

RECITAL INFO - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When and Where is the Recital?

The JJDA Annual Recital is held in June. Please see our [recital info page](#) for the exact dates and times.

What Recital Show is My Child In?

Most JJDA dancers only participate in one recital show. Each class is assigned a show prior to Fall Registration. Please log into your JJDA account and view your schedule. The show is listed next to the name of each class. There will also be a list posted on the recital page prior to ticket sales or you may contact the front desk for help.

What Time Do I Need To Be At The Recital?

Dancers should arrive one hour before show time so we can check them in and get everyone settled. The auditorium will open a half hour before show time for audience members.

When and Where is Dress Rehearsal?

Dress Rehearsals are held at the studio during regular class time. Dancers should come to class in costume. They will perform their routine in the Extension – our biggest dance room. The teacher will escort them from their regular classroom to the Extension and back. Group photos will be taken at dress rehearsal.

What Happens At the Recital?

On the day of the recital, dancers will arrive one hour before the show starts and head to the cafeteria, where they will be seated with their friends from class and their class moms. Dancers will be able to watch the show on the cafeteria TVs until it is their turn to head backstage to perform. Parents may bring activities and non-messy, nut-free snacks for their dancers to keep them occupied. At the end of the show, all the dancers will perform together in the grand finale. The class moms will escort the dancers to and from the stage for their performances. Please send one member of your party to sign your dancer out after the show. Parents are welcome in the cafeteria during the show to check on their dancers. You are also welcome to give the class mom your phone number so she can text you if your child needs to use the bathroom or would like a visit from mom or dad. Dancers must stay with their class for the duration of the show.

All audience members over the age of 3 require a ticket to attend the recital. Tickets will go on sale via the JJDA website in mid-May and will also be available at the door. Seating is assigned. Families may choose their seats when purchasing tickets.

How Can I Sign Up To Be A Class Mom?

In May there will be a Class Mom sign up sheet on the board at the studio. Class moms stay with the class in the cafeteria during the show and escort them to and from the stage. Class moms watch the dance from special front row seats reserved just for them and do not need a ticket to attend the show. They also receive a significant credit toward their June tuition as a thank you for volunteering!

Where Should My Child Change Costumes?

Most dancers will arrive at the recital venue in costume. Girls and Boys dressing rooms are available behind the stage for anyone who needs to change. There are also bathrooms in the backstage hallway and the cafeteria. Parents are welcome backstage to help their child change.

When Do Costumes Arrive?

Costume payments are due Nov 1st and costumes are ordered before winter break. They arrive in Spring and will be tried on in class in March-May depending on the shipping date. Costumes are non-refundable but may be exchanged for size if available from the costume company.

How Should My Dancer Wear Her Hair and What Shoes and Tights Does My Dancer Need?

Near the front desk you will find a pink binder with pictures of the costume for each class. The bottom of the page will list the hairstyle, tights and shoes for each class. We will also send out a spreadsheet with this information via email as the recital date gets closer.

What Is The Finale and What Does My Child Wear For It?

The Finale is a presentation at the end of the show, in which all dancers participate. It is a fun way to celebrate the end of a successful show and a successful year! Dancers should wear their recital t-shirt over their costumes. The recital t-shirts are customized for each year and include the names of the entire cast on the back.

Can My Dancer Sit In The Audience During The Show?

Dancers must stay in the cafeteria with their group and their class mom during the show. This ensures that everyone is safe and accounted for. Parents are welcome to visit their children during the show and are also welcome to volunteer as a class parent and receive a credit toward their June tuition.

How Do I Purchase Recital Tickets?

Tickets will go on sale via the JJDA website in mid-May. You will receive an email and a mailing home with more information. The link to purchase tickets will be found on the [recital information page](#), when available. All the seats provide a great view of the stage. However, if you have a particular seating preference, we recommend you log on to the ticket sale site at the time that tickets first go on sale.

Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the show.

When Are Recital Pictures Taken?

In May, individual and sibling recital portraits will be taken at the studio. These are optional and a sign up sheet will be posted in the waiting room. Portraits are taken by PM studios. You can select a package and make a payment via cash, check or credit card at the time of the portrait. Your child's portraits can be picked up at the recital by visiting the PM Studios table.

Group pictures will be taken at dress rehearsal and will be available for purchase at the recital.

Are There Classes The Week Of Recital?

There are no classes the Friday night before the recital. The studio is open all other days that week.

Can I Video My Child's Performance?

There is no photography or videotaping allowed in the theater on the day of the recital. The show will be professionally recorded and all families will receive a free HD digital download of the performance.

When Does My Child Wear The Recital T-Shirt?

Each year our dancers wear custom recital t-shirts that list the entire cast on the back for the Finale performance. We recommend putting your name in your child's shirt so that it does not get mixed up with anyone else's. Shirts can be purchased using the ticket purchase link.

Will There Be Flowers Available At The Venue?

A vendor will be on site with flowers for your convenience.

What Are The Auditorium Rules?

No photography, videotaping, eating, drinking, or smoking is allowed in the auditorium. All strollers must be parked in the lobby. When they are not onstage, dancers must remain in the waiting area with their class moms and may not be seated in the auditorium.

Students must respect other students' space and property in the dressing rooms. We are required to leave the dressing rooms in spotless condition, so please do your best to keep them organized and clean. No food or drinks are allowed in the dressing rooms. Please do not bring any valuable toys, games or electronics into the venue as they may be lost or damaged.

Note About Tuition and Fees

Please note that all tuition and fees for the year must be settled before a dancer can participate in the recital. We will charge the card on file for any outstanding fees, including June tuition, two days before the recital date.

Audience Participation

The dancers love it when you clap and cheer during their performance. Please be an enthusiastic audience member and let the kids know how much you value their hard work all year. We can't wait for you to see all that they've accomplished!