

Movement Arts Dance Academy 2017-2018 Dance Recital Info & Requirements

WHAT IS THE DANCE RECITAL? At the end of each school year we hold a Dance Recital to showcase what the students have learned that year. The Dance Recital is a full scale production in a theatre with professional sound and lights, scenery and costumes. The annual Dance Recital gives all students the opportunity to perform in front of an audience. All of our students look forward to performing each year, and it is a very rewarding experience for students, their families and our staff.

DANCE RECITAL PARTICIPATION: Participation in our annual Dance Recital is part of our yearly curriculum. It is understood that all students who register for 2017-18 classes will participate in the annual Dance Recital, unless we are informed otherwise. If your child will not be participating in the 2018 Dance Recital, you must come to the front desk by September 15, 2017 (or within 2 weeks of registering for those who register after September 1, 2017) and fill out a NON-PARTICIPATION form. All Dance Recital participants and their parents/guardians must adhere to our Recital Policies, Procedures and FAQ's (available on our website). Failure to abide by and follow the Recital Policies, Procedures & FAQ's will result in your child not being able to perform in the recital.

DANCE RECITAL FEE: All families who have students participating in the annual Dance Recital, must pay an annual Dance Recital Fee. The fee is \$150 per family (students from the same immediate family and under the same account) and is broken into three installments which will be automatically charged to the card on file through our online payment system on October 1, 2017, December 1, 2017 and March 1, 2018. Families who enroll after any installment fees are due will be offered an alternative payment timetable to catch up by March 1, 2018. The fee covers the cost of one costume, including tights, one DVD of the recital, one recital T-shirt, snacks, refreshments and activities for your child/children while waiting backstage at the recital, additional security at the dress rehearsal and on recital day, and any additional hired backstage chaperones, as needed. If your child performs in both showcases, you must choose which show you would like a DVD of by the deadline (approximately 2 weeks after the recital). You may purchase the opposite show at an a la carte price, if you wish. You will be notified when DVD's are available for pick up at the studio (usually 4-6 weeks after the recital). Once you have chosen which show you would like a copy of, there are no exchanges. You must choose which size recital T-shirt you would like to receive by the deadline (usually 4-6 weeks before the recital). You may purchase additional T-shirts (for other children, parents, grandparents, etc.) at an a la carte price, if you would like any extras. Once you have chosen which size T-shirt you would like, there are no exchanges. Recital T-shirts are usually distributed 2-3 weeks before the recital. If your family has multiple children enrolled in classes, or if your child takes multiples classes, additional costume fees will apply (see below). Additional costume fees are broken into three installments with the same due dates as the recital fee (October 1, 2017, December 1, 2017 and March 1, 2018).

COST FOR ADDITIONAL COSTUMES, DVD's, & T-SHIRTS:

\$75 for all Child Size Costumes (3 installments of \$25 each)

\$40 plus tax for DVD's

\$90 for all Combo & Adult Size Costumes (3 installments of \$30 each)

\$20 plus tax for recital T-Shirts

DANCE RECITAL & REHEARSAL WEEK: The 2018 dance recital week (including rehearsal dates and the performance dates) is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 6 through Saturday, June 9, 2018, pending confirmation from the recital venue. Please keep all these dates open, as your child's rehearsal and performance date could fall on any of these dates. All students who participate in the recital *MUST* also attend a mandatory dress rehearsal the week of the recital (exact dates and times TBD in early or mid-May 2018).

DANCE RECITAL COSTUMES: Costumes are sized according to girth and other measurements. We always add 2 inches for growth with younger students. If it does not fit, you are responsible for any alterations, as these are not custom made costumes, but made to fit a size range. It is better to go bigger and take in, than to order on the smaller side, because often costumes cannot be let out. Recital costumes are distributed in the Spring, as they arrive. Costumes will not be distributed until your account is paid up to date, including any past due tuition, recital fees and costume balances.

DANCE RECITAL TICKETS: The recital fee does not cover the cost of any tickets, which are required for entry for each person to the recital and usually cost about \$25 per ticket. Tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE and NON-EXCHANGEABLE. Tickets are available for purchase beginning a few weeks before the recital through our website on a first come first served basis. After online sales close, tickets will only be available at the door (at a higher rate), if available, and will be CASH ONLY.

RECITAL COSTUME PICTURE WEEK: In the late spring, we hold a picture week, where all classes will be photographed in their recital costume with a professional photographer. We take both class and individual photos. You are under no obligation to purchase pictures, but if you would like, packages will be available for purchase during dress rehearsal days. We generally try to schedule photo times on class day and near regular class time, but this is not always possible. Students are not required to attend picture week, but we recommended all students whose costumes have arrived attend, so that they may be present in the class picture which is displayed in the studio year round and in the studio slide show. If your child is not participating in the recital or your child's costume has not arrived yet, they do not need to come to picture week. *Please note:* if you informed us of your intent participate in the recital after we placed our initial order with the costume companies (which will be in November or December 2017), we CANNOT guarantee your child's costume will be here in time for picture week. This includes students who registered mid-year.

NO REFUND POLICY: All payments associated with the Dance Recital are NON-REFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE, no matter what the reason. This includes, but is not limited to, Recital Fee Installments, Costumes, any Recital Extras and Recital Tickets. If your child withdraws from classes at any point in the school year, any previous payments associated with the recital are NON-REFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE. Once selected, tickets (seat location), recital T-shirt sizes and DVD shows cannot be exchanged or transferred.

OTHER DANCE RECITAL INFO: Your child's class is scheduled to perform in a specific show and it cannot be changed. Refer to the class schedule to determine which showcase your child is tentatively scheduled to perform in. The final show schedule will be posted sometime mid-way through the school year. Refer to our Recital FAQ's page on our website for any other questions you may have.