of the parent group that helps make a difference by volunteering.

Listed below are the different ways you can volunteer:

Backstage Mom:

Ensure the children are safe and accounted for in the dressing room and when not on stage. You will check their costumes and accessories before they go on stage. This person must be female for access in the dressing room. All male students will change in the boys dressing room and must have a backstage volunteer as well. This volunteer may be a dance dad.

Backstage

Family members and friends do not belong backstage or in the dressing rooms during recital unless they have been assigned as backstage help. Dressing Rooms are private spaces. Please remind family and guests to be respectful of this area. Those who wish to greet a performer after the show or present flowers should do so in the lobby or the auditorium.

Recital Etiquette

Dressing Room

We ask that you respect other students' space and property in the dressing rooms. The students will spend more time in the dressing rooms than onstage or in the theater. Please do your best to keep them organized and clean.

Approved Snacks:

Energy bars, apples, bananas, carrot sticks, string cheese, etc. No juice, soda, etc. allowed. Bottled water is permitted in dressing rooms. Costumes are expensive, and we do not want to have them ruined with snacks and drinks that stain. Absolutely no food is allowed in the auditorium under any circumstances.

Audience

Please silence all cell phones, and refrain from texting during the performances. Please remain in your seats during the entire performance. If you do need to leave your seat, please do so between numbers. Reminder: You will not be allowed to pick your child up from the dressing room or stage until after the finale. The only students who may leave during Intermission are Tippy Toes students who have already danced on stage.

Video and Photography

Dress Rehearsal

We allow parents to take all the video and flash photography you want.

Recital

Absolutely no flash photography will be permitted during the show. Please note: no videography will be allowed in the auditorium during the recital.

Recital Video

Stage Door Dance Arts will have a videographer (LPC Cinema) at the recital. Our INCLUSIVE PERFORMANCE PACKAGE covers media fees, which entitle each family to a professional digital download of every show.

Disclaimer

By participating in Stage Door Dance Art's recital, dancers and their guardians release the right to Stage Door Dance Arts to have a videographer at the recital. Parents also release the right to Stage Door Dance Arts to use any dance photographs, taken by Stage Door Dance Arts or its agents for use in the dance studio, on our website, or any other form of advertisement/communication.

Recital T-Shirts

SDDA will provide all students with a recital T-shirt as part of their performance package. Families have an opportunity to purchase additional recital t-shirts. These one-of-a-kind keepsakes will have a unique design according to the theme. Order forms will be available in the office and in the recital packet we email to each family.

Recital Awards

Each student will receive a personal participation award at the recital. These awards are covered in your performance package.

Theater Rules

No eating, drinking, or smoking is allowed in the theater. Dancers will remain in the dressing room with their backstage mom during the show when they are not on stage.

Seating is on a first come, first-served basis. No reserved seating is allowed.

Things to bring to recital

Suggestions from parents who have done this before:

- Baby Powder (for itchy costumes)
- Baby Wipes/Shout Wipes (to fix make-up mistakes or wash hands)
- Safety Pins (for emergency costume repairs)
- Clear Nail Polish (to repair minor holes or runs in tights)
- Band-Aids (the invisible kind or the shade that matches your child's skin tone)
- Make-up Remover
- Q-tips
- Hair Gel
- Bobby Pins
- Hairspray
- Extra Pair of Tights
- Nail polish Remover
- Pain Reliever of Choice

Final Note

We realize this is a lot of information. If you have any questions regarding any of the information listed, please call, e-mail or come talk to Mrs. Michelle. We are greatly anticipating this year's recital experience, and we appreciate your help and dedication in making the show the best it can be!

Performance Package

A NON-REFUNDABLE performance package fee will be due no later than October 15, 2022. Fees are \$150 for the 1st student, \$100 for the 2nd student in a family, and \$75 for each additional student in a family. Your performance package includes all production costs, a commemorative recital t-shirt, 2 tickets to each show in which your student performs, 1 recital award, and media fees to cover digital downloads of each show along with unlimited downloads of professional recital action photography.

If your child is not participating in our 2023 Spring Recital, you must inform the office in writing no later than October 15th.

Recital Costume Information

Anyone who has not paid their performance package fees and costume deposits in full will not have costumes ordered. There are no refunds for costumes once they have been ordered.

Costume Pricing

Prices include shipping and handling and the time to measure/order/sort/label/return, if needed, and store costumes for every student in the studio.

Tippy Toes Classes:

\$75 each plus tax. Each family will pay a \$75 deposit in November, and the balance will be due in January. (sales tax only)

Pre-School “Rhythm and Moves” Classes:

\$75 each plus tax. Each family will pay a \$75 deposit in November, a \$75 deposit in December and the balance will be due in January. (sales tax only)

Kindergarten, 1-2 Grade Ballet/Tap/Jazz, Jr. Ballet/Tap/Jazz, Intro to, and all Level 1-5 classes:

\$90 each plus tax. Each family will pay a \$90 deposit in November, a \$90 deposit in December, and the balance will be due in January. (All additional costumes + sales tax)

Hip-Hop and Cheernastics costumes:

\$130 each plus tax (these include shoes). Each family will pay a \$65 deposit in November, a \$65 deposit in December, and the balance will be due in January. (If the student is enrolled in other classes, then please use the formula for those classes instead) this formula applies to those students who are enrolled in only one hip-hop or cheernastics class.

Sizing

SDDA staff will measure your child during the month of November. Young children will be measured loosely, and growing room will be added. Every effort is made to ensure that the correct size is ordered, however, often an exchange is needed due to manufacturer error or an extreme growth spurt. The price of your costume is designed to cover the return fees that are inevitable with mass costume orders.

Distribution

A photo of your child’s costume will be distributed/posted by SDDA during costume week, which is the week directly before pictures.

Alterations

Although rare, minor alterations are sometimes needed after the costumes have been distributed and are the sole responsibility of the student’s parent or guardian.

Costume Care

We recommend that your child’s name be placed in all costumes, shoes, accessories, and tights. Be sure to prepare your costume 1 week prior to the recital. (Especially skirts that should be hung to “relax”) For rehearsal and recital, place costumes in a garment bag and accessories in a clear plastic bag with your child’s name on the bag. Please make sure students are not wearing parts of costumes to class.

Tights

You will get the tights requirement from your child’s instructor on the same day the costume is distributed. A second pair of tights offers students and parents a great sense of security...we highly recommended it. All recital tights can be purchased in the SDDA office.

Hair and Makeup

Hairstyle requirements will be available in a handout during costume week. Makeup application is not required, but is strongly recommended, for the Dress Rehearsal days for all ages. We recommend the following makeup on recital day, please use discretion about how much you apply in relation to the age of your child.

Eye Shadow: Dark Colors, i.e. Burgundy or Brown (NOT BLUE!)

Blush: Medium Dark Color (Burgundies)

Lipstick: Medium Dark Color...Burgundies and Wines (NOT RED!)

Mascara & Eyeliner: Black (false eyelashes recommended for pre-pro dancers)

Other Costume Rules

Remember...NO jewelry or underwear is to be worn at picture day, dress rehearsal, or recital.

Why? Unauthorized jewelry will cause a distraction to the costume and poses a danger to the students on stage. Underwear is meant to be worn completely UNDER costumes, if any portion of undergarments peek outside the costume (this includes bra straps regardless of color) it becomes a distraction and is NOT PERMITTED as SDDA.

Recital Program Advertising

Our Recital Program will be filled with recital information, photos, advertisements, an autograph page, ads from you and MUCH MORE! Fill out an order form, and your child will remember this season of dance forever!

Full Page: \$160.00

1/2 Page: \$85.00

1/3 Page: \$55.00

1/6 Page: \$35.00

Note: All Messages and Photos will be printed in black and white, except the Back Cover.

Ad Specifications

1/6 Page

Only 1 photo is allowed in this space with text. The photo can be no larger than a business card (the graphic artist can scan in your photo and reduce the size, if needed). You can typeset the space yourself and submit it; or give us the information and the graphic artist can create the message space for you.

1/3 Page

Up to 2 photos are allowed in this space with text. The photos, together, can be no larger than 3in x 4in (the graphic artist can scan in your photos and reduce the size, if needed). You can typeset the space yourself and submit it; or give us the information and the graphic artist can create the message space for you.

1/2 Page

Up to 3 photos are allowed in this space with text. The photos, together, can be no larger than 6in x 9in (the graphic artist can scan in your photos and reduce the size, if needed). You can typeset the space yourself and submit it; or give us the information and the graphic artist can create the message space for you.

Full Page

Up to 6 photos are allowed in this space with text. The graphic artist can scan in your photos and reduce the size, if needed. You can typeset the space yourself and submit it; or give us the information and the graphic artist can create the message space for you.

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