In Step Dance Center Recital Guide

Since 2001, In Step Dance Center has provided students with an exciting performance experience through its May recital. The recital is a very important part of the dance season. All of the students have been working very hard and are excited about their upcoming performance. The recital offers our students a professionally directed performance that allows them to present to their friends and family the results of a year’s hard work, dedication and progress.

Show assignments and orders are posted on our website and in the lobby.

Dress Rehearsals are:

**Wednesday and Friday, May 10 and 12**

**Participation in the Dress Rehearsal is Mandatory**

*Show 1 rehearsal: Friday May 12\(^{th}\) at 5:00pm Recreational dancers only. Your show time is Saturday May 13\(^{th}\) at 10:30am.*

*Show 2 rehearsal: Friday May 12\(^{th}\) at 7:15pm Recreational, Petite and Mini Company only. Your show time is Saturday May 13\(^{th}\) at 2:00pm.*

*Show 3 rehearsal: Wednesday 5:30pm- Full Cast Your show time is Saturday May 13\(^{th}\) at 6:00pm*

The Dress Rehearsal allows the students and parents to become familiar with the auditorium’s surroundings and for the students to feel comfortable with their performance, costumes and being on the stage.

Our dress rehearsal is a closed event and only immediate family members are permitted to attend. There will be no grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, friends, etc. permitted in the auditorium unless they are the student’s guardian for the evening. The dress rehearsal is not a free performance open to the public. **You may ONLY take pictures during the dress rehearsals. No pictures or video will be permitted on recital day. If you or a family member is caught taking video or pictures in the auditorium**
during the recital you will be asked to leave and your DVD will be revoked. This policy is strongly enforced to guarantee the professional quality of the DVD and to keep parents from blocking the view of the people around them. You have already paid for the DVD so sit back, relax, and enjoy the show.

ARRIVAL for Dress Rehearsal: Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your rehearsal time dressed in your first costume. Please be on time and ready to rehearse. A timely dress rehearsal requires that each group is dressed and ready to go at start time. Upon arrival, parents will bring their children directly to the check-in station located outside the dressing rooms. Only parents who are signed up to work the performance will be permitted past the check in station. Student assistants will be positioned in the hallway to escort children into the dressing room and to direct dancers to their gathering area.

Please note that this is a working dress rehearsal. Not only are the dancers practicing on stage for the first time, but the sound and lights crew are working through their things too. We run a very professional recital because we work through all the bugs at dress rehearsal. Please be patient if there is a delay or glitch during rehearsal.

Rehearsal will run the finale number first followed by the show in show order. You do not need to wear your finale outfit, come in your first costume. Show orders will be posted in the lobby and available on our website soon. Rehearsal for show 1 and 2 will skip some competition numbers.

BACKSTAGE/DRESSING ROOM: Please remember that dressing rooms are a private changing area. Absolutely no men or boys will be allowed accesses into the backstage hallway. Please be respectful of these areas. There will be a separate area for our male dancers.

Students must respect other students’ space and property in the dressing rooms. The students will spend more time in the dressing rooms than onstage or in the auditorium, so please do your best to keep them organized and clean. Check your bag before you go home for the night. We can’t be responsible for anything left in the dressing rooms or the auditorium.

REMEMBER: LABEL EVERYTHING!

HAIR/MAKEUP: Dancers need to wear FULL COSTUME and MAKEUP just as you would for the actual recital. We do not require you to have your hair done for dress rehearsal; however, many of the still pictures for the DVD come from photos taken during dress rehearsal.

Junior and older Competition numbers will only run 50% of their dance at Show 3’s dress rehearsal since they have had numerous on-stage experiences already this year. You may take photos during this time. Older competition dancers are still required to attend dress rehearsals for 1 and 2 as helpers.
**DISMISSAL For Dress Rehearsal:** Dancers age 2 thru 2nd grade- your child will remain backstage with their group until after their final number. At which time **only one parent/guardian may come to the check in/check out table to wait for your child’s class to be brought out.** Please carefully check your child’s bag for all costume parts. All younger students will be under the supervision of responsible adults and dance assistants. **No parents are permitted in the dressing rooms during the show except for backstage moms.** This is for the safety of all the dancers.

**3-4 graders and older:** After you are done with your final number you are free to go.

Recital Packages Include (you have already paid for this):

- Custom designed shirt for Finale Number in the Recital
- Top-quality, Professionally Produced DVD. Enjoy watching this DVD over and over. You will receive candid photos from dress rehearsal and recital. Our DVD features: bonus footage, multi-media file for smart phones, PC’s & mobile devices, close up and full stage views

If you want more than 1 DVD, you can purchase additional DVDs for $14.00 each (50% Off Original Price).

DVD orders will be accepted up until the night of the recital. DVD’s will be available for pick up at our open house. After this date they are held at the front desk for 6 months.

**KEEPSAKE RECITAL PROGRAMS only $5.00**

Once again we are going to have a large, elaborate program book! It will contain the program line-ups for the performances, pictures of each class, special recognitions, coupons for dance, local businesses, and much more! We will be **preordering programs** again this year. Program pre-orders are on sale now in the lobby until **May 4th.** We only print a limited number of programs. Only those people who have placed ads or preordered their programs will be guaranteed a keepsake program for the day of the show. Personal ads can still be turned in this week thru April 13th.

**RECITAL STUFFED ANIMAL**

Only $8.00! Honor your dancer with this adorable recital stuffed animal, adorned with a custom t-shirt featuring this year’s recital theme and year. Give them a long lasting keepsake to recognize a job well done. Collect these fuzzy friends from year to year! You can purchase them on ticket sale day or after in the lobby during regular business hours.

**Concessions:**

The parent advisory board will once again be running the concession during the dress rehearsals and recitals. You may purchase snack cards for $5, $10, and $20 increments at the front desk during normal office hours. This is a great way to allow your child access to yummy food before or after rehearsal/show without the headache of packing snacks or the worry of caring cash around. (Don’t worry if you do not use your entire snack card at the rehearsal or show it will still be good for snacks at the studio next dance season!)
Recital Day - Saturday, May 13, 2017

Show 1- Sat May 13th, 10:30am
Show 2- Sat May 13th, 2:00pm
Show 3- Sat May 13th, 6:00pm

Please arrive 20 minutes prior to your recital time. Arrive in your first costume and carefully pack everything else you will need. Make sure you have your finale shirt and black bottoms. We will not have extras for dancers who forgot theirs. Younger dancers will be checked in like at rehearsal.

Recital Costumes, Make-Up, Hair

MAKEUP: Make Up application is required for all dancers at dress rehearsal as well as recital to ensure that your dancer’s face can be seen onstage and on the DVD. (Without makeup, the bright stage lights wash you out and make your features disappear.)

We recommend the following make up on recital day. Please use discretion with how much you apply in relation to the age of your child.

• Foundation: Older dancers should apply a color that matches your skin tone to the entire face including eyelids. Blend well, especially at the chin and neck. This helps your makeup to stay in place during the show.

• Blush: Medium to Dark colors, applied under the cheekbone. Place two fingers next to the nose and apply blush from this point back to the hairline.

• Lipstick: Medium to Dark colors. Line lips with a lip liner pencil and fill in with lipstick. Blot gently without rubbing lips together. A dot of gloss in the center of the bottom lip.

• Eyeliner: Black or dark brown pencil at the base of the lash line on the outer 2/3rds of the eye. On older dancers, you can extend the line past the outer corner of the eye just a little bit.

• Mascara: Black mascara on the upper eyelashes – please apply more than one coat. False eyelashes are always encouraged on older dancers and really make your eyes open up!

• Eyeshadow: Dark colors such as brown or dark gray (not blue) in the crease of the eye-lid. White on the brow bone and in the inside corner of the eye. Blend well!

• Powder: A dusting of skin-colored powder over your face sets your makeup and reduces shine. Glitter is always nice too!

• HAIR: We do not require a specific hairstyle for each class for the recital (unless you are a competition dancer). We do however ask that bangs and hair be pulled off of the face. Have fun styling your hair for the recital: curls, up-dos, glitter, etc. are fine. If a hair accessory came with the costume, it should be worn on the students left side.
• UNDERGARMENTS: No underwear is to be worn on dress rehearsal or recital day. We do not want to see your panty lines! Tan bras or nude leotards are encouraged for those dancers that need them. Please be sure you have clear straps on these items. If your costume has pants, you have to wear tights underneath! The tights act as your underwear. The audience’s eyes are at the level of your feet and they can see your ankles when you dance. It looks more professional to have tights on. Be sure to try your dance in your costume at home and SECURE any places your costume doesn’t stay put. Check for shirts that ride up and expose the midriff, pants that don’t stay up over slippery tights and bras that peek out. We don’t want any costume malfunctions on the day of the show!

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FINALE OUTFIT: The finale outfit consists of the finale T-shirt, plus any black bottoms you already have. Black shorts, leggings, or athletic pants are all acceptable. Jeans, flip flops or crocs are not permitted. You may wear jazz or ballet shoes (if you are only in tap you will need to go bare footed) You will not be permitted to dance in the finale without your finale T-shirt. If your combo dancer is in the last number before finale they might wear their shirt over their costume. All other dancers must wear black bottoms with their finale shirts. You do not need to wear this outfit to dress rehearsal.

DISMISSAL: Students will remain backstage for the entire performance. They are not allowed to watch the recital from the auditorium!! All younger students will be under the supervision of responsible adults and dance assistants.

Age 2-2nd grade, one parent (preferably female) must come to the check in/check out table before picking up your child at the end of the show.

Grade 3-12, will be dismissed after the finale, a parent does not need to come backstage to get them.

Check your bag before you go home for the night. We can’t be responsible for anything left in the dressing rooms or the auditorium.

Costume Organization

Besides labeling everything, one helpful tip for keeping your dancer’s belongings organized during the rehearsal and recital is to use a laundry basket or tote. Make sure your dancer’s name is clearly labeled on the outside. A brown paper bag works also.

Layer the costumes and accessories starting with the last number (finale outfit) in the bottom of the basket working up to the second number being on top (since you will be wearing your first costume), keeping matching tights, shoes and accessories with each costume. Also pack a baggie with extra bobby pins, safety pins, hairspray, lip gloss and anything else that might be needed during recital. Clear liquids and a non messy snack can also be packed.

Please make sure that each costume piece, shoes and tights are labeled with your dancer’s name. (Remember everyone has the same color and style of shoes so this is a must for organizational purposes.)
Frequently Asked Questions:

Why do we pay May tuition??
  Tuition is a yearly amount broken down into 9 monthly installments for your convenience. Although May is a short month, it is simply your final installment on your yearly tuition.

Do I have to purchase the recital package?
  Yes. The recital package includes the finale t-shirt which is necessary to participate in the finale number and a high quality, professional DVD of all 3 recitals. Making the package mandatory has eliminated many problems such as parents feeling the need to stand and record the recital, blocking the view of others and obstructing the videographer.

Why are the dancers required to wear makeup on stage?
  Dancers wear makeup on stage to enhance their facial features which can be washed out under the stage lights. Even our youngest dancers must wear makeup.

Why are only backstage volunteers allowed backstage?
  We limit admission to the backstage area for the safety of our dancers.

Can I videotape my child on stage?
  Photography and videography is only permitted at the rehearsal. It is prohibited at the recital. Everyone is getting a professional DVD with the recital video and still photography, so just sit back and enjoy the show!!

Does my child have to stay for the entire show?
  YES!! We end our recital with a finale number that involves every dancer in the show. After the show is complete, one parent may come backstage to retrieve your dancer and all their belongings.

Can my child sit with me in the audience when they are not dancing??
  NO. All dancers must remain in the backstage area with their class for the full recital.

If I am a backstage mom, will I get to see my child dance?
  YES!! Backstage moms have a reserved row in the front to watch their dancers on stage.