



Children's Division Information Packet

Recital 2019

Follow Your Heart (Show A)

Mandatory Dress Rehearsal – Friday, May 31st @ PPAC
Dancer Check-In @ 1:45pm, Rehearsal 2:00-3:00pm

This is a mandatory rehearsal for all students who are performing in the recital. Timely attendance is required, but *please do not attempt to check-in early*, as we are running a tight schedule of 3 different dress rehearsals in one day. **Students should arrive already dressed in their first costume.** Students will be checked in at the side door entrance of the Performing Arts Center starting at 1:45pm. The entrance will be clearly labeled with signage reading "dancer check-in here." All dancers must be checked-in and ready to dance by 2:00pm. Students who have more than one costume should be dressed in the one they perform in first (recital line up will be released in the coming weeks), and bring all additional costumes, shoes, and accessories backstage with them. Dancers must arrive with hair and make-up completely done. Each class has an assigned "runner" who will escort the dancers everywhere they need to go backstage, as well as assisting them in changing costumes, if necessary. Runners will be the child's teacher, or another experienced, responsible assistant. Parents and siblings are not permitted in the Performing Arts Center at any time during dress rehearsal, as all dress rehearsals are closed. Parents are welcome to enjoy shopping and food services in nearby downtown Covington while dress rehearsal is in progress. Classes will be released through the same entryway after the dress rehearsal is finished. Classes will be released in chronological order based on the normal day and time of their dance class. Timely check-out of your child is of *utmost importance*.

Recital – Saturday, June 1st @ PPAC
Dancer Check-In @ 9:30am, Show Begins @ 10:00am

Please be on-time! **Students should arrive already dressed.** Just like dress rehearsal, students who have more than one costume should be dressed in the one they perform in first, and bring all additional costumes, shoes, and accessories backstage with them. Students will be checked in at the same side door entrance of the Performing Arts Center at 9:30am. The lobby of the PPAC will open at 9:30am for show attendees, and theater doors will open for seating at 9:45am. This year, all tickets include assigned seating, and ushers will be on hand to assist you in locating your seats. Parents and siblings are not permitted backstage at any time. Dancers must remain backstage with their assigned "runner" until the show is completed. Complimentary recital t-shirts will be distributed to each performing student backstage. At the end of the show, all dancers will be brought to the stage for a final applause, year-end gifts, and some special awards for exceptional students. After this is completed, dancers will be released by class in chronological order, according to the day and time of their dance class. The location of check-out will be provided from the stage. Dancers cannot be released prior to the conclusion of the show. This is for their personal safety as well as assisting us in running a smooth and timely production.

Dress Rehearsal & Recital Location

Porter Performing Arts Center – 140 Ram Drive Covington GA 30014

Hair, Make-Up, & Accessories Information

A ballet bun is required for all classes with the exception of hip-hop, for which a bun or ponytail is acceptable. Students enrolled in hip-hop AND another class should plan to wear their hair in a ballet bun for all routines, as there will not be sufficient time to change their hairstyle during the show. For ballet buns, please be sure to use plenty of bobby pins, hairspray, and a bun cover!

Not sure how to style a neat ballet bun? An instructional video is available on our YouTube Channel. Search for *A Step Ahead- Bun Tutorial*

Find us @ A Step Ahead Performing Arts Studio on YouTube

The recommended make-up is mascara, pink blush, and a rosy pink lipstick. This basic enhancement helps the dancer's face stand out on stage, and not be lost under the bright stage lights. If any of your child's costumes required tights, they were included in the bag. Please make sure to have the correct shoes for each dance your child is in, whether ballet, tap, or hip-hop. The final page of this document includes a complete listing of Children's Division Show A classes along with tights and shoe requirements for your convenience. Any costumes that are sent home with accessories in the bag are to be worn for picture day, dress rehearsal, and recital! Please ask your child's teacher for instructions on how to wear the included accessories (it is okay to wait until picture day to do so).

Parent Volunteer Positions

Each year we put together a great team of parent volunteers who work alongside our faculty members to make the recitals a success. We couldn't do it without you!

If you'd like to volunteer, please shoot us an email at admin@astepaheaddance.com.

Available positions include:

Flower Sales

Ticket Taking & Program Distribution

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Picture Weekend – April 12th & 13th @ ASA

Recital pictures will be taken at ASA on April 12th & 13th. Please see the online parent portal for the picture schedule. Please follow the instructions above regarding hair and make-up for picture day. We request that all students plan to attend their assigned recital picture time, even if you do not intend to purchase photos. We display class photos in our recital program, so you do not want to miss picture day! There is no cost to participate in class photos. Individual photos are optional for all dancers. If you wish to have individual photos taken of your dancer, please be prepared to remit a deposit to the photographer on photo day. We ask that you arrive in a timely manner, as we are running on a specific schedule, and every effort will be made to stay on schedule throughout the day. Each class will be escorted by one of our faculty members to the photo room. Family and friends are not permitted in the photo room.

Recital Fee Inclusions & Recital Tickets

Each student paid for a recital fee package which included their performance fee, costume(s), a recital t-shirt, and a digital download of the professional recital video (DVD copies will be available by special order for an additional fee). Recital tickets are not included in the recital fee. Recital tickets are \$10 and will be sold beginning on Wednesday, May 1st through our online ticketing provider. A clickable link will be posted to the ASA Recital Portal one week prior to the beginning of ticket sales. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first served basis, and there is no limit. All tickets include assigned seating. Although we will sell any remaining tickets at the door, we strongly recommend purchasing your tickets in advance. All attendees ages two and older must have a ticket. Children under the age of two may enter without a ticket ONLY if they will sit in a parent's lap, they may not occupy their own seat. Recital programs are complimentary for all ticketholders.

Recital Flowers

Recital bouquets will be available to purchase on recital day. Our bouquets range from single rose bouquets to much larger arrangements. Prices range from approximately \$5.00-\$25.00. All flower sales are CASH ONLY!

Photos & Video Recording Policy

If you would like to take pictures of your child on stage, bring your camera, but please do not use flash. **VIDEO RECORDING IS ILLEGAL DUE TO MUSIC COPYRIGHT LAWS AND IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. This includes recording on cell phones, iPads, and similar electronic devices.** Please remember that you will receive a professional video of the recital, so you can enjoy those precious memories!

Recital 2019 Children's Division Show A - Shoe, Tights, & Hair Requirements

Class Description	Required Shoes	Required Tights	Hair
Dancing Dolls - Mon. 5pm	Pink Ballet Shoes	Pink Tights	Ballet Bun
First Steps – Mon. 6pm	Pink Ballet Shoes	Pink Tights	Ballet Bun
Munchkin Hip Hop- Tues. 4pm	White Sneakers*	Tan Tights	Ballet Bun (or Ponytail, if only enrolled in hip-hop)
Dancing Dolls 2 – Wednesday 5pm	Pink Ballet Shoes	Pink Tights	Ballet Bun
First Steps – Thursday 4:30pm	Pink Ballet Shoes	Pink Tights	Ballet Bun
Ballet Babies – Thursday 5:45pm	Pink Ballet Shoes	Pink Tights	Ballet Bun

*Munchkin Hip-Hop (Tuesday 4pm) – White Lace-Up Sneaker

Links below are suggestions, which are mostly affordable options. Parents are not required to purchase a specific brand. The most important requirement is **color** for uniformity of the class.

- <https://www.target.com/p/girls-larina-solid-lace-up-sneakers-cat-jack-153/-/A-51574388#lnk=sametab>
- http://www.payless.com/kids-airwalk-legacee-sneaker/78591.html?dwvar_78591_color=grey_turquoisecanvas
- https://www.amazon.com/Sugar-Spice-Fashion-Sneakers-Toddlers/dp/B07K3T1HVG/ref=sr_1_25?fst=as%3Aoff&qid=1551807475&refinements=p_n_size_two_browse-vebin%3A5391079011&rnid=5391076011&s=apparel&sr=1-25