

THE RECITAL NEWSLETTER VOL. 1

March 2024



RECITAL DAY

**Sunday, May 19, 2024 at
Newton Performing Arts Center
1:15 pm Dancer Call-time
1:30 pm Theater doors open
2:00 pm Showtime**

DRESS/TECHNICAL REHEARSAL DAY

**Friday, May 17, 2024 at
Newton Performing Arts Center
4:30 pm Dancer call-time for Act I & II
5:00 pm Act I & II Rehearsal begins
6:00 pm Dancer call-time for Act III & IV
6:30 pm Act III & IV Rehearsal begins
(The show order will be available soon.)
NOTE: only 1 adult per family will be
permitted to observe the dress rehearsal in
the theater.**



LOCATION & PARKING

**Newton Performing Arts Center is
located at 60 W 6th St in
Newton, NC.
Parking is FREE.
There are 3 parking lots as well as
street parking and an overflow lot.**





TICKETS

Tickets will be available online starting Friday, March 15 at 8:00 am.

Reserved seating only.

Handicap seating available.

There will not be any refunds or exchanges.
Tickets are \$18 each (not including taxes and processing fees).

Ways to purchase:

- ***QR code to the left***
- ***through the parent portal or app***
- ***on the website on the recital page***

T-SHIRTS

The recital package includes one recital shirt per dancer in your family. Additional shirts can be purchased for \$15. Update your dancer's shirt size by logging into your portal/app, scrolling to "manage student," click on the student's name and scroll down until you see "t-shirt." Any students that do not have updated t-shirt sizes by April 1 will receive a best-guess size.



STUDIO DRESS REHEARSAL AND PHOTOGRAPHY

The week of April 29-May 4 dancers should come in full costume with hair and make-up. During their class time, we will be running an in-studio dress rehearsal and be taking individual and class recital photography that will be available for purchase. Details to come.



TIGHTS, SHOES & HAIR

A detailed list of requirements will be provided in the near future that will include color of tights, type of shoes, hair style and accessories (if applicable).



PROGRAMS

One printed, keepsake program was included in the recital package. A QR code will be in the lobby for individuals who would like a free digital program. Additional printed programs will be available for purchase in the lobby of the recital. The printed program will have a blank page or two where dancers can have their friends autograph their program.

If you have a special message you want to put in the program for a dancer or you want to advertise your business in the program, you will be able to purchase space.

Prices for Program Ads:

\$25 for Shout-Outs (no picture)

\$45 for 1/4 page (1 picture max)

\$65 for 1/2 page (2 pictures max)

\$125 for full page (4 pictures max)

Instructions on ordering as well as example ads will be provided in the near future.

FLOWERS, STAR GRAMS & GIFTS

There will be some additional items available to make your dancers day extra special. There will be an opportunity to purchase flower bouquets, dancing bears, croc charms and star grams for your dancer. Advance orders will be accepted soon. Star Grams are an inexpensive way to have a sweet message delivered backstage to your dancer or for fellow dancers to send each other a "Break A Leg!" message. You will be able to purchase in advance and at the recital.





AWARDS CEREMONY

Every dancer is recognized at our awards ceremony and will receive a trophy, pin, or award certificate, depending upon what they are being recognized for. A separate invitation will be sent and an RSVP will be required. Please RSVP by April 1st. This year, special 5-yr awards will be given. Only dancers attending the event will receive their award. We will be dividing the awards ceremony into two separate groups this year. Here are the details:

Location: East Lincoln Community Center, 8160 Optimist Club Rd, Denver

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2024

Time: 2:00 pm for tots, preschool and primary dancers

3:30 pm for levels 1-5 dancers

RSVP deadline: April 1 (wait until you receive your invitation to RSVP)

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

As we approach the big day, we're seeking your assistance to help make this event a resounding success.

There are several roles where your involvement would be invaluable:

- Backstage Assistance: We need volunteers to help organize dancers, ensure costume changes run smoothly, and offer any necessary support to our performers.**
- Ushers and Greeters: Welcoming our guests with a warm smile and guiding them to their seats enhances the overall experience for everyone attending.**
- Ticket & Recital Sales: Assisting with ticket sales and registration helps streamline the entry process and ensures our guests are accounted for.**
- Set-Up Crew: On dress rehearsal day, we would appreciate volunteers to help set up the stage and the dressing rooms.**
- Clean-Up Crew: After the event, we would appreciate volunteers to help tidy up the venue and ensure everything is in order.**

Your involvement will not only support our children but also foster a sense of community and togetherness among parents and supporters. Plus, it's a fantastic opportunity to witness the dedication and talent of our young performers up close. If you're available and willing to lend a helping hand, please sign up to volunteer by logging into the portal or visiting the DSP app, click on the drop down menu under "register" and click on "volunteer." You will see each of the areas as well as a description of each volunteer position. Please address any questions to Miss Jamie.

HELP!

VIDEOGRAPHY



The dance recital will be professionally video-taped by Brian Bingham with Video Expressions. The video is included in the recital package. When the video is available a link will be emailed to you. From that link you will be able to watch it, download it or share it. NOTE: Photography and videography will not be permitted in the theater during the recital.

FAQ'S

Do I need to buy a ticket for my dancer?

Anyone occupying a seat in the theater will need a ticket. It is preferred but not required that the dancers stay backstage in the dressing rooms with the stage moms so that we have more available seating for family since our show will likely sell out.

What will my dancer do backstage when they are not dancing?

Stage Moms will have organized activities and snacks for young dancers such as coloring, board games, etc. We will also have the recital live-streamed on a television backstage for the dancers to watch the show.

If I volunteer to be a Stage Mom, will I be able to see my dancer perform and do I have to stay for the entire show?

Stage Moms have the best seat in the house. They are permitted to watch the dance from the wings (side of the stage) where you can see your dancer perform up close. Stage Moms should be prepared to stay the entire time but are permitted to leave when the last dancer from the class has been picked up by their parent.



Do we have to stay for the entire show?

That is a personal choice but we prefer for all dancers to have a full audience to perform for whether they are in Act I or Act II. If you choose to leave early, we request that you wait until intermission to leave so as to not disrupt others in the auditorium who are enjoying the show.

Is dress rehearsal required?

Yes. It is important that dancers get to practice in the real performance space so they are more confident on show-day.

FAQ'S (CONT'D)

Do I have to purchase a ticket for a younger sibling?

It is free for ages 2 and under to watch the show as long as they are sitting on a lap and not occupying a seat. Three years old and up must have a purchased ticket.

How and where do we drop off/pick up our dancer?

Upon arriving, there will be a check-in table in the lobby. Check-in with the person/s monitoring that table. Once your dancer is checked in, continue to your dancer's assigned dressing room where the Stage Mom will be ready to receive the dancer.

To check out, pick you dancer up in their assigned dressing room AND check out with the Stage Mom. Only one adult should enter the dressing room so it isn't too crowded. If your dancer is older and does not have a Stage Mom, please check out at the table in the lobby you checked in at. It is important that we know all dancers left safely so please do not leave without letting the appropriate person/s know.

Does my dancer have to stay for the entire dress rehearsal?

No. Dancers are permitted to leave once they have rehearsed their last dance on stage.

Can parents stay for dress rehearsal?

Yes. One parent per family will be permitted to sit in the auditorium and watch dress rehearsal. Photography and videography during dress rehearsal are permitted as long as flash is not used.

What if I do not know how to do hair and make-up for my dancer?

A YouTube tutorial will be emailed to you for both hair and make-up.



What can I expect if I have a dancer with more than one costume?

Your dancer should arrive to dress rehearsal and the recital in their first costume with hair and make-up done. A nude leotard (also known as an undergarment leotard) should be worn under the dancer's tights and costume so that they can change costumes modestly. The Stage Mom for your dancer's class will help with costume changes. All costumes, tights & accessories should be clearly labeled with the dancer's name.

Does my child have to wear make-up for dress rehearsal and the recital?

Make-up is highly recommended but not required if your family is uncomfortable with it. It is important to know that make-up is worn by all ages because the stage lights wash out the dancers' faces while on stage and it will hard to identify them from a distance and on the video. Make-up needs to be worn during the dress rehearsal as well as costumes and tights so that we can work on lighting cues accurately.

What color of tights/shoes will my dancer need?

We will provide a complete list of tights, shoes, accessories and hair requirements in the near future.

Over the next few weeks questions will be answered and details will be provided that were not addressed in the newsletter. These will be addressed in emails and updated on the website. Check your email often.