Recital Handbook – 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 recital costume will be provided and fitted for your child. Costumes will average **$125.00+HST**. We strive to keep all costume prices low when possible! A **non-refundable $50.00+HST costume deposit will be due no later than January 11th, 2027. Please pay the deposit by logging into the account you used to register OR opt out by emailing the studio and we will remove the fee from your account. If we do not hear from you, and the deposit is not paid, a costume WILL NOT be ordered for your dancer.** A balance will remain for the costume which is to be paid at the time of pick up.

3. **Tickets:** Tickets are approx. $35.00 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 **May 1st, 2027. 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.**

   *No ticket refunds the day of the show
   *No strollers are allowed in the theater.

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

4. **Picture/Rehearsal**: A schedule is be posted online under Rec Dance Hub – Recital News 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 through Edge Imaging. Proofs will be provided via email and ordering will be done directly through Edge Imaging.

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 Rec Dance Hub – Recital News and at the studio, listing the number of 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 commit and then do not attend!!! Please check the posting before committing to this event.

My Classes	1st Performance Date at The First Ontario Arts Centre	2nd Performance Date at The First Ontario Arts Centre

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 MinMaxx Hall 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". Here are ALL our show times for your reference:

All Show Dates	All Show Times	Call Time	Sign in/Changeroom Open
Friday June 18th	6:00pm	5:30pm	5:00pm
Saturday June 19th	11:00am	10:30am	10:00am
Saturday June 19th	4:00pm	3:30pm	3:00pm
Sunday June 20th	11:00am	10:30am	10:00am
Sunday June 20th	4:00pm	3:30pm	3:00pm

8. **Pick Up:** For the safety of **ALL** of our dancers, we ask that dancers be picked up and signed out at the Sign Out Desk in the Theatre Lobby.
   *All shows will be approx. 2.5 to 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 colouring etc….
   *Our many competitive parent volunteers and staff will always supervise the dancers.

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 to 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 their routine. Anyone taking photos will be asked to leave.

12. **Video: No videotaping** is permitted. The show is being professionally videotaped and links to the video will be provided to all families at NO CHARGE! Anyone taking video during the performance will be asked to leave.

13. **Flowers:** Flowers can be purchased for your dancer(s) ahead of time or in the lobby of the theatre the day of the show. More information to follow.

14. **Snacks and Allergies:** Dancers may bring snacks and water into the backstage area during the show. However, we ask that when packing snacks parents are mindful of severe allergies such as nuts, gluten, dairy, fruit etc. A more detailed list of the allergies will be provided to you closer to the date.

15. **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**. It is unfair for the dancers performing towards the end of the show to have a half empty audience.

16. Have fun and enjoy watching your dancer's talents!!

Please confirm by January 11th, 2027!! Please note: Anyone who does not pay the costume deposit online by January 11th, 2027, will not have a costume ordered for them and will not participate in the recital performance.