

# RECITAL

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What time are dancers required to arrive at the theater?**

Dancers should arrive 30 minutes before the show (unless they have a blocking rehearsal and need to come a bit earlier – we will post it). Parents will drop them at the check in table in the hall near the dressing room and bathrooms just off the lobby area. Please do not go into the dressing room with them because it will get very crowded.

### **What does my dancer wear to the show?**

They should NOT arrive wearing their costume! Costumes are uncomfortable and can get damaged easily. Ballet dancers should arrive in their dance practice clothes (the required pink tights, black leo) with their ballet costume on a hangar. Some of the rented tap costumes go OVER the black leotard. They should also have a cover up to put over the costume while waiting or eating in it. If they have a bodyliner, that can go under the black leotard.

**Can we buy tickets at the door?** Yes, as long as the show is not sold out. We will put any sold out shows on the website.

**Can we buy tights or pick up our photos at the shows?** Yes, we will bring some supplies and any photos that haven't been picked up yet. We will also be selling show shirts!

### **Items to consider stocking in your dancer's show dance bag: (label everything):**

- > Hairspray, Bobby pins, safety pins, bandaids
- > Hairnets/hair elastics in color closest to hair color
- > Make-up remover (wipes are easy!)
- > Makeup box in case the dressing room parent needs to touch up or fix make-up
- > A small towel/blanket to lay out and organize their space
- > Extra tights, if tights are being worn as part of the costume
- > Water bottle, dry snacks like crackers and nuts (not peanuts) No orange colored snacks!
- >A robe or extra large button-up shirt to put over costume or under garments in case dancers run to the bathroom, or eat or drink water in the hall
- >A book, cards, quiet games, coloring book

**Can I pick my dancer up early?** The show will last 2 hrs plus a 20 min. intermission. If it is absolutely necessary to leave early, please try to do it during intermission so as not to disturb others and the video recording. If you leave early your dancer will miss final bows.

**How will you be dismissing the dancers?** Dancers age 8 or younger, will be dismissed on stage. After bows, they will return to the dressing room and get their stuff. We will then lead them back to the stage and they will wait onstage for you. Dancers age 9 and older will come out to the lobby to find you. Characters will stay on the stage if anyone would like to take pictures after each show.

**How long is the show? Will you be selling snacks or flowers?** The show is 2 hours long plus a 20 intermission and then bows are after. We will be selling flowers, snacks and drnks before and after the shows and during intermission.

**Can we eat food in the dressing room?** No. Only water is allowed. However, if the dancer needs to eat, she should take her food out to the hallway. Dancers never eat with their costume on! Bring something to wear over it if you must eat or drink while wearing a costume. Please do not bring orange colored snacks like cheetos that will ruin costumes and stain hands and faces.

**What will my little dancer be doing during the waiting time to get onstage?** The dressing rooms are well supervised. We will have games and coloring pages. The time actually goes pretty fast for them.

**How should my dancer do her hair and make up?** This has all been covered in their class. Please ask the teacher how they want hair and make up. Having said that, putting hair in a bun is usually the best bet. Young dancers need lipstick, eyeliner, blush, mascara, and sometimes eyebrow pencil. For girls age 8 and younger, please don't send lipstick with them. Their lipstick should be put on just before they arrive.

**My family member is in a wheelchair or is frail.** We like to sit handicapped people first. Please see a Greeter when you arrive.

**What if my dancer has lost her shoes or something else at the show?** We will have a lost and found box that will be on the check in table in the hallway.

**Will the show be professionally videotaped?** Yes, each show will be taped, edited, and packaged in a dvd case or a digital download. All orders can be made on the website under the recital page. Pre-orders, during the show orders, and post show orders will all be available.

**Where do volunteers go?** Dressing room volunteers go to the check in table where students are dropped off and get a name tag and find out their room assignment. Please arrive 45 min before the show. Greeters check in at the Will Call window to get programs. Greeters should arrive 30 minutes before the show and need to stay for 5-10 min after the show starts to seat latecomers.