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## **RECITAL 2021**

"BETTER TOGETHER"

Saturday, June 19 at 12:00PM & 6:00PM

Stanly County Agri-Civic Center

## **THEATRE SHOWCASE**

Wednesday, June 16 at 6:00PM

Stanly County Agri-Civic Center

*The Stanly County Agri-Civic Center is located at 26032 Newt Road, Albemarle.*

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## **PLEASE MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW ALL OF THE STANLY COUNTY AGRICIVIC CENTER'S COVID POLICIES**

While at the Ag Center, we must follow their policies and guidelines in regards to COVID. Those in the lobby must be masked and practice social distancing. Those in the audience must be seated (unless entering, exiting, or going to the restroom) and masked at all times. Those that are backstage (adults and dancers) must social distance and wear masks as much as possible. Those on stage should social distance when possible but do not have to wear a mask while performing. Please make sure that anyone bringing your child, or guests attending shows are aware of these rules. We don't want to risk ruining our dancer's chance to perform because we don't follow their rules.

## STAYING INFORMED

*Do the following things to stay informed!*

- **Please read all newsletters and other school information.**
  - Newsletters are e-mailed. We answer email on a daily basis. Feel free to email questions to the office at: [info@AlbemarleAcademyofDance.com](mailto:info@AlbemarleAcademyofDance.com)
- **Join our Facebook & Instagram**
  - [Facebook.com/AlbemarleAcademyofDance](https://www.facebook.com/AlbemarleAcademyofDance)
  - Instagram: [@albemarleacademyofdance](https://www.instagram.com/albemarleacademyofdance)
- **Subscribe to our text reminders**
  - Follow these directions:



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## ATTENDANCE

We are now in the final stages of planning and rehearsing for the performances. We do not devote entire class periods to recital rehearsals because we prefer that our students continue to work on developing their technique. We do, however, expect students to be present and on time for their classes. It is imperative that all students be able to rehearse their dances as a group. Practice time isn't productive without everyone present. It is especially confusing for the students when they have to 'pretend' that someone is there. It is also impossible for students to remember or even learn their dances when they are not in class on a weekly basis. AAD reserves the right to remove students, who are not attending class on a regular basis, from the recital. This includes dancers who miss multiple classes, or have to "sit-out" due to tardiness or inappropriate attire, or dancers who create a disruptive learning experience for the entire class.

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## PARENT VIEWING AND INFO SESSIONS - JUNE 7-11

During the week of June 7-11, we will hold parent viewing and information sessions during the last 10 minutes of each class. During this time we will give out recital costumes, go over detailed recital information, and give parents a chance to ask any recital questions. Please mark your calendar and make sure to join us!

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## THEATRE SHOWCASE

We hope you will join us for our theatre showcase on Wednesday, June 16 at 6pm at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center. This show is an opportunity for our theatre students to display their talents for everyone. This is a free event, but due to COVID, we do ask that you RSVP by going here:

<http://bit.ly/2021theatre>

## REHEARSALS - JUNE 13-17

**There will be no regular classes held at AAD during the week of June 13.** All classes this week will be replaced with rehearsals that will be held at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center stage in order to better prepare the students for their performance.

- Rehearsals may be a different day and/or time than your regular weekly classes. Please check the sheet included in this folder titled "RECITAL REHEARSAL & SHOW TIMES" for your child's specific rehearsal times.
  - Dress children in regular dance attire during regular rehearsals June 13-17.
  - Parents are not allowed in the auditorium during rehearsals. The students need this time to get acclimated to their surroundings and concentrate on their rehearsal. ONLY the volunteer(s) assigned to the classes rehearsing will be allowed to accompany the class during rehearsals.
  - A staff member will bring the students back to the Ag Center lobby after their rehearsal is complete. You are welcome to drop your child off, or wait in the lobby until they are done.
  - Please do not attempt to sneak into the auditorium during rehearsals. You will be asked to leave.
  - Monday, June 14 through Thursday, June 17 you may continue to register for summer or fall classes and take care of AAD business. We will have an office area set up at the Ag Center. Please do this before Friday; we will not be available for this during dress rehearsal or recital.
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## DRESS REHEARSAL - FRIDAY, JUNE 18

**Participation in the dress rehearsal is mandatory.** The dress rehearsal allows the students to become familiar with the auditorium surroundings and feel comfortable with their performance, costume(s), and being onstage.

- Friday, June 18th, is a dress rehearsal and students should be dressed just like they will be for the actual recital performance. This includes shoes, hair, tights, & make-up.
  - Students should arrive fully dressed in their first performance costume at their call time! Please check the sheet included in this folder titled "RECITAL REHEARSAL & SHOW TIMES" for your call-time.
  - Make sure you are present for parent viewing & info sessions (June 7-11); we will tell you the show order so you know what costume to send your child dressed in first.
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## RECITAL - SATURDAY, JUNE 19

- While we do have two showings of recital, both are different, so your child may be in just one show, or possibly both. Please refer to the included sheet "RECITAL REHEARSAL & SHOW TIMES" for your child's specific information. Students should arrive fully dressed in their first performance costume at their call-time (please check the sheet included in this folder titled "RECITAL REHEARSAL & SHOW TIMES" for their call-time). Fully dressed includes costume, hair, make-up, shoes, and tights. Make sure you are present for parent viewing & info sessions; we will tell you the show order so you know what costume to send your child dressed in first.
- Video cameras/still cameras/phone cameras may NOT be used at any time during the recital. Crown Productions will be recording; they produce a great quality video at a very reasonable price. AAD also hires a professional photographer to take photos and we will post & email out a link to ALL the recital photos after recital that are available to you for FREE.
- Doors to the auditorium will open for audience members 30 minutes before each show starts. Please be considerate when standing in line and choosing seats. Families should be seated together and socially distanced from other groups. Masks must be worn the entire time. Those with reserved seating will begin seating before those with general admission seating.
- It is up to the discretion of the AAD Staff to have removed any audience member, parent/guardian, volunteer, or performer who is disrespectful to any Ag Center employee, security, volunteer, director, or staff member working at the recital. Please make sure your guests are aware of these policies and that they follow all theatre etiquette.

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP OF STUDENTS

### **DURING REHEARSAL WEEK (SUNDAY, JUNE 13 – THURSDAY, JUNE 17):**

- When you get to the Agri-Civic Center, come to the lobby. Check-in at our makeshift “office” During this time you can still handle any outstanding AAD business.
- Your children will be taken back to their rehearsal by AAD teachers, assistants, or designated volunteers.
- You are welcome to stay, or leave and come back when their rehearsal is scheduled to be complete.

### **DURING DRESS REHEARSAL (FRIDAY, JUNE 18):**

- A call time is the time that you must have your child completely dressed, and ready and checked-in by.
- When you get to the Agri-Civic center, come to our “office” in the lobby and check-in.
  - When planning what time you should arrive to the Ag-Center, please remember to allow your self time to wait in line, take your child to the restroom, and check-in, and still be able to have your child safely in their dressing room no later than 45 minutes before dress rehearsal time.
  - Upon check-in your child should be fully dressed in his/her first performance costume (fully dressed means hair and make-up done, and tights and first costume on).
  - Please take your children to the rest room before checking them in at all rehearsals/recital, even if they say they don't need to go.
- An AAD official will escort your child to his/her dressing room.
- Parents are not allowed in the dressing room, unless they are volunteers. NO ONE WITHOUT a nametag is allowed in the dressing rooms.
- Students will be allowed to leave **dress rehearsal (Friday, June 18th)** when they are finished performing. We will bring the class to the lobby as they are dismissed. If you are not able to stay during dress rehearsal, the student may stay in the auditorium with their class volunteer to watch the remainder of the rehearsal. Please, do not attempt to enter the auditorium to look for your child during dress rehearsal. We will have someone periodically checking the lobby to see if any new parents have arrived. We will bring your child to you if they are done.

### **DURING RECITAL (SATURDAY, JUNE 15):**

- When you get to the Agri-Civic center, come to our “office” in the lobby and check-in.
  - When planning what time you should arrive to the Ag-Center, please remember to allow your self time to wait in line, take your child to the restroom, and check-in, and still be able to have your child safely in their dressing room no later than 45 minutes before dress rehearsal time.
  - Upon check-in your child should be fully dressed in his/her first performance costume (fully dressed means hair and make-up done, and tights and first costume on).
  - Please take your children to the rest room before checking them in at all rehearsals/recital, even if they say they don't need to go.
- An AAD official will escort your child to his/her dressing room.
- Parents are not allowed in the dressing room, unless they are volunteers. NO ONE WITHOUT a nametag is allowed in the dressing rooms.

**Students will stay together with their class and adult leaders throughout the entire performance and will not be dismissed until the end of the performance.**

## **DRESSING ROOM/BACKSTAGE INFO.**

Only AAD staff and volunteers, with a nametag, are allowed in the dressing areas.

**PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN DRESSING ROOMS.**

**IF YOU WANT TO STAY WITH YOUR CHILD, SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER.**

Dressing room leaders do not know who students are allowed, or are not allowed, to leave with. We use experienced teachers from local schools and pre-determined classroom helpers to take care of our students in the dressing rooms. While not performing, the students will have activities to keep them busy, or they will sit in a designated area in the auditorium, with their group, to watch the performance. For the recital, all students will return to the stage after the final performance for a final number and bow. At the conclusion of the recital we will bring all the young dancers to the front of the stage; please designate **ONE** person from your family to come down to the front of the stage and pick up your child. After you pick up your child, you may then go to their dressing room to retrieve their belongings.

- Please do not send snacks. We will provide all students with snacks and water during the recital. If your child has a food allergy, please let us know.
- Parents, family members, and friends don't belong backstage or in the dressing rooms during rehearsals or the recital. The same applies during intermission and after the show. There is a lot of backstage activity in a limited space, and dressing rooms are private areas. Please remind your family and guests to be respectful of these areas. Anyone insistent on retrieving a performer while the show is in progress will be, AT THAT TIME, asked not to return to the studio for future classes. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION. Please be assured that our backstage volunteers are moms, sisters, teachers, and fellow dancers that are as concerned with your dancer's happiness and well being as you are. If any situation should arise where only mommy, daddy, grandma, etc. will do, we will not hesitate to inform you.
- If you see your child watching in the designated area in the auditorium, do not attempt to remove them from their group or sit with them.

**Keep in mind that our volunteers do not know you, and do not know who is allowed to pick up your child; we have these rules for your child's safety. If you wish to be with your child during rehearsals and recital, you are welcome to sign up to volunteer.**

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## **VOLUNTEERING**

AAD relies on the assistance of many dedicated volunteers to provide a high-quality performance experience for your child. The children benefit from this volunteer effort, so we hope that you will become an enthusiastic member of our volunteer pool.

You can sign up online here:

[\*\*http://bit.ly/recitalvolunteer\*\*](http://bit.ly/recitalvolunteer)

**PLEASE SIGN UP EVEN IF YOU THINK WE ALREADY KNOW YOU WILL VOLUNTEER.**

(We have so much going on, it's just easier for us to have a list to refer to; we can't remember if you say "I'll HELP if you need me!")

### **DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE MORE THAN THREE COSTUME CHANGES?**

If your child has three or more costume changes per show, and is 10 years old or younger, you will be responsible for getting them changed. You will still get to see your child perform, but they need your help so that they look their best on stage! **We will let you know if you are one of these parents ☺**

## MAKEUP

**This applies for dress rehearsal on Friday, June 18, and recital on Saturday, June 19**

Use the following to ensure your child looks their best on stage:

- Foundation
- Powder
- Blush
- Mascara
- Long-wear lipstick or lip stain that won't come off under a mask.
  - **PLEASE SEND IN YOUR CHILD'S LIPSTAIN OR LONGWEAR LIPSTICK IN A SEALED ZIPLOC BAG WITH THEIR NAME ON IT IN CASE WE NEED TO REAPPLY WHILE THEY ARE IN OUR CARE.**
  - We recommend **MAYBELLINE SUPERSTAY 2-STEP LIPCOLOR** (it's worked really well and doesn't smear once it's dried) it's available on Amazon Prime for around \$8.
    - Our tiny dancers should use a color like **Blush On**, and older students a red like **Keep Up The Flame**

Watch this tutorial for help with make-up: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VdUX3H5UfUQ>

### **DON'T FORGET:**

- NO GLITTER
- NO NAIL POLISH
- NO JEWELRY (this includes stud earrings, please remove them prior to drop off)

Advanced & company students, please use normal stage makeup.

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## HAIR

**This applies for dress rehearsal on Friday, June 18, and recital on Saturday, June 19**

Classic ballerina hair is required for all of our female recital performers. Hair should be pulled away from the face in a secure ballet bun. Do not use glitter or glitter spray on the hair! Follow the directions below for a correct ballet bun. DO NOT USE THE DONUT BUN; follow the directions below to achieve a bun that lies flat against the head. Directions:

1. Pull hair straight back, with no part, in a low ponytail placed at the nape of the neck. Use hair wax or gel to secure all 'whispies' and bangs.
2. Wrap the hair around itself into a flat ball. Place bobby pins around the edge of the bun.
3. Wrap a hair net around the bun several times until tight.
4. Place hairpins through the bun securing the hair net to the bun, and the bun to the head.
5. Spray hair to secure.

If you have any hair issues, please see us individually to discuss the best plan for your child's hair.

**STILL UNSURE?** We will have bun specialists doing buns for dress rehearsals, and for recitals. The bun specialists will provide all materials including bobby pins, gel, hairnets, and hair spray. The charge will be **\$10 (CASH only!! Paid the day it's done)**.

**Sign up online here:**

<http://bit.ly/2021hairhelp>

The last day to sign up will be June 17. When you sign up you will be making an appointment for a specific time. Make sure that your child is completely dressed and ready BEFORE they get their hair done. Sign up early so you get the time you want!

## COSTUMES

The page included in this folder labeled "REQUIRED RECITAL ITEMS" is **SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD** and lists the tights and shoes that they will need for recital. Please review that page and make sure your child has everything that they need.

- Costumes will be handed out during PARENT VIEWING & INFO. SESSIONS. Make sure you are present to receive your child's costumes.
- We have taken care of any extensive alterations; however, you are responsible for small alterations. You may have to make some adjustments such as hemming pants, attaching straps, etc. that can only be done on the child.
- Please make sure that you check and double check all your child's classes to be sure that they have the appropriate tights.
- Please, no underwear underneath costumes or tights! Tights have a gusset and are intended to be worn in place of underwear with both class wear and costumes. Underwear that can be seen or is bunched up distracts from the aesthetics of the movement being created.
- **LABEL EVERYTHING!!** Please put names in/on **ALL** belongings. This includes every costume piece, undersides of hairpieces, inside every shoe, and every pair of tights. We will provide each student with a large Ziploc bag with his or her name on it with his or her costumes. Please place all the items they need (with the exception of what they need for their first number) in the Ziploc bag. This bag is to be sent in with them on DRESS REHEARSAL and RECITAL DAY only.

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## REQUIRED ITEMS THAT YOU MUST PROVIDE

**Please refer to the included sheet "REQUIRED RECITAL ITEMS" – this sheet is specific to your child, and lists the items that will need to be provided by you for their costumes.**

- AAD will submit an order for tights. You are welcome to purchase from us, but you are not required to. If you wish to purchase from AAD, please see the enclosed "TIGHTS ORDER" form or order directly from us online: [albemarleacademyofdance.myshopify.com](http://albemarleacademyofdance.myshopify.com)
- If you prefer to purchase tights on your own, and you order from discountdance.com, make sure to use the teacher referral code TP40419 to receive a discount at checkout.

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## THEATRE SHOWCASE REQUIRED ITEMS

If your child is in a theatre class, please refer to the included "THEATRE SHOWCASE" sheet for details on their costuming, as well as rehearsal times, call times, and ShowTime.

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## NON-REQUIRED ITEMS

**These items are completely optional. If you are interested in purchasing any of these things, please see the order forms in the back of this handbook OR order online directly from us here:**

[albemarleacademyofdance.myshopify.com](http://albemarleacademyofdance.myshopify.com)

**You are not required to purchase these items. Extra forms will be available in the studio lobby. Please make sure to check important dates to remember so that you don't miss any due dates for turning in order forms.**

- Recital t-shirts
  - These are commemorative and unique to this recital, and have all the student names listed on the back. They are NOT available for purchase after the recital.
- Recital videos
  - Produced by Crown Productions. Great quality, affordable pricing.
- Playbill Ads - see information included in this folder
- Playbill Shout Outs - see information included in this folder

## AUDIENCE & THEATRE ETIQUETTE

***Two major aspects of classical dance training are respect and discipline. At AAD we teach our students to respect themselves, their fellow dancers, and their instructors. We expect them to display self-discipline in all areas of their lives. The recital is a great opportunity for the students to display respect and self-discipline. We ask that our audience members do the same.***

Please remember to use your theatre etiquette and set a great example for our students:

- Every student has worked equally hard on his or her performance and they deserve the audience's attention and applause.
- Everyone cannot perform in the first half of the recital. The last performance is just as important as the first. Please encourage friends and family to stay for the entire show. It's disappointing for the final groups to perform to a half-full auditorium after intermission. Remember, all students will be on stage for the final curtain call.
- Your child's instructors and our staff have worked long hours preparing for this production. Please give them your consideration.
- Flash photography, use of cell phones, or other electronic devices, coming in and out of the theatre and crying babies are all distracting to other audience members and the performers. Just don't do it. Please be respectful!
- Please keep in mind handheld electronic games or other devices with sounds and/or lights are a distraction for other audience members and affect stage lighting; they are not allowed.
- Because we present a professional performance, we ask that everyone remain seated during the entire performance. If you do leave the auditorium during the show you will be allowed back into the auditorium only between dances. This rule is strictly enforced; please do not create a disturbance with the auditorium ushers in regard to this policy.
- Children must remain seated for the entire performance. If you think they will have a hard time remaining seated during the performance, please do not bring them to the recital. Allowing children to run around or otherwise disrupt the performance is not fair to other audience members.
- Parents who bring infants to the performance should quickly exit the auditorium if the infant begins to cry or create a distraction for the audience.
- Please do not bring food or drinks into the auditorium.
- **No video or photography will be allowed at the recital.** You will be asked to take your device to your car. Please make sure family and friends are aware of this policy.
- Countless volunteers work backstage to insure that our students are able to make it to the stage, looking their best. Please remind your child to say 'Thank You' and to be on their best behavior.

***In addition to traditional theatre etiquette, we must ask that you please respect all of the Stanley County Agri-Civic Center's policies and protocol in regards to COVID.***

***This includes, but is not limited to:***

- Maintain social distance from other families and groups.
- Wear a mask at all times inside.
- Remain seated (unless entering, exiting, or going to the restroom)

We want to make sure that our students are able to perform. We are doing everything we possibly can to make this happen. We don't want to risk ruining our dancer's chance to perform because we don't follow their rules.

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SHARE THIS INFO. WITH OTHER GUESTS THAT PLAN TO ATTEND RECITAL.**

## DRESS REHEARSAL PASSES

Because we do **NOT** allow any photography or videography on recital day, we sell one ticket per family that allows a parent/guardian to come in and watch their child on dress rehearsal day, Friday, June 18. During this time you will be allowed to enter the auditorium and can record your child's dance, and take photos of your child.

- Each family may purchase **one** dress rehearsal pass. This pass will allow one parent/guardian per family to attend dress rehearsal where you will be allowed to video or take photographs.
  - No flash photography allowed. No tripods, please, so be prepared to hold your camera.
  - Please do NOT bring other children or family members with you. Only those with passes will be allowed in; all others will be asked to leave.
  - You may only video your child(ren)'s dance.
- Keep in mind that dress rehearsal may not have full lights like the day of the show. The AAD staff is usually busy programming the lights during this rehearsal and our screens will most likely not be up and running.
- Please keep in mind that dress rehearsal is just that, A REHEARSAL. There will be mess- ups. Lighting, scene, and costume changes will not be perfect. The purpose is to get the dancers onstage, and in their costumes, and to practice it the way it will be in the show.
- Please remain calm and bring positive energy. Kids love to perform for an audience, so make sure you clap!
- ALL DANCERS will get to run their dance on stage - possibly twice at the teacher's discretion. Dancers do need to know they only get one chance in the real show! We do reserve the right to run a dance over if there are any major issues. We make every effort to run a quick and efficient dress rehearsal, but our main goal is to make sure everyone is prepared for the actual performance.
- Be early. We will start dress rehearsal early if we are ready and able to.

### DRESS REHEARSAL PASSES GO ON SALE MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

**DRESS REHEARSAL PASSES ARE \$10 EACH – PURCHASE BY THURSDAY, JUNE 17.**

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## RECITAL TICKETS

You receive two complimentary, general admission tickets to each show that your child is performing in. You may pick up your complimentary tickets beginning May 15th. We suggest purchasing additional tickets early. Tickets are required for ages 2 and up.

For those that have dancers in both shows, we do offer a "TWO-SHOW TICKET" for a limited time. This will be available from **May 24<sup>th</sup>- May 27<sup>th</sup>**.

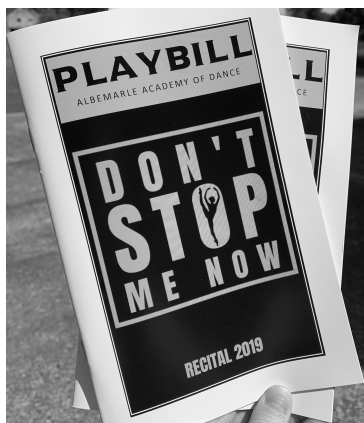
We will be offering reserved tickets again this year. The reserved seats are the center seats in the orchestra section. Reserved seats will be numbered and limited for each show. Those with reserved tickets will be able to enter the auditorium 10 minutes before everyone with general admission tickets. When you purchase reserved seats, please purchase all you need at the same time if you want the seats to be together.

**Pick up complimentary tickets starting May 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**TICKETS GO ON SALE ON MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:30PM.**

TICKET PRICES – GENERAL ADMISSION			
ONE-SHOW	\$10	TWO-SHOW NOT AVAILABLE AFTER MAY 27 <sup>TH</sup>	\$15
TICKET PRICE – RESERVED SEATING			
PER TICKET/PER SHOW \$20			

## PLAYBILL



AAD produces a Broadway-style playbill that is unique for each of our recitals. Not only are they informative, they can be a great way to congratulate your dancer, or share even your business. Dancers are so excited when they get to see something special just for them in the playbill! It creates a memory that they will cherish forever.

We offer two options for personalized messages in our playbill, an **AD** or a **SHOUT OUT**.

**Examples of past playbills are available at the studio.**

### PLAYBILL ADS:

A playbill ad is either a half page (4 in. x 3.5 in.), or a full page (4 in. x 7 in.).

Within the ad can be photos and any text you wish.

We can design the ad for you, or you can design it and send it to us in PDF format.

### PLAYBILL SHOUT OUTS:

A shout out is a short message (50 words or less) of encouragement that is included in a list of shout outs in the playbill.

**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PLAYBILL ADS & SHOUT OUTS IS THURSDAY, MAY 20.**

Submit the included forms or order online: [albemarleacademyofdance.myshopify.com](http://albemarleacademyofdance.myshopify.com)