

Center Stage Dance

Recital 2025 - Dancing Through Life

January 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Recital Season! It's hard to believe we've been doing this over a decade now. Each year is bigger and better than the previous year and while it is a really amazing, fun, smooth season, there is A LOT of information to process all at once.

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. This is where the kids shine and show off all of their hard work from the dance season.

For our returning families, you know that every year we make a few tweaks and changes to the Recital as it grows and evolves, so please make sure you mark everything down now as well. One new change this year is the addition of a second performance date. With our expanding schedule and growing number of class bodies, we may need to add an additional performance (4th show) to our Recital, with 1 performance on Friday evening and 3 performances on Saturday (as usual).

RECITAL PERFORMANCES

Friday, June 6th & Saturday, June 7th - Showtimes TBD

Dress Rehearsals

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, June 3rd, 4th and 5th

Costume Payment Due

Wednesday, January 15th

Recital Participation Response

ASAP - through the Parent Portal

The Spring or Recital Session culminates with the final performances on June 6th and 7th. 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). Tuition will be due through June 7th for **ALL** classes.

For some new families this might still feel like "Wow!, June seems so far away", but since June is typically recital time for most dance studios across the country, in

order to get all of the costumes sized and in hand by June we actually need to start ordering in them January.

To receive a costume for your child we need your permission to charge your account and acknowledgment of participation in the Recital on June 6th and 7th.

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, our recital is broken up in different performances. Most students will perform in only 1 show, however there may be some students performing in two or more 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 spend **hours** and **hours** every year 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.

Call time for ALL performers (your dancers) is 45 minutes before show time. Performers will remain backstage until the end of the show. For safety reasons we do not allow any dancers to be released during the show. Audience Doors generally open around 15 minutes before the performance is scheduled to start.

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 will be 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 **January 15th, 2025** for all participating students. For students performing in more than four numbers, you will be charged the first half of the balance on **January 15th** and the remaining balance on **February 15th, 2025**.

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 11th**. If you later change your mind, after the orders have been placed, an additional fee of \$45.00 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 ordered and shipped separately. All late additions will first need to be cleared by the Class Instructor.

Attendance

Dress rehearsal is a **Mandatory** part of the Recital Event. 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, starting at \$35.00 per ticket. 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).

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 of \$40 and given access to these videos after recital. These videos will once again be available to stream on our website, our Vimeo Site and can also be downloaded 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.

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 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.

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
January 13th, 2025.

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 calendars **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