

It's Recital Time!!!!

*What is a recital?

The recital is the end of the dance year's performance showcasing your dancer's awesomeness. It's a great way to set goals, be a part of a big theatrical production, get a chance to perform on stage, bond with your fellow classmates and create memories for a lifetime. It's a special time for dance studios. As educators, we absolutely love showing you what they have learned throughout the season and accomplish what they set out to do. And for some, just getting out there in front of everyone is monumental! The experience helps to develop a dancer's confidence, creates a team work-like atmosphere, introduces responsibilities (knowing your routine, coming to class regularly and being there for your fellow dancers) and cultivates a sense of community.

* When is recital?

Saturday, June 3rd (Rehearsal dates: weekdays prior)

* Where is recital?

Western Connecticut State University - Visual and Performing Arts Center - Lake Road Extension

*What recital am I in?

An additional document has a list of which classes are in which recital performance.

*What if I can't participate?

No worries. Your dancer will still learn the routine and participate in their classes as always. We will just place them in a spot where it won't affect the rest of the class when they are on stage. Please fill out this form if you are unable to participate: <https://forms.gle/iJZgvKSruh1CfWg78>

*What are the extra costs?

- Costumes: Costumes will be either purchased, rented or we will ask you to get something for the performance. Purchased costumes are \$85 and rented costumes are \$45. These will be billed on February 1st and due February 15th. Please let us know if you need a payment plan.
- Tickets: Tickets will be available at around \$20 per person. We will offer discounts for parents attending multiple shows, students and seniors.
- T-Shirt: Every year we print up a recital t-shirt with all the names of the students on the back. These run around \$20 each.
- Video: If you want to purchase the video download for your dancer's performance, that will be available as well. Pricing tba
- Shoes and Tights

*What time should I get there?

We suggest 30 minutes prior. For our young dancers, a volunteer or staff member will be watching the group in the dressing room, get them ready for their performance and then wait for you to pick them up.

*Can I volunteer?

Yes! We will offer a sign up for volunteers as we near the recital date. You will be allowed to go out in the house to watch your dancer as they perform. Then we ask you to take them back, get them ready for another routine if they have one, line them up for the finale and then wait until each dancer is picked up.

*What is the pick up protocol?

Each family member will receive a wrist band. That is the only person permitted to enter the dressing room area after the recital is over to pick up that dancer.

* When do costumes come in?

Beginning of March - April

*What if I am renting a costume?

We will bring the costume for you. Please put it back in its garment bag after the recital.

* How much are tickets?

Tickets are around \$20. Assigned Seating. The first two rows are reserved for our 5, 10 year students and graduating senior families. Dancers participating in the recital will be backstage during the performance and do not need a ticket. Children 3 and under also do not need a ticket. Ticket sales will start May 1st. You may use venmo to pay for tickets. @dance-etc-newtown

*Do I need to wear a mask?

No, at this time you do not need to wear a mask.

* Why does my child have to wear makeup?

If your child will be performing on stage, they need to wear makeup or they will be hard to see from a distance and the bright lights will wash them out. Blush, lipstick or lip gloss on little ones are highly recommended. Browns and whites for eyes are also recommended.

* What is required as far as makeup, hair, tights, shoes, & accessories?

Each class will receive specifics from their teacher on what color tights & shoes, hair style, and other additional costume notes. The Shoes/Tights/Hair list will be available (in April) on the website www.newtowndance.com or under the recital tab.

* Can I go backstage during the recital?

Only Volunteers and those with wristbands are permitted backstage or in the dressing rooms. The less traffic we have backstage, the safer the event is.

* If my child has a costume change, where do they change?

Dancers will have designated dressing rooms for changes. Dancers with quick changes will change backstage. All changes are done by faculty or with volunteers.

* Can I photograph/video during recital?

No flash photography or video is permitted during the performances. Because our performances are open to the public, we are unable to police who is video taping your children. We don't want

unknown individuals having video access to your child. It is also distracting to those behind you. We will be recording the show for you. Relax and enjoy the show!

We will be bringing our step and repeat to the venue. Please feel free to take photos in front of it.

* What is the reason for stage rehearsal? (Weekdays prior to June 3rd)

Stage rehearsals are meant so dancers can practice entering and exiting the stage, use of lights and blue/blackout, practice spacing, and dancing in front of audiences without mirrors. These rehearsals are MANDATORY - Please submit unavoidable conflicts for that week ASAP!

* Where do I bring my child for stage rehearsal? Do I stay?

All dancers report to the auditorium and sit with class till their stage time. Parents are welcome to stay. Each routine has approximately 10-15 minutes on stage.

* How long is each show?

Each show is about 60-90 minutes. Each show has a variety of all ages and genres of dance. Our dance team show will have 2 acts that will run about 90 minutes each.

*Is there intermission?

In the dance team show only.

* Are dancers allowed to watch the show after they are done dancing?

Dancers are allowed in the auditorium during the recital if there is room.

Additional notes:

* Make sure costumes are not wrinkled. Keep hung up and steam if necessary.

* Label EVERYTHING with your child's name.

* Remove noticeable tags.

* Make sure tights and shoes are clean, no holes, near new conditions.

* No valuables.

* Only water and dry snacks in dressing areas.

Recital Class Assignments and costume choices are in the Costume PDF document. If your recital class is using your team costume, you will not be billed an additional costume fee. If your class has "RENTAL" in the title, that means your class is renting a costume from us for the show. Our theme is "The Newspaper" (remember those!?)