

Recital Hand Book – Please Read!!!

The Dance Shoppe is proud to present the Year End Recital. The Recital is a performance of all the children’s dance programs offered at the studio. The dancers showcase their hard work in a professional environment, with professional staging, lights and sound. We invite family, friends and the general public to purchase tickets and attend this wonderful event. The **recital is optional** for dancers but it is a rewarding experience that will provide them with memories for a lifetime.

What is involved in a dance recital?

1. **Class Attendance:** The dancers will be learning a dance routine to perform on stage in front of a live audience; therefore, it is important that the dancers attend their classes. Dancers that miss 3 or more weeks in a row may be removed from the recital performance and no refund given.
2. **Costumes:** All the dancers are measured and a costume is professionally made or fitted for your child. Costumes will average **\$95.00**. We strive to keep all costume prices low when possible! A non-refundable \$50.00 costume deposit will be due no later than January 19th 2019. **Please pay the deposit or opt out online, using the account you used to register.** A balance will remain on the costume which is to be paid at the time of pick up.
3. **Tickets:** Tickets are \$25.00 per person and are sold directly through the box office. TDS is not responsible for any tickets. It will be assigned seating, and tickets will go on sale **April 1st 2019.** **Everyone is required to have a ticket to enter the theatre! Babes in arms 12 months and under do not require a ticket but must sit on the lap of a ticket holder.**

Box Office: 905-878-6000 or www.firstontarioartscentremilton.ca

4. **Picture/rehearsal:** A schedule has been posted online and at the studio. All recital students will be required to attend picture and dress rehearsal day at their scheduled time at the studio. **You must be on time,** as we cannot wait for you to arrive; we run on time and often are early. Pictures will be available for purchase at the recital. The date and schedule can be found online under “Recital News”

My Classes	Picture Day Time At The Dance Shoppe	Dress Rehearsal Time At The Dance Shoppe

5. **Recital:** A schedule has been posted online under “Recital News” and at the studio of the show(s) that your dancer(s) will be performing in. ***Dancers participating in the recital must be available for all of their performances!*** It is not fair to the rest of the group if you do not attend!!! Please check the posting before committing to this event.

My Classes	1 st Performance Date At The Milton Centre For the Arts	2 nd Performance Date At The Milton Centre For The Arts

6. **Entrance:** Dancers must enter and exit through the main lobby of the Milton Centre for the Arts. There will be a **sign-in/out,** run by The Dance Shoppe, in front of the MinMaxx Hall. Please bring your dancer dressed in their first costume. The recital program order will be posted at the studio 1 week prior to recital.

7. **Time to Arrive for recital “Call time”:** All dancers must be signed in at the stage door no later than a ½ hour before Show Time. This is called “Call Time” Sign in/ change rooms will be open 1 hour before “Showtime”. **ALL** of our show times for your reference:

All Show Dates	All Show Times	Call Time	Sign in/Changeroom Open
Friday June 7 th	6:00pm	5:30pm	5:00pm
Saturday June 8 th	11:00am	10:30am	10:00am
Saturday June 8 th	4:00pm	3:30pm	3:00pm
Sunday June 9 th	11:00am	10:30am	10:00am
Sunday June 9 th	4:00pm	3:30pm	3:00pm

8. **Pick Up:** For the safety of ALL of our dancers, we ask that all dancers be picked up and signed out at the Sign-Out Desk in the Theatre Lobby **at the end of the show.** This is to limit the amount of traffic in and out of the theatre. It is also so we can be accountable for all the dancers. All shows will be approx. 3 hours in length.
 *Dancers will be able to watch the show via video feed in the change room
 *Dancers will be entertained with games, and crafts etc....
 *Our many volunteers and staff will supervise dancers at all times.
 *All Volunteers will have current police checks
9. **Not watching the show:** You are not required to watch all the shows, please pick the performance that best suits your family and friends and only purchase tickets for that performance. We prefer dancers be picked up at the sign in/out desk **at the end of the recital.**
10. **Cell Phones:** Make sure all **cell phones** are **turned off** while inside the theatre.
11. **Photography:** **No photography** of any kind is permitted. The flashes distract the dancers and can throw them off of their routine. Anyone taking photos will be asked to leave.
12. **Video:** **No videotaping** is permitted. The show is being professionally videotaped. Anyone taking video during the performance will be asked to leave.
13. **Video Link:** An online link will be emailed out to all families that participate in the year end recital. There is a \$10.00 fee that will be included on your final costume bill.
14. **Flowers:** Flowers can be purchased for your dancer(s) in the lobby of the theatre the day of the show.
15. **Snacks and Allergies:** Dancers may bring snacks and water into the backstage area for during the show. However, we ask that when packing snacks parents are mindful of severe allergies such as nut, gluten, dairy, fruit etc. A more detailed list of the allergies will be provided to you closer to the date.
16. **Theatre Etiquette:** Please refrain from screaming or yelling during performances; clapping along to the song is permitted but please no screaming names etc. **Remain in your seats until intermission and or the end of the show.**
17. Have fun and enjoy watching your dancer’s talents!!

Please confirm by January 19th, 2019. Please note: Anyone who does not pay the costume deposit online by January 19th, 2019 will not have a costume ordered for them. Please select OPT OUT online if you do not intend on participating.