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**Recital 2025!**

**TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Welcome to the beginning of many annual recital updates! This is an exciting part of our dance year as we not only continue to focus on growing and progressing as dancers but later begin to prepare for our June 7th annual recital! Recital info will be updated continuously via e-mails, website, and studio flyers. Here’s a quick look at what’s coming up this year. Mark your calendars early and look for updates throughout our dance year!**

**RECITAL DATE**: Sat., June 7, 2025

**TIME**: 10:00 a.m.

Recital order, arrival and performance times will be posted in April 2025.

**LOCATION**: Denton High School Theatre

3001 Bronco Way, Denton 76207

**MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL DATE**: Thur., June 5, 2025

**TIME**: 1:00-8:00

Rehearsal schedule with each dancer’s exact rehearsal times will be posted in April 2025. For example, if a dancer is in one dance number in the recital she/he will be required to be at dress rehearsal during a one-hour designated time only.

**LOCATION:** Denton High School Theatre

Students will practice their recital dance(s) on stage and in costume, giving them the invaluable opportunity to get used to the stage and dancing in costume, as well as work out any dance and costume “kinks.” Parents and guardians, thank you for being responsible for your child(ren) during your dancer’s rehearsal time.

**This is a MANDATORY REHEARSAL, excused for illness and emergency only. It is *very* important that our students experience dancing at the theatre prior to the recital. This rehearsal is highly instrumental in helping dancers feel comfortable and prepared for dancing on stage, as well as helping our show run smoothly and *safely*. If your dancer is not able to be at dress rehearsal and, therefore, not in the annual recital, thank you for letting us know before costume orders are made and recital preps begin. Performing at dress rehearsal and not recital is not an option.** Recital is what our dancers are working toward and look so forward to! If your dancer is unable to participate, please notify us in writing/email before costume payment due date.

***Recital opt-out date: Nov. 1, 2024.***

**COSTUME COST:**  110.00/dancer/class – includes 1 pair required tights/costume

Dancers will purchase 1 costume/class.

Combo 5-6 classes will be in 2 dances – 1 ballet and 1 tap - but will purchase only 1 costume.

**COSTUME PAYMENTS**: DUE on 11/15. ***Costume payments must be received no later than the due date to ensure that your child’s costume is ordered and received in time for the recital.*** Costumes are **non-refundable for any reason**, as costumes are made-to-order, non-returnable, and non-refundable. *If* *your dancer is in multiple numbers and you would like to split your costume cost into* *payments, please contact our office*. Costumes payments will be auto-charged to your account on 11/15, unless you make previous arrangements with our office. All costume balances must be paid before orders are placed and before receiving costume.

**SCENES REHEARSALS:** June 2-4

**Mandatory rehearsals** at DWDC. Each class will practice in “scenes” with other classes at DWDC. Dancers’ schedules will very likely be different than their regular classes. This schedule will be available early spring, so families have time to prepare for a different dance schedule this last week of class. These in-studio rehearsals are SO MUCH FUN, as dancers take turns performing for each other. We practice how to enter and exit the stage safely with light and music cues. SCENES aid immensely in helping dancers feel comfortable, prepared, and *excited* for Dress Rehearsal and Recital. Excused for illness and emergency only. These are not a dress rehearsal – regular dancewear only.

**PICTURE INFO:** Coming soon!

**RECITAL FEE**: $125/family. **Due: Feb. 1.**

Includes 2 free family tickets. Fee covers theatre rental for dress rehearsal & recital, additional insurance, all tech staff, DWDC staff, required law enforcement staff, backdrop, props, and all other costs associated with putting on our annual show. Additional tickets will be available for purchase in studio on select days in May and June and at the door the day of the recital. Recital fee will be automatically drafted on Feb. 1, unless you have made previous arrangements with our office. If you have to pull your dancer from the recital for any reason after recital fee has been paid, *this fee is non-refundable.*

**RECITAL VIDEOS:** You may take videos and pictures during dress rehearsal only. During the recital, *videos or cameras are prohibited*. Your cooperation is so appreciated, as videos and cameras can be very distracting and, therefore, unsafe to the dancers, as well as distracting to fellow audience members. A professional videographer will be recording the recital. Video fee info coming soon.

**COSTUME DETAILS**: Along with the costume, each class will be required to wear a specific color tights and shoes. This info will be posted once all costume orders have been placed. Required tights will be provided with each costume. To ensure your dancer has the correct size, you can place your tights order at our front desk in the spring.

**E-MAILS:** Many recital reminders, due dates, and important info will be going out over the next few months. Thank you for opening and reading all DWDC e-mails and staying up-to-date on recital news! A recital handbook including ALL recital info and schedules will be sent home with each family in April.

**RECITAL BOARD & WEBSITE:** Look for all recital info, as it becomes available, on our recital info board in the studio and recital page of our website – coming soon.

Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions. Thank you! info@dallaswestdance.com