



## DRESS REHEARSAL AND RECITAL INFORMATION 2018

The opportunity to perform in a recital is an exciting, empowering and confidence-building part of the training process. This is where we love to watch our students learn about the theater, rehearsals and teamwork while they enjoy the opportunity to showcase their skills in a professionally run production. Recitals are a wonderful way for students to showcase the results of their hard work and for family and friends to join in the pride of their achievement. We love giving all students the chance to perform for their family and friends in this supportive and fun environment and encourage even our youngest and newest performers to be involved. If there is any reason why your child will not be able to perform at the concert on the dates and times provided in this handbook, please let us know so we can make amendments to the class routines involving them.

### Important Dates:

Picture Day will be held on Sunday, May 6th. Please see the schedule on the recital page of our website for your class time!

Dress Rehearsal for the Afternoon Performance will be held on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm

Dress Rehearsal for the Evening Performance will be held on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm

Recitals will be held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 12pm and 6pm. Please refer to the show order on the "Recital" page of our website to find what show you will perform in.

### What to Wear:

For all of the above dates, please wear your recital costume as well as full hair and makeup. It is important to wear hair and makeup at dress rehearsal as you will wear it in the recital so that dancers can practice quick hairstyle changes if necessary. Teachers will discuss specific hair and makeup styles with each class prior to Picture Day.

### Costumes:

Please make sure you have all costumes, tights and accessories organized! We recommend putting your name in all clothing and accessories (especially basics like black pants/shorts that most dancers have!) to make sure that no mix-ups occur. Some dancers find it useful to bring costumes in a large laundry basket to keep all their belongings contained in one place.

All dancers who have a costume change need to purchase a nude leotard to wear underneath your costume. Please note that only nude undergarments are allowed to be worn underneath costumes! No colored bras, underwear, or leotards are allowed. We recommend Dance This Way in West Concord to purchase these items!

Please wear the tights that you received for the performance. This ensures that everyone has matching, clean tights onstage.

Please take off all jewelry prior to going onstage. This includes hair ties on wrists, earrings, etc!

PLEASE DRINK WATER ONLY IN YOUR COSTUME!! NO FOOD WHILE WEARING COSTUMES.

### Makeup:

Teachers will discuss specific makeup requirements with each class, but dancers should wear at least eye shadow, mascara, blush, and lipstick so as to not look washed out under the stage lights.

### Hair:

Teachers will discuss hairstyles with each class, but please make sure hair is done neatly to the teacher's specifications. Please match all hair elastics, hair nets, and bobby pins to your hair color. Make sure to use hairspray to ensure that your hair does not come undone during performance! Make sure to secure any hairpieces, hats, etc to ensure that they won't come off during the show!

### What to Expect-Dress Rehearsal

Here at Acton-Boxborough Dance Center, dress rehearsals are a super important part of preparing for our recital. This is where we get to see the costumes working on stage in a group to really compliment the dances your children have been working so hard on throughout the year. It gives us a chance to make any adjustments and ensure that everyone has time to get ready between their dances. We can see if any costumes are missing hairpieces or need adjustments. Even more important, it gives the stars of our show a chance to get up and rehearse on the big stage - a very different environment than they are used to within the studio walls. They can overcome some of the jitters that may hit when the bright lights come on and really prepare themselves for the show ahead. It is a fun and rewarding experience and a great chance to play with their friends and watch some inspiring dancers as they wait for their turn in the spotlight.

When you arrive at dress rehearsal, please check in at the desk in the lobby. You will be directed to your class's assigned spot in the theater. Each student is allowed to have **one** adult accompany them into the auditorium. Students will sit in the theater during dress rehearsal, and we will have runners coming to line classes up to go backstage. Classes of younger students will have an older student or adult sitting with them, please let them know if you need to use the bathroom or leave the auditorium for any reason. Dancers are free to go after they have rehearsed their last number. We will not rehearse final bows at dress rehearsal. Please check out at the same desk that you checked in at so that we can ensure everyone gets home safe. **Dancers must be checked out by a parent unless we are informed in advance that they will be driving him/herself to the theater. No exceptions!!!** Safety is our number one priority. Please let us know if your dancer will be going home with another parent or guardian.

Dancers that need to change costumes at dress rehearsal can change in the bathrooms. Please tell whoever is supervising your group if you need to leave the auditorium for a costume change

Photography and videotaping is NOT allowed during dress rehearsal.

NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM. Please let whoever is supervising your group if you need to step outside to eat.

Dancers and their chaperone sitting in the auditorium during dress rehearsal are expected to be quiet and respectful of the dancers onstage. You are encouraged to bring homework or a book if desired.

### What to Expect-Recital

Dancers are expected to arrive in their first costume with their hair and makeup done at the specified call time. Please check in at the entrance and you will be told where to go. Dancers with fewer costume changes will be in the cafeteria and dancers with quicker changes will be in the back hallway behind the auditorium. Both areas will be supervised by adults, so please no parents in the backstage areas. We will be able to help dancers with costumes, makeup, and hair.

Dancers are encouraged to bring something to keep them busy while they are backstage. We will provide some basic art supplies to keep younger students busy.

Dancers in Preballet, Kindergarten Combo, Kinderhop, and Kidz Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop and Tap Gr 1-2 are allowed to watch the act that they are not performing in. Dancers performing in the second act ONLY should be checked in backstage at intermission. Dancers watching the second act should be brought backstage 4 dancers before the finale.

All dancers will come back onstage for the finale at the end of the show in their last costume! Please stay until the end so that your dancer can go back onstage and be applauded again for their hard work!

The doors to the theater will open 30 minutes before the show time. Seating is general admission. Priority seating is given to parents of graduating seniors.

No photography or videography is permitted during the recital! DVDs of the show will be for sale.

Tickets will be sold at the recital as well.

**NO FOOD OR DRINK DURING THE AUDITORIUM!**

After the finale, dancers will be brought back to the cafeteria or the back hallway where they can be picked up by a parent. Please notify us in advance if your dancer will be going home with another parent/guardian, or if they are driving themselves.

## Awards

Dancers receiving a 5, 10 or 15 year award should go on stage in their last costume and bow in the finale. They will be called up during the awards ceremony to receive their trophy. If you are performing in both shows, please let us know if you have a preference as to which show you receive your award at.

Student assistants should bow together in the finale as you will be recognized during the awards ceremony.

Graduating seniors will also be recognized during our awards ceremony. Please inform us what your plans are after graduation so that we can share them with our audience!

## Checklist

- Costumes
- Hair accessories
- Tights
- Makeup
- Nail polish remover
- Hair elastics
- Bobby pins
- Hair nets
- Makeup remover
- Hairspray
- Dance shoes
- Snack
- Water bottle

Please be aware that ABDC is not responsible for lost or stolen items. ABDC recommends that you do not bring valuable items backstage with you.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Why do we have to pay for recital tickets?**

-There are a lot of expenses that go along with putting on this performance! Venue rental, overtime custodial services, lighting and tech crew, tickets/program printing, etc! We would not be able to put on a recital without charging for tickets.

### **Who needs a ticket to the recital?**

Everyone over the age of 3 attending the recital needs a ticket. Please consider volunteering backstage for one of the performances and you will receive a free ticket to the show of your choice!

### **Why are dancers required to wear makeup?**

-Dancers wear makeup to enhance their facial features, which get washed out under the bright stage lights!

### **Why aren't I allowed backstage with my child?**

-It would be too difficult to keep track of everyone if each child had a parent backstage! You are always welcome to volunteer to be a backstage helper, however! Volunteers and backstage helpers are assigned to stay with dancers backstage, and can help with costumes, bathroom breaks, etc! We will have snacks and water, coloring books and crayons for the dancers, but you may also send them with a (non-messy!) snack and water bottle and any other activities you want.

### **When are we allowed to take photos/videos?**

-You may not take photos of dancers on the backdrop during Picture Day. We do allow you to take photos during the dress rehearsal, with NO flash! Flash photography can be extremely dangerous to the dancers. However, we ask that you only take photos of your own child, and do not post photos containing children other than your own on social media. Please respect everyone's right to privacy! Videotaping and photography is NOT allowed during dress rehearsal or during the recital. It is very distracting to other audience members trying to enjoy the show. We have a professional videographer that will video both performances so that you can relive the moment for years to come!

### **Does my child have to stay for the entire show?**

-Yes, please! All our dancers have worked very hard, and deserve to be recognized in the final bows at the end of the show! It also makes it much more difficult for us to ensure that everyone is released to the proper adult if dancers are leaving mid-performance.

If I volunteer to help backstage, can I still watch my child dance?

-Yes! You can either watch from backstage, or slip into the audience before your child's dance. And don't forget, volunteers receive one free recital ticket!

### **Who can come to dress rehearsal?**

Dancers should be accompanied by ONE pre-registered adult (we will have a name tag waiting for you at check in). If siblings need to accompany you as well, that is fine-no need to let us know! This is to ensure things run smoothly and everyone is accounted for! Older dancers (in junior high and high school) may be dropped off, but should bring homework or something to do while not dancing.

### **What should dancers wear under their costumes?**

If dancers are only in one dance, they don't need to wear anything under their costume besides tights. Dancers in more than one dance are asked to wear a skin colored leotard under their costume to ensure modesty while changing!

### **I have a young child coming to the recital. What should I do if we need to leave the theater?**

You are welcome to pop in and out of the auditorium as needed, please just try to select a seat on the end of a row and near the door, and enter and exit the theater in between dances!

### **What happens at the end of the show?**

All our dancers will come back out at the very end of the performance to take a final bow! This will be followed by a brief awards ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, our youngest dancers will remain onstage, and a parent/guardian is invited to come forward and pick them up!