

RECITAL HANDBOOK
(May 19, 2018)We Need
Volunteers

Dear Parents and Students

Cabarrus Dance Academy has provided students with an exciting performance experience through its Spring recital for over 70 years. The recital offers our students a professionally directed performance to present to their families and friends. General Admission to the recital is free! **This season you have the choice to purchase Preferred Reserve Seats or Reserved Seats. (See page 4). Programs will be \$5 on site.**

Rehearsals and Performances will take place at the Kannapolis Performing Arts Center (KPAC)

At A.L. Brown High School in Kannapolis 415 East 1st Street (near Cannon Village)
Park across the street at the church, school parking lot and surrounding streets. Do not park near school buses.

Dedication to the recital is the responsibility of both students and their parents. We've created this handbook in an effort to clarify what we expect from you in terms of commitments and responsibility to the annual recital, the school, and other students and parents. The recital concludes the 72nd dance season. **The last day of regular classes will be May 15. The remainder of the week will be dedicated to rehearsals and giving the three performances.**

If you've made monthly installments on tuition, May 1 is the date the final (9th) tuition payment is due for this season. The last auto-draft date will be May 15.

PART 1: Dress Rehearsal

Participation in the dress rehearsal is necessary for a successful performance. The dress rehearsal allows the students to become familiar with the auditorium surroundings and feel comfortable with their performance, costume(s), and being onstage. Lighting, music cues, set changes, and all other logistics for an organized and professional performance are rehearsed so that the students make the best impression possible. Confidence is critical to a successful performance. The dress rehearsal offers your child the chance to feel ready for the show. Please do not invite friends & family to the dress rehearsals. Dance Dads, male dancers, male siblings or friends are not allowed in the cafeteria. This is our dressing room.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 DRESS REHEARSAL FOR 6:00PM EVENING SHOW AT KPAC

Dancers report directly to the auditorium where they will sit with their class on designated row. Parents should sit on the side rows – not among the classes. Dancers may leave after they have rehearsed each routine.

4:30PM – Lee-ettes (in costume) *Doors open at 4:00pm*

5:00 PM – Run the 6:00 Evening Show (in costume) Lee-ettes, Intermediate/Adv. Middle & High School Classes, MS/HS Basic Ballet, MS/HS Basic Tap, Senior Solos, Protégés, MS/HS Sacred Class.

THURSDAY, MAY 17 STUDIO PRACTICE for Select Groups from the Evening Show - TBA**FRIDAY, MAY 18 DRESS REHEARSAL FOR 10 AM (MORNING) SHOW AT KPAC**

5:00PM Rehearse the 10AM Show in costume. Dancers should report to the cafeteria upon arrival. Parents should take a seat in the auditorium. Dancers may leave when they have practiced each dance onstage. *Classes that rehearsed on Wednesday do not rehearse again on Friday, even if they perform in multiple shows.*

These classes rehearse beginning at 5:00PM:

Pre-dance and Pre-Ballet

Hippity Hop

Kindergarten & First Grade Combo Classes

Tuesday 6:15 Ballet Studio C (Miss Hillman's Class)

FRIDAY, MAY 18 DRESS REHEARSAL FOR 1:30PM (AFTERNOON) SHOW AT KPAC

5:45 PM Rehearse the Afternoon Show (in costume) This rehearsal consists of all Elementary School Classes who DID NOT rehearse in morning show. Dancers should report to the auditorium upon arrival, sitting with their class on designated rows. Dancers with multiple costumes should take additional costumes to cafeteria and leave at designated tables. For this rehearsal, parents sit on side seats, not among the classes. Students may leave after rehearsing all dances. *Classes that rehearsed on Wednesday do not rehearse again on Friday, even if they perform in multiple shows.*

PERFORMANCE DAY! SATURDAY, MAY 19 AT KPAC

Doors will open one hour prior to show time. Plan to arrive a minimum 30 minutes prior to show time for all shows! Allow ample time to park!

10AM SHOW This show includes: The Lee-ettes, All Pre-Dance Classes, All Pre-Ballet Classes, Hippy Hop Classes, Ballet/Tap Combo Classes, Thurs. 6:15 Ballet (Studio C), Ballet Company, and select High School groups. All dancers report to and dismiss from cafeteria. Take Note: Lee-ettes and the 5 Year students will participate in the finale. All other dancers remain in cafeteria during the finale.

1:30PM SHOW Lee-ettes & All Elementary School Classes who did not perform in morning show, Protégés, Ballet Company, and Select High School Groups. Dancers will report to cafeteria and dismiss from stage after the finale. All performers are expected to stay and participate in the finale.

6PM SHOW Lee-ettes, Intermediate/Adv. Middle & High School Classes, MS/HS Basic Ballet & Tap, Senior Solos, Protégés, MS/HS Sacred Class. Middle School Dancers report to cafeteria. High School dancers report backstage. All dancers dismiss from stage after finale. All performers are expected to stay and participate in the finale.

PART 2: Tights, Shoes, Hair

Female students should wear makeup for the recital: red lipstick and blush are a must to avoid a 'washed out' face under the lights. You should apply your make up at home.

All female students should wear their hair in a bun or French braid if length permits. Long hair must be off the neck. Ballet Dancers must wear hair in bun. Dancers with short hair should wear it back from the face. Hair must be of a natural hair color. Do not accessorize hair with unnatural hair colors as in blue, pink, purple, neon colors, colored extensions, etc.

Do not add bows or hair accessories that did not come with the costume. All headpieces should be secured with bobby pins, and hats secured with elastic straps/clips/bobby pins.

Refer to the following chart for shoe and legwear requirements.

Dance	Shoes	Tights
Pre-Dance	Pink ballet shoes	Pink
Pre-Ballet	Pink ballet shoes	Pink
Ballet	Pink ballet (or pointe)	Pink
Combo	Pink ballet, Carmel Tap	Pink Ballet, Carmel for Tap
Modern	None or Nude Foot Undies	Caramel Transition Tights
Jazz	Caramel	Caramel Tights
Hip Hop	Black Capezio Dansneakers **	None ** No socks that show with hip hop shoes
Sacred	None or Nude Foot Undies	Black Footless
Lee-ettes	Caramel Tap	Caramel Fishnet Opera Hose worn over Carmel tights
Tap	Caramel Tap*	Caramel Tights * No Tap Shoe Ribbons for recital, please!

NOTE: No jewelry, including pierced earrings. Panties should not be worn with tights. Do not add your own hair bows, ribbon, etc. that are not part of the costume. No nail polish, no visible tattoos, or hair/body glitter!

Alterations

Alterations are sometimes needed after the costumes have been distributed and are the sole responsibility of the student's parent or guardian.

Costume care

Put Names in all costumes and accessories! Place the costumes in a garment bag with your child's name on the outside. Pack accessories in a clear plastic bag (labeled with your child's name). Make sure all costumes are wrinkle free prior to the dress rehearsal and the performance. Remove any tags that could hang out of the costume.

PART 3: Being Prepared

Planning

The recital isn't a one-day activity. Gather all costumes, accessories, shoes, and makeup several days in advance so you'll know if something is missing or isn't right. Make a checklist of your child's routines, listing the costume, tights, shoes, and any accessories, and refer to it to make sure you have all your supplies before going to the theater.

Bring at least one extra pair of tights of each color. Also bring extra hair gel, hairnets, bobby pins, and hairspray. Don't rely on our staff to provide these items for you.

TIPS: OTHER HANDY EXTRAS

- ✓ Baby wipes/Shout wipes (to fix makeup mistakes or wash hands)
- ✓ Baby powder (for itchy costumes)
- ✓ Safety pins (for emergency costume repairs)
- ✓ Clear nail polish (to repair minor holes or runs in tights when there isn't time to change them)
- ✓ Your pain reliever of choice
- ✓ Band-Aids (the "invisible" kind)

Snacks

Please DO NOT send your child to the dress rehearsal or recital with snacks or beverages. **Food and drinks are strictly prohibited in the auditorium.** The Kannapolis City Schools will fine our studio for violating this policy. No food or drinks is written into our rental contract for the theatre.

Dressing-room etiquette

Parents are to make all costume changes for their 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. No food or drink is allowed in the dressing rooms. **PARENTS PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DANCER TO STAND ON CAFETERIA TABLES!!!!**

PART 6: Other Recital Policies

Video and photography

Parents or guardians may videotape or photograph their children at the dress rehearsal, but be reminded that it is a rehearsal with stops and starts. **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY OR VIDEOGRAPHY DURING PERFORMANCE.** Please do not unplug or interfere with the studio video, sound, or lighting equipment.

Backstage

Family members and friends are not permitted backstage or in the cafeteria/ dressing rooms during rehearsals or the recital, including during intermission and before and after the show. There is a lot of backstage activity in a limited space, and cafeteria/ dressing rooms are private areas. Please remind your family and guests to be respectful of these areas.

Those who wish to greet performers after the show or present flowers may do so in the lobby areas, not in the hallway. Please take pictures in the lobby areas. Cameras are not allowed in the cafeteria/dressing rooms for obvious reasons!

PART 7: Awards and Recognition

We recognize students who have dedicated their time to dance for 5, 10, and 15 years at our studio. They will be honored during the finale of the recital. A list of award recipients will be posted in the studio lobby and sent to parents for verification in an e-mail in April. Please check the list to be sure that names are spelled correctly and that we have not left anyone off the list. Graduating seniors will be recognized and introduced onstage during the recital at the evening performance. These are the only awards that will be presented.

PART 8 : Preferred and Reserved Seating!!!!

We've taken the hassle out of finding (or fighting over) close up seats.

Seating on the first few rows of the auditorium can be reserved! The KPAC main floor has 1283 seats, plus 609 additional seats in the balcony. Having enough seats is never a problem, however, folks tend to want to all want the same few rows. This year, if you act early, you can reserve the seats closest to the stage. Seats can only be reserved through TUTUTIX.

Preferred Seats \$10 each
Reserved Seats \$5 each
General Admission – Free!

To Purchase Preferred or Reserved Seats :

Log onto: www.tututix.com/Cabarrusdance

Tickets will go on sale online at 9:00AM on Saturday, April 28.

PART 8 : We Need Parent Volunteers! -

We need a minimum of two PARENT VOLUNTEERS for EACH CLASS to chaperone dancers in the cafeteria during the morning and afternoon performance. Watch for email for link to sign up to Volunteer! Without chaperones, hundreds of dancers will be left unattended in the school cafeteria. WE NEED YOUR HELP! All parent volunteers will be able to go to the auditorium to see their child dance. Or – consider volunteering for an alternate show. Watch your child's performance, and volunteer backstage at a different show. We will also need USHERS to assist with seating at each show. Ushers must be friendly, attentive, but firm. 😊

PART 9 : Dance Pictures/End of Year Party

We will host Irresistible Portraits on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday April 20-22 for Dance Pictures. The schedule is to be announced. All students are invited but not required to participate. We would LOVE to have ALL of our dancers on the lobby display this year!

Our End of Year Party is scheduled for Monday afternoon, May 21 from 4:30-6:30PM at Frye's Roller Rink! Bring the family for an afternoon of fun! Skate admission will be free to all of our dance families. This is a private party. Please do not bring extra friends.

PART 10 – Stay Informed! CHECK THE RECITAL PAGE ON THE WEBSITE! www.cabrrusdance.com

Read This Handbook! Read Your Emails! Download the Cabarrus Dance App! Ask questions! Recitals should be fun!