

Center Stage Dance

Recital 2024 - Season 10

February 2024

Dear Parents,

I can't believe that not only has 2023 come to and end but we're already a month into 2024 ... and a month into Recital Season!

For all of our new families who have not participated in a Spring Recital, this letter should help familiarize yourself to the recital process and important dates and information.

The Spring or Recital Session culminates with the performance on June 15th. Enrollment is now closed for the session. You will not be able to drop any classes at this point (cutoff deadline was emailed out in November/December). Tuition will be due through June 11th for **ALL** classes.

RECITAL: Saturday, June 15th - Showtimes TBD

Dress Rehearsals: **Wednesday & Thursday, June 12th and 13th**

Costume Payment Due: **Monday, February 19th**

For all returning parents, you might be wondering why we hadn't sent this letter sooner. The venue we usually use could not accommodate us this year. We have spent months touring finding and touring a lot of different venues. There were a lot of delays from a number of venues in finalizing availability which made it challenging to actually secure a venue until just recently.

For some new families this might still feel like "Wow!, June seems so far away". In order to get all of the costumes in hand by June we actually need to start in January. We took a big chance and started measuring and ordering costumes a couple weeks ago, so we wouldn't run in to too many issues. We still have a lot more to order but now we need YOU!

To receive a costume for your child we need your permission to charge your account and acknowledgment of participation in the Recital on June 15th.

We have set up the Parent Portal so you that you can easily respond and let us know you are participating in this year's Recital (see details at the end)

How It Works

Performing in the recital is not a requirement. We do, however, encourage your child to participate as we think it is a wonderful program that your entire family can enjoy. It can be a valuable learning and self-esteem-building experience for your child. For families in our three-year-old classes that do not perform in the recital we will have an in-class presentation at the dance studio during their last class in June.

To manage and minimize the number of students backstage and the length of each show, there will be 3 different performances. Most students will perform in only 1 show, however there may be some students performing in two shows or siblings that are performing in different shows. We make every effort to organize the recitals by age and level to avoid as many conflicts as possible. Please know that we have spent hours working out a schedule that not only has as few conflicts as possible but that also provides the best experience for the performers and audience members. It is impossible to accommodate every situation though.

Costumes

The costumes prices are as follows, \$89.95 plus tax (\$98.49) for children's sizes and \$94.95 plus tax (\$103.97) for adult sizes. We have been measuring students individually when classes resumed in January to determine which costume size they will need.

We will deduct all costume payments directly from your account on the dates below. If we do not have your payment, we cannot order your child a costume. Payment in full is due on **February 19th, 2024** for all participating students. For students performing in more than four numbers, you will be charged the first half of the balance on **February 19th** and the remaining balance on **March 15th, 2022**.

If you decide not to have your child participate in the recital they are still more than welcome to continue with the class through **May 7th**. If you later change your mind, after the orders have been placed, an additional fee of \$25.00 will be added for postage & handling (if the costume is still available and can be shipped in time). These are fees that are charged by the manufacturer, not Center Stage Dance, since the costumes will be shipped separately. All late additions will first need to be cleared by the Class Instructor.

In celebration of our 10th Season, the 2024 Recital "A Decade of Dance" will be held on **Saturday, June 15th, 2024** in Burbank, CA. Dress rehearsal will take place on the **Wednesday and Thursday, June 12th and 13th 2024**. Dress rehearsal is a **Mandatory** rehearsal. If your child does not attend the dress rehearsal they will not be allowed to perform at the recital.

Tickets

Tickets will go on sale for Recital in May. We anticipate the recital tickets to be the same as last year, around \$35.00 per ticket. We will be at a new theater this year and we haven't done a detailed review of the seating plan yet, so determine if there is any seating differences.

We appreciate that these additional costs (recitals costume and tickets) are meaningful and we do everything we can every year to keep the cost down as much as possible. The recital tickets sales cover the cost of the Venue, the staff working backstage and the technical team (lighting and stage hands).

Why do we charge for costumes/tickets/media separately instead of having a single recital-fee that would cover all of these things? Recital costs come in different shapes and sizes and we feel the most transparent way to keep costs fair and as and

evenly spread out for everyone is to keep them separate. We will be sending out more information about Recital Tickets, purchase date, and how to reserve your tickets in future recital updates.

If you have any questions or concerns about the performances, costume sizes, safety measures etc., please don't hesitate to ask. We aim to present your child in a supportive, safe atmosphere of excellence that you will remember always. We are certain this is your wish too and we look forward to working with you on this great event.

Media

As always, filming and photography is not allowed during our Recital or Dress Rehearsals. We have a professional company who films the Recital. Every family will be charged a one-time media fee and given access to these videos. These videos will once again be available to stream on our website, our Vimeo Site and will be available to download so that you can keep and share them with your family and friends.

We just ask that you do not post the videos on any social media platform or post them on any other online public forum.

It is important that you let us know whether your child will or will not participate in the recital as soon as possible.

Please log in to your Parent Portal and Respond by
February 13th, 2024.

To Respond using the Online Parent Portal

- Log in to your Account
- Follow the Notification Icons
- Next to Your Child's Name select "*View [CHILD's Name]*"
- Click on the Pencil to Update your Child's Information
- Enter "Yes" or "No" to Participate in Recital
- Select Save at the Top of the Page

We strongly urge you to **add Dress Rehearsal** and **Recital** to your calendar **NOW**. In the past, families have discovered conflicts at the last minute and their children have been disappointed at the prospect of not performing a dance they spent months learning.

Sincerely,

Miss Amy and Mr Will