

Recital 2011 Information- "Don't Worry, We're Professionals"

The recital is one of the most memorable experiences for a dancer during the year. The dancers and choreographers put so much time and energy into this one performance and it's so important that we share this day with the ones we love. This is meant to be an enjoyable time for all involved. My goal is to have every parent be informed and aware of every event that leads up to the recital to ensure complete organization on all ends. This packet of information should do just that. But please don't hesitate to ask questions, no matter how small they seem.

Basic Information:

This year's recital, themed "Don't Worry, We're Professionals" will take place on Saturday, May 14th at 1:00pm at Salem State College's Mainstage Theatre. We will have one rehearsal on Thursday, May 12th at Salem State College from 4:30-8:30pm.

Ticket Sales- (Saturday, April 9th from 7-11am):

Each family may purchase up to 15 tickets for the recital. Tickets are sold by seat at \$20 for general admission. Doors will open at 7am and no earlier. Parents will take a number upon entering and be called in to purchase the tickets numerically. This process is quick and very efficient. Payment can be made by cash, check or charge (Mastercard and Visa). You will be able to choose your seating for the recital. All seats are great but buying them together ensures that your family/friends will all sit together.

Dress Rehearsal- (Thursday, May 12th from 4:30-8:30pm):

This is required for all dancers to attend. This is the dancers' opportunity to perform on stage before the recital and for the music and lighting to be synchronized with each dance. This day is important for dancers, choreographers, lighting, sound and stage managers. Dancers should arrive, and be accounted for, as close to 4:15pm as possible that day. This is a FULL-DRESS REHEARSAL so every dancer must bring, and dance in, all of his/her costumes. This includes all shoes, tights, accessories and hair. Please feel free to take pictures and video your dancers on this day only. Parents and siblings are welcome to stay during this rehearsal.

Recital Day- (Saturday, May 14th at 1:00pm):

Dancers should arrive between 11:30 and 12:00noon to be dropped off or chaperoned in his/her assigned dressing area. Dressing areas will be assigned and clearly marked for dress rehearsal and the day of the show. Dancers are asked to arrive in their 1st scheduled costume with hair and make-up done. Have all costumes, shoes and accessories organized with dancer's name labeled so no mix-ups occur. Dancers should pack water and clean snacks, only, for the day. We will have plenty of parent volunteers that day to watch over all children. Someone will always be available to help. We encourage all dancers to stay for the final bows. Younger dancers (ages 3-6) dance in the 1st half only. These dancers may be picked-up at intermission to watch the 2nd half in the audience. These dancers should return back-stage for the final bows.

Hair:

Pre-School students, ages 3-5, are asked to pull hair back in a half-ponytail if not specified. Sweep hair from just above the ears and secure it with a neutral colored elastic. Female students, gr. K-5 & Thursday 4:45-7pm classes, are asked to wear hair in a neat bun. Pull hair into a clean, slick ponytail first then wrap the hair and secure it with an elastic and bobby pins. Female students, gr. 6-12, are asked to pull hair into a low, slick ponytail with a clean part on the left-hand side of her head. Please make sure there are no "whispies" or hair falling down in dancers' faces.

Make-up:

Every dancer needs make-up to prevent the face from looking washed-out on stage. It's best to start with a base foundation followed by blush on the cheeks. Black eye-liner works best and should be applied generously to top and bottom lids. Eye shadows can be any color but browns and purples do work best for stage lighting. Mascara is a definite and always, if nothing else, Use a BRIGHT RED lipstick....think "fire engine". Dancers should wear this make-up for pictures, dress-rehearsal if possible and the day of the show!

Tights & Undergarment:

We are keeping this really simple. All dancers are wearing Jazz Tan tights throughout the show. All tights are sold in the boutique. Make sure you have proper stirrup tights for all "Lyrical" and "Modern" dances which can be worn for all dances. Older girls- please make sure you have proper undergarments. A nude strapless bra should be worn at all times or something that gives support. Nude body suits are also a great idea for dancers with quick changes. These can be purchase in the Boutique in April or May.

Shoes:

Make sure they fit and that you have them with you. The Ballet shoes are pink, Jazz shoes are tan, Hip Hop sneakers are all black and tap shoes are black. Let me know if you need new shoes ordered before the show.

Accessories:

If your costume has accessories for hair, head or hands, please be aware of them. These items can easily be forgotten so have them accounted for all events. All head bands or head pieces should be secured with bobby pins and any bows or clips should be on the RIGHT side of the head.

No-No's:

No earrings, except for studs, should be worn. No jewelry of any kind unless it's part of the costume. No chewing gum on stage. No runs, rips or tears in tights. No nail or toe polish. No panties!!!! Pretty costumes can be ruined by visible panties....tights are enough. No videotaping during the recital.

Items to pack:

Make sure you have a check-list so you don't forget your costumes, tights and back-up tights, shoes, accessories, handy wipes, bobby pins, safety pins, hairspray, elastics, make-up, a cover-up over the costumes, water and clean snacks.

The rest of the packet includes information on Picture Day, DVD orders, Message to Your Dancer for the recital program, the recital order and Summer Programs. All the information you need is included!!!!

Look forward to seeing you all soon!

Miss. Lila