

DANCE LOFT PLUS

RECITAL 101

Everything you need to know!



Friday June 3, 2022

Welcome to Recital Season!

The Dance Loft Plus' Spring Recital is the culmination of the instruction and experience throughout the past 5-9 months. The purpose of the performance is to showcase the skills that the students have learned this year. The experience allows students to perform in public on a professional stage with lights, costumes, music, scenery, and an audience. Performing also helps them build self-esteem, confidence, and pride in their efforts; while it provides a way for you, their family and friends, to show your support and pride to them.

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BE BACK IN A THEATER ON A PROFESSIONAL STAGE!

The most important thing to know is that we want this to be a memorable experience for your student and family both backstage and in the audience. We go into many of the details in this packet so that you are prepared to enjoy the excitement of the day. If you have any questions relating to the information in this packet or the performance please do not hesitate to ask one of our staff members or a long standing parent. Also if you have suggestions we are always open to ways that would improve your experience with our studio and the annual recital.

If this is your first dance recital, we are so excited for you to be participating with us and hope that this packet will make your day go as smoothly as possible. For those of you who have participated in our recitals before, we would love your feedback on how we could make the recital day (and week) better. Please read this packet and ask any questions or offer us suggestions.

Happy dancing!
DLP Staff

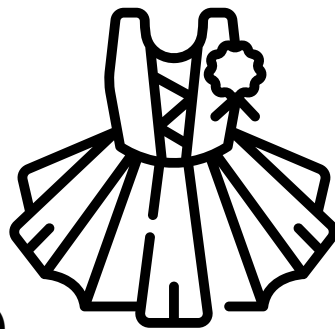
Summary of Events

There are many small but important events that occur in the weeks leading up to the recital! Check out the details and mark your calendars. Details as we know them so far are included in this packet; missing details for a specific areas will be given when it becomes available.

Costumes

Costumes are beginning to arrive! When your costume arrives it is displayed on the Costume Wall. Students will try on their costume during class and practice their dance in it. Any alterations will be noted. After class the costumes are returned to Ms Carol and again displayed on the Costume Wall. The Dance Loft Plus will hold onto the costume until closer to recital. This is so that it can not be lost, damaged, or altered before the performance. When your account balance is paid in full or a payment plan has been arranged with Ms Carol they your costume can go home.

Every costume will come with a garment bag, hanger, accessories, costume, and 1 new pair of tights. These tights are to be worn for Picture Day, Dress Rehearsal, and Recital Day. If you wish to have multiple pairs of tights you will need to purchase them prior to the performance and we will include them with your costume. You are responsible for students having the correct pair of shoes, and posted hairstyle.



Costume Rules (for before the show)

- **No food or drink in your costume they are Dry Clean Only**
- **Wear only once to show your family so that it doesn't rip.**
- **Make sure everything you need returns to the garment bag!**

Showcase Dance

Students who have been dancing with the studio for 5+years or show significant skills will be personally invited to participate in a Showcase Dance (formerly called the Awards Dance or the EPE Dance). Special practices will be scheduled throughout the months of April and May. This dance is optional to invited students; if you can't attend 4+ practices or would be overwhelmed with your other routines you can choose to NOT participate. If you want to participate but can't make the first few practices please let one of the DLP Staff know so we the teacher can plan formations with you included.

Costuming will be discussed with students in May and details sent home. It is possible that an outfit will be provided from the Costume Barn for students to borrow; or a general idea description will be provided and students will be responsible for their own costume. An example of this would be that students need to wear an outfit that includes one or multiple of these colors: Navy, Burgundy, Gold. Or another example is that all student must wear the Recital T-Shirt and black bottoms. It is a general rule to have a black/nude leotard and Black bottoms (capri, shorts, pants/leggings) to wear under or readily available when participating in special dances.

Showcase Dance begins Saturday, April 16 at 9:30AM
Teacher Invite Only. A minimum of 3 classes is required for participating in this dance.

Show & Tell

As dances become finished we want the students to not only be wonderful but them to be accustomed to performing in front of an audience. So we have what we call Show & Tell. We combine classes into the big room and alternate showing each other our dances. Older students will offer feedback to each other to help them improve their routines.

During Classes - Month of May

Parents Dance

Just as the students have been working on a routine for the performance; we offer the parents or family members a chance to perform as well. This dance is oftentimes one of the highlights of the recital for the students. They love to see that their parents are willing to try what they love to do - Dance and Perform.

The parents dance is a 6-week class free to parents or family members to learn a simple dance either in the beginner level dance style or just a simple line dance. The style varies from year to year based on the theme, music and performers. It is FREE of charge to participate in and you will receive a free ticket to the performance also. Costuming is determined by the teacher and can often be found in your closet at home with an accessory provided by us. For example when the parents danced to Come Fly With Me the costume was dress pants, a white dress shirt and tie; we provided the pilots hats and wings to complete their costume.

Parents Dance begins Saturday, April 16 at 11:00AM

Sign up on the picture wall. A minimum of 3 classes is required for participating in this dance.



Finale Dance

Basic Level classes and above will learn a Finale Dance to perform as the last dance of the performance. This dance is a quick and easy to learn line-dance. Its just a fun way to end the show and celebrate a year of dancing.

During Classes - Month of May

Tech Week

Let the excitement build as the recital approaches during Tech Week! The week before the recital is known as Tech Week. This week is different from a standard week of classes and the last chance to practice our routines for the performance. Tech Week has something happening almost everyday.

Tech week starts with Memorial Day, Picture Day on Tuesday, & Wednesday is Dress Rehearsal. This year we have an extra day on Thursday to practice if we need it to run any of the dances one last time; we can also use this day to for last minute pictures.

Monday: Memorial Day (No Classes)

The beginning of the week is a National Holiday that our studio observes. There are no classes that day. Enjoy the day with your family and friends.

Tuesday: Picture Day

Every year we take class and individual photos. A schedule will be posted on the Announcement Wall that details when classes will have their pictures taken. Details in the next section

Wednesday: Dress Rehearsal

Dress Rehearsal is a practice performance right before the real performance. Further details explained in the next section.

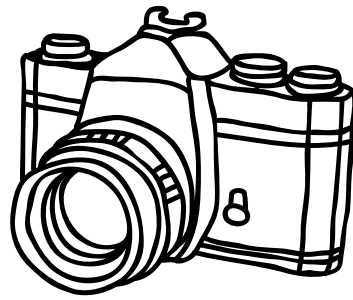
Thursday: Extra Day

There is no set plan for this day at this point in time. However if we decide that we need an extra day for pictures, practice, or help with Recital prep this is the day that it will be on.

Friday: Recital Day

The long awaited day! The day of the performance and end of the Spring Season. Further details in the next section.

Picture Day



Remember each year with pictures of your student in their costume and with their class. The ONLY activity we do on this day is pictures; there will be NO DANCING!

Miss Mindy (who has a degree in photography) will set up a studio in the large classroom and take photos of every class. Every student is photographed in an individual pose; this picture along with a class photo is provided to the studio and posted in a Picture book.

Photo packages can be purchased by families both in-person or online through the Online store via your parent portal. A purchase form will be available at the photography display with package options and rates.

A schedule of class times will be posted on the announcement wall if you can not make it to the assigned times please inform us to make other arrangements. Either arrive in or change into your costume, new tights (provided with costume), shoes and hair styled as instructors directions; the small classroom will be set up as a dressing room. Make-up is per your choice though most choose to do a minimal amount.

**THERE SHOULD BE NO UNDERPANTS, JEWELRY,
OR COLORED NAIL POLISH!**

This is to provide a clean, polished, and uniform look to the dancers. Exceptions to the underpants are Male students, Special Abilities students, and students who are not potty trained yet.

Dress Rehearsal

Dress Rehearsal is at Xenia Community Center

Wednesday June 1, 2022 @ 5:30PM.

Only 1 parent allowed to attend.

The recital order and dress rehearsal schedule will be posted on the announcement wall and online when it becomes available.

Please arrive by your time block so that you don't miss your class. At the start of each time block we will make some important announcements concerning recital day and students will practice the finale.

When you arrive bring your dancer into the gymnasium, have a seat, and wait until your dance is announced. There will be no repeats or restarts so please arrive on time.

Dancers will be in full costume which includes costumes, tights, hair accessories, dance shoes, hairstyles, and makeup. You are welcome to change at the location just be ready to perform at the time of your dance's time block. All bangs must be pulled off the face and hair sprayed, gelled or pinned back. Dancers are encouraged but not required to wear some makeup (base, blush, eyeshadow, eyeliner and lipstick) as it helps faces to be seen from stage and on the video. General rule of thumb for performances is to go darker than normal because the stage lights wash out the faces. The best eyeshadow colors are browns, blues, and purple.

DO NOT WEAR UNDERPANTS, JEWELRY OR NAIL POLISH!

Please be a good audience during Dress Rehearsal. Laugh, clap, cheer and be appreciative of all the effort the students have put into their classes this year!

Recital Day

Recital is at John Legend Theater

Friday June 1, 2022

Students arrive by 6:00pm - ALL DANCERS MUST CHECK IN

Performance starts @ 6:30pm

Set-up/Rehearsal - 4:00pm / 5:30pm

Volunteers and students who wish to rehearse on the stage before the show should arrive extra early. We will begin setting up for the show around 4:00pm help is always welcome. We recommend students in the Level 2 and advanced classes arrive early to settle in and rehearse on the stage. If your student needs a ride in order for them to rehearse on stage then please inform Ms Carol and we will arrange either a carpool or one of our staff to pick them up.

Check-In

When you arrive on recital day please check in with Ms Carol or your dressing room manager. This is so we know that all students are present and ready to begin the performance. During check in just one parent will be given a backstage pass and that parent will be allowed to come back stage at the end of the show to pick up your dancer. After check in parents will take their dancers to their designated room either the Dressing Room or the Green Room.

Check-Out

Dancers 10 and under must be picked up by the same parent after the finale. Older dancers may check out on their own with their Level Mom/ Dressing Room Manager, or Ms Carol. All dancers must check out so that we know that students are with family members. Please take your costume, shoes, and all personal items with you after the recital. We want to leave the theater in the best condition possible.

Note: Creative Movement and Special Abilities students are the only students allowed to be picked up or dropped off at Intermission or during the show. You will be notified at Dress Rehearsal if this is you. You still need to check in with Ms Carol when you arrive at the theater.

Green Room

The Go Room is a room for the youngest level students (Creative Movement & Pre Level) to hang out instead of watching the show. There will be games, coloring books, puzzles, etc to entertain them. A Green Room Manager will be present at all times. This person is a friend of the DLP Staff and has no reason to watch the performance. They are there to help the Class/Level Moms when needed and is in charge of the room. The dancers will be dropped off here with their Class/Level Mom(s) who will take care of their dancers during the performance.

PLEASE INSTRUCT YOUR DANCER TO STAY IN THE STUDENT SECTIONS AND WITH THEIR LEVEL MOM(S). Recital is fast moving and we don't want your student to miss any of the fun or more importantly their dance because they aren't where they are suppose to be. If for some reason you need your dancer during intermission please talk with the Student Section Manager that way we can keep track of all the dancers and so they won't miss their dance.

Dressing Rooms

Students in Basis Level and up will be assigned to a Dressing Room. A Dressing Room Manager(s) is in charge of these rooms so what they say goes. She is there to help you with changing your costume answering your questions, and supervising students. Basic/1 classes will also have a Level Mom to watch these students. The dressing rooms are directly off the stage so keep your talking level to a whisper. They are fully equipped with bright lighting, seating, garment racks, mirrors, desks, and tv's that will be showing the performance live! These dancers need to check in/out with the Dressing Room Manager. Restrooms and water fountain (bring a water bottle) are close to the dressing rooms.

- **PLEASE NO JEWELRY, NAIL POLISH OR UNDERPANTS.**
- **You can arrive either in costume or change at the theater.**
- **Be ready by the start of show regardless of when you perform.**
- **Bring a Water Bottle for the fountain; Only the bottle function works.**
- **Check out with Dressing Room Manager**

John Legend Theater

We are fortunate to have found a date possibility at John Legend Theater in Springfield, OH. I know this is a bit of a drive but this place will provide your student with a true Theater experience for their Recital! This is a really unique and special theater and your students have worked hard to show off all they have learned. We are so proud of them. The other great news about this theater is there are NO MASK REQUIREMENTS! They have a NO FOOD/DRINK policy in the auditorium. Dancers are allowed a bottle for water backstage that is it.

Tickets

John Legend Theater is handling all of our Ticket Sales this year. They have recommended that you call into their Box Office to reserve your seats. You can do this online on their website also but there is an extra fee to us when you do this, please just call. Oh, And don't ask about JOHN LEGEND himself... no he doesn't have an office there, no he won't be at the performance, he simply donated a significant portion of money to improve the theater in his hometown. There is UNLIMITED SEATING so invite as many people as you want. It is reserved seating on a first come basis. There are very few bad seats but we don't recommend the first 3-5 rows as they are below stage level. Yes tickets will be available the day of show but it is best to reserve them ahead of time.

Tickets go on Sale May 1, 2022

John Legend Theater

- **700 S Limestone St Springfield, OH 45505**
- **Box Office - 937.505.2945**
 - **Adult Tickets \$12**
 - **Youth/Senior Citizen \$9**
- **<http://www.getcareerconnected.org/john-legend-theater-2>**

Other PreSale Items

There are a few items that we do special for this performance and they can be purchased before the show at the front desk or through your parent portal online. Here are their details.

Pictures

Pictures of your student in their outfit and with their class are available in many package options. Check out the attached form for details and pricing.

Recital T-shirt

Get a Recital T-shirt to commemorate the day! Order one for the who family if you want. These shirts are tri-blend so they are extra comfy and have our recital design & date on them. Extra shirts will be sold at the theater.

- Deadline May 7, 2022
- Adult Shirts \$25
- Youth Shirts \$18



Stargrams

Stargrams are messages to your dancers that go into the program. Some examples are...

- "Good Luck on your first recital {student}! Love Mom & Dad"
- "{Student} so proud you. Have a great recital. - GMA
- " {Student} I love how we can COME TOGETHER (their song title) for your dance recital and celebrate in a theater again! - Love your family
- Deadline May 21, 2022
- \$3 for 30 Spaces
- \$5 for 60 Spaces

Flower Bouquet

You can pre-order a flower bouquet of roses through the studio. This bouquet is for YOU TO GIVE to your student. We are guaranteeing that the flowers get to the theater on the day of show. Order them today and pick them up in the lobby during the intermission, then give them to your dancer after the show. Limited Extras will be available for purchase at the theater.

- Deadline May 14, 2022
- 3 Stem Bouquet \$12
- 6 Stem Bouquet \$18
- Personalize Name \$2



DVDs

We are still tracking down a videographer for the day of recital. When we will know the correct price for a DVD recording of the recital. The price listed below is a historic number for your planning ahead.

- Deadline Jun 3, 2022
- DVD \$28

Recital Package

The Recital Package is the quickest way to order all of these special recital related items. It includes a Recital T-shirt, 6 stem bouquet, DVD, and 60 space stargram. Pictures are not included as they have their own package arrangements. As a thank you we give you the star gram at no charge and will include your student's name in the bouquet of flowers.

- Deadline May 14, 2022
- Package \$65



Recital Week

To mark your calendars

- 5/30 Memorial Day (Closed)
- 5/31 Picture Day
- 6/1 Dress Rehearsal
- 6/2 ???
- 6/3 Recital Day!

JOHN LEGEND THEATER



Box Office - 937.505.2945



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Springfield, OH 45505



RECITAL PRE-ORDERS

Recital T-shirt

Deadline: May 7, 2022

- Youth Shirt \$18
- Adult Shirt \$25

Flowers

Deadline: May 14, 2022

- 3 Stem Bouquet \$12
- 6 Stem Bouquet \$18



SPECIAL DANCES

Showcase Dance

Saturdays @ 9:30AM
Starting April 16

- Dancer Invite Only
- Minimum of 4 classes
- Costuming TBA

Parents Dance

Saturdays @ 11AM
Starting April 16

- Any Parent or Relative 18+ can participate
- Minimum of 4 classes
- Easy to learn!

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