

2024 Spring Recital - January Packet

GENERAL INFO/EXPECTATIONS

- PLEASE READ PACKET CLOSELY 2-3 TIMES!
- MRS. NATALIA MEANS BUSINESS ON ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS!
 - The drill sergeant comes out at the recital.
- COMMUNICATION IS KEY!
 - Check email/junk daily, social media, and text alerts.
 - If you are not receiving these things, let us know!!
 - Things can change due to unforeseen circumstances between this packet and the next.
- All themes, costumes, music, and recital-related things will be decided by Stellar Dance Center.
 - We will make age-appropriate choices, I assure you.
- “On time” means DRESSED with CORRECT shoes, hair, etc at the listed times. **Ready to dance at your scheduled time**, not pulling up in the parking lot at your scheduled time. If you miss rehearsals, your child does NOT participate unless illness (doc note required) or other situations beyond your control.
- ALL REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES WILL BE AT THE GLEMA MAHR CENTER FOR THE ARTS.
- All Dance With Me, Creative Movement, and Combo classes will have 2 routines: a ballet and hip hop.
- If you have family members who are helping you in any way, please make sure they are also aware of the rules.
- A thorough Glema video “walk-thru” will be shared closer to recital time.
- **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RECITAL.** It is NOT mandatory. However, if you choose to do it, all the requirements and expectations must be followed.

DATES:

- **Informal Rehearsals:** Monday, May 6th & Tuesday, May 7th from 3 - 8:30pm.
 - Your child will NOT be there this whole time and small children will not be there past 7/7:30pm. I just need these times/dates free until final schedule is made in March.
 - Dancers will be in lobby areas/stage only (no backstage use).
 - A schedule will be posted and followed closely. Once posted, you’ll know exactly when your child needs to be there and picked up.
 - Wear ALL BLACK classwear. NO COSTUMES.
- **Dress Rehearsal:** Friday May 10th @ 5pm
 - Backstage Check-in
 - 7yrs & Under: 4:30pm

- 8yrs+: 4:45pm
 - Anticipate a LONGER dress rehearsal with 3-4 run-throughs because we are allowed LESS informal rehearsal time than in the past!
 - Dancers may check out after their LAST routine finishes onstage.
 - I DO NOT KNOW WHEN IT WILL END...7:30-8:30PM?
- **RECITAL: Saturday, May 11th**
 - Show #1: 1pm
 - 7yrs & Under: 12:30pm
 - 8yrs+: 12:45pm
 - Show #2: 6pm
 - 7yrs & Under: 5:30pm
 - 8yrs+: 5:45pm
 - Dance With Me, Creative Movement, 6-8yr Ballet, and 6-8yr Hip Hop will be assigned ONE show to perform at. All other classes should plan to perform at BOTH SHOWS until further notice.
- **REQUEST OFF WORK NOW IF YOU NEED TO FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE DATES/TIMES!**

COSTUMES

- Dancers with more than 1 sibling at Stellar or those enrolled in multiple classes must pay 65% of costume cost up front. Remaining balance will be due by Feb 1st.
- Costumes will be distributed after all students have tried on, exchanges made, and after all tuition balances have been paid. You will NOT get your costume if you have unpaid tuition with the studio.
- Take care of all accessories! We can't order individual items if lost.
- MALE DANCERS NEED TO SEE MRS. NATALIA FOR ALL COSTUMING. IT IS NOT THE SAME AS THE GIRLS!

OTHER COSTUME NEEDS

- Tights
 - All ballet classes, including Dance With Me, Creative Movement, & Combos: ballet pink
 - All Jazz classes, Musical Theater, 9-11yr Acro, and Lyrical classes: nude/tan/skin tone
 - Hip Hop classes do not need tights.
- Shoes:
 - All ballet classes, including Dance With Me, Creative Movement, & Combos:
 - Ballet Pink Slippers
 - All Jazz classes, Musical Theater, Acro, and Lyrical classes:
 - Nude/Tan Jazz Shoes

- Hip Hop Classes, including Dance With Me, Creative Movement and Combos:
 - any mostly black tennis shoes. High tops preferred, but not required. No specific style or brand.
 - Wear BLACK socks with your shoes!
- Recital t-shirts
 - Required for Dance With Me, Creative Movement, and Combos.
 - Recital t-shirt and black leggings will be their hip hop outfit.

RECITAL T-SHIRTS – ORDERS DUE BY MARCH 15TH, 2024

- T-shirts are optional for all members except Dance With Me, Creative Movement, and Combo kids.
- Adults may also place an order.
- COST - \$15 plus tax (\$15.90). **Payment is due up front.**
- Recital t-shirts come in YXS-YXL, AS-AXL. *Larger than AXL will incur a higher fee. We can check!

RECITAL HAIR & APPEARANCE

- HIGH BUN: All Dance With Me, Creative Movement, Combo's, and 6-8yr Ballet.
 - Clips/barrettes should be worn over the right side of the bun.
- LOW PONYTAIL, PARTED CENTER: All other classes.
 - Clips/barrettes should be worn over the right side of the ear.
 - Ponytail accessories over the base of the ponytail.
 - Hats/headbands worn centered and bobby-pinned.
- Hairstyles will not change during the recital since so many kids do multiple classes.

OTHER APPEARANCE DETAILS

- Rhinestone earrings may be worn. **NO OTHER JEWELRY ALLOWED!**
 - Performance rhinestone earrings are usually available at Sally's.
- Makeup is OK, but nothing crazy unless otherwise directed.
- No panties worn under tights (older students may wear NUDE undies who are performing multiple dances, but we should NOT see your undies onstage!!)
- All undergarments should match outer layers of costume or be hidden. No bra straps showing, crazy color undergarments, etc. Older girls need to get an appropriate undergarment ahead of time.
- Strings in ballet shoes should be knotted, cut to an inch in length, & tucked in.
- **NO LONG FINGERNAILS**, even before we perform. Long fingernails are not good to practice in at the studio! They are distracting, but also potential to scratch each other during rehearsals!
- No nail polish, except clear or French manicure. Crazy colors will be removed backstage.

BACKSTAGE EXPECTATIONS

- No one backstage, except volunteer parents, after drop-off. 5 minute limit – get in & out quickly!
 - Prepare young participants for this separation!
 - (1) Dance With Me female parent/guardian will be required to stay backstage with their child.
- Children may bring entertainment that will NOT alter the appearance of the costume.
 - Not responsible for lost items!
 - We provide crayons and coloring books backstage.
- Room assignments will be posted closer to recital time, on the website.
- Organize costume attire in a garment bag so that volunteers can easily help change your child.
 - Older ones should practice at home how to keep their things organized in their bags.
 - Write your child's name in everything: costumes, shoes, tights, t-shirts, etc.
- ALL STUDENTS HAVE TO BE CHECKED OUT **BY AN ADULT** FROM ALL REHEARSALS & SHOWS.
- Girls have to get used to changing in front of each other. Please prepare them! There is limited privacy.
- Male participants will be backstage, but will have a separate waiting & changing area away from the female participants.
- **NO OTHER MALES BACKSTAGE. We have teenage girls backstage changing!! LET DADS OR GRANDDADS KNOW WE WILL NOT ALLOW THEM ACCESS BACKSTAGE!**
We always have an angry man or two by the backstage door.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS:

- We require backstage “dance moms.” Beware....it is organized chaos.
- ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED AT THE DRESS REHEARSAL AND BOTH RECITAL PERFORMANCES!
 - If your child is in Creative Movement, I will only need you for your child's rehearsal & show.
- Volunteers will be needed to help: changing students' costumes, hair, potty breaks if needed, keeping everyone quiet backstage, escorting children to and from the stage, etc.
- You may be assigned to a room that is not your child's, based on how many volunteers we get. You have to be willing to help anyone!
- You do not have to buy a recital ticket, since you will not occupy a seat.
 - You may watch your child on the wings of the stage or stand on the sides in the audience.
- Volunteers will receive a free recital t-shirt. Let us know if you want it for you or for your child!

- Let us know if you are willing to help :)

REHEARSAL & RECITAL RULES

- Everyone participating in the recital must attend ALL theater practices. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- BE ON TIME (early) & PRESENT.
 - Every year, students get cut from the recital for failure to show up when they are supposed to.
- All rehearsals are closed. Only dancers, teachers, and **one guardian**/student allowed in the audience!
 - If you have other children who are NOT participants, they are NOT allowed in the auditorium. We apologize for the inconvenience.
 - If in the audience, absolutely no distractions or noise.
 - Silence cell phones, no phone calls taken inside the rehearsals, no loud conversations.
- No food or drink (except water) may be consumed while in costumes.
- No food or drink in the auditorium. Water may be consumed in other rehearsal areas.
- **Please make sure your child eats before rehearsals & the recital performances.**
- Spectators must give their full attention and respect to ALL performers!
- PLEASE RESPECT FACILITY & SDC VOLUNTEER STAFF! Follow instructions, monitor children so they are not damaging exhibits in the hall, etc.
- All outstanding balances MUST be paid by mid April. If unpaid, your child will not be allowed to participate in the recital.
- FAILURE TO FOLLOW RULES MAY RESULT IN BEING ASKED TO LEAVE OR DISMISSING CHILD FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE RECITAL.

PERSONAL PHOTO & VIDEO

- No videos taken during rehearsals.
- Any personal photography/videography may NOT interfere with audience viewing (including, but not limited to: raising up equipment over head, standing up, etc) If you must do these things to get the shot you want, please move to the back/side of the audience BEFORE the dances begin, so that everyone can view the dances clearly.
 - NO LARGE TABLETS (iPads, Notebooks, etc)!
 - NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY!

RECITAL DVD'S:

We will no longer offer this option.

PROFESSIONAL RECITAL PHOTOS

There will NOT be a professional photographer set up, but we will have an informal backdrop for personal pics. We encourage you to make a photo session with a photographer of your choosing for professional photos!

TICKETS

- Ticket sales will be online only, through TutuTix (like Christmas Showcase).
 - There will be no recital ticket sales at the Glema. We are NOT allowed to sell on campus.
- General Seating
 - Do not save seats! If you want to sit with friends & family together, arrive together!
- COST:
 - \$12.
 - 6yrs & under are free.
 - YES, if you want to watch both shows, you must purchase tickets for both shows.
 - Studio dancers do NOT pay admission.
- TICKET SALE TIMES:
 - Tickets will go on sale the last two weeks prior to the recital.

**MORE INFO REGARDING INFORMAL REHEARSALS, DRESS REHEARSAL AND
RECITAL DAY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED CLOSER TO TIME!**