

2017 FOOTNOTES RECITAL HANDBOOK

Please read the entire handbook so you know what to expect at recital and the end of the season activities! This will provide everything you need to know 😊

Year after year, Footnotes Dance & Music Studio has provided students with an exciting performance experience through its annual recital. This opportunity gives all students the chance to shine during a live, professionally directed show. The recital also allows students to present the results of a year's hard work, dedication, and progress to their families and friends.

A big part of the dance training process includes learning through performance. The experience helps build self-esteem, self-assurance, and contributes to a sense of confidence. An on stage experience can result in better in-school presentations, improved social skills, and strong interview skills for future college or job opportunities. The rehearsal process is a tremendous learning experience as well. It helps the children develop retention skills, and by working with their classmates on a group performance, they learn the positive aspects of working as a team to create the best end result.

Dedication to recital commitments is the responsibility of both students and their parents. We've created this handbook in an effort to clarify expectations and inform you about the Footnotes Annual recital. It takes a lot of hard work, planning and organization to make a Recital successful. We make every effort to keep you updated and informed so the performance is enjoyable and memorable. Please take a few moments to read this handbook. It should answer many of the questions you may have, but if not, please ask us. We are here for you!

IMPORTANT DATES

April 15th: Recital Fee Due (\$75 first student/\$30 each add'l student)

Wed May 24th & Thurs May 25th : Picture Days with students in costume at the studio

Fri June 2nd: Stage Rehearsal at Lehigh Senior High School (See section below for times)

Sat June 3rd: Recital Show at Lehigh Senior High School, 2:00pm

Mon June 5th- July 27th: Summer Sessions

Mon Jun 5th: Summer Camp Begins (daytime)

Mon Aug 8th: 2017-2018 Season Begins

HOME STUDY

To ensure that the students feel confident about their performance, we ask parents and guardians to encourage them to rehearse their recital choreography on a regular basis. One of the best ways to do this is by watching the dance on video and dancing along. We encourage you to utilize your personal video

recorders. When bringing in your video recorder, please be sure to ask the teacher the best time to record the choreography so as not to disrupt instruction.

ALTERATIONS

Although rare, alterations and/or trim attachments are sometimes needed after the costumes have been distributed. Minor alterations are the sole responsibility of the student's parent or guardian. Any major alterations will be covered by the studio.

COSTUME CARE

We recommend that each student's name be placed in his or her costumes, shoes, accessories, and tights and be kept in a garment bag or upside down trash bag. Keep accessories in the clear plastic bag with your child's name on the bag and on **each item**. Hats should be stored in a hatbox or similar container to prevent damage. Please do not wash costumes in your washing machine; dry clean them only (after the recital) if desired. If wrinkled upon arrival, simply shake it upside down and hang in the bathroom to let the steam get the wrinkles out.

TIGHTS

To ensure that there are no discrepancies in color and style we have included a pair of tights with your costume purchase. Students are required to wear this pair. Please do not wear or wash the tights provided before Picture Day, or the Recital performance. Tights are available at the studio if you choose to purchase a spare pair.

SHOES

Costumes include all accessories needed for the performance (hats, gloves, tights, etc.) but not shoes. The style of shoe that is required for each dance class is the style of shoe to be used in the Recital. All students should purchase the required footwear before Picture Day. Review styles with your student's teacher if needed. Take a few minutes and clean and shine shoes so they are "show ready".

HAIR AND MAKEUP

All students should wear makeup for their recital performance. It is up to the parent or guardian if you choose for your child to wear makeup for Picture Day. A bright lipstick, blush, natural color eye shadow, and mascara works best for girls. The boys sometimes wear a little blush. Wearing makeup really helps your dancer not look washed out by the bright lights on stage. Teachers will be reviewing the hairstyles and how to incorporate hairpieces, if applicable, in class and on Picture Day. All students should wear their hair in the style designated by the instructor of their class.

RECITAL FEE

The Recital Fee is due April 15th and is \$75 for a single student and \$30 each additional student. It includes 2 tickets to the Recital performance and a yearbook. **We are often asked, "Why do we have to pay a Recital Fee?"** There are many costs associated with producing a show of the quality of our recitals: the auditorium and backstage rental for the performance and the rehearsal, paying the facilities manager and custodian support, props, lighting designer, sound and lighting techs, voice talent, music production and much more. We do our best to stay within a budget to keep the most reasonable cost possible so you and your family can enjoy the show!

PICTURE DAYS (At the studio)

Wed May 24th & Thurs May 25th : All Classes (Schedule Attached)

Students should arrive at their scheduled time dressed in full costume and ready to be photographed. If your student is in more that one class they will have multiple *report times*. *All students are required to be present at the scheduled time for their class picture. If you are late, you will not be in the photo.* We will be on a very tight schedule. Our photographer starts with individual poses of each student first and then does the class as a group. Teachers will assist to make this process run smoothly. **No parents are allowed in the photograph room during the picture taking process. No men or boys are allowed in the dressing room!** There is no obligation to buy photos. Photos will be available for viewing on the Photographers web site at www.matthewsimages.com. Pricing information will be distributed on Picture Day and also available on the web site. The students will go into a separate room to rehearse their routine right after the pictures while in costume. This will eliminate the need for them to be in costume while at the stage rehearsal at the high school.

Wednesday May 24th

Picture Time	Class	Class Day	Teacher
5:45pm	Preschool	Wed	Barbara
6:00pm	Jazz 1	Wed	Amy
6:15pm	Ballet 1	Wed	Chelsea
6:30pm	Hip Hop 1	Thurs	Antonio
6:45pm	Contemporary 2	Wed	Tyler
7:00pm	Contemporary 3	Wed	Tyler
7:15pm	Hip Hop 2	Thurs	Antonio
7:30pm	Tap 2	Thurs	Patty
7:45pm	Ballet 3	Thurs	Barb
8:00pm	Hip Hop 2	Wed	Kiara
8:15pm	Jazz 3	Wed	Amy
8:30pm	Jazz 2	Wed	Amy
8:45pm	Hip Hop 3	Wed	Kiara

Thurs May 25th

Picture Time	Class	Class Day	Teacher
5:45pm	Preschool	Tues	Barbara
6:00pm	Tiny Tots	Tues	Chelsea
6:20pm	Preschool	Thurs	Sarah
6:30pm	Preschool	Mon	Barbara
6:45pm	Tap 1	Mon	Tyler
7:00pm	Ballet 2	Tues	Amanda
7:15pm	Ballet 1	Mon	Tyler
7:30pm	Tumbling	Mon	Sharon
7:45pm	Tap 2	Tues	Betty
8:00pm	Ballet 2	Mon	Amanda

STAGE REHEARSAL

Friday June 2nd AT LEHIGH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

5:30pm-7:00pm: Tiny Tots/Preschool Combo/Level 1 Classes

7:00pm-8:30pm: Level 2 Classes/ Level 3 Classes/ Adults

Participation in the rehearsal is mandatory. The rehearsal allows the students to become familiar with the auditorium surroundings and feel comfortable with their performance while being on stage. 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. We do our best to run an organized and timely stage rehearsal; your help and patience in this process will guarantee a professional production. The students will not be in costume for Stage Rehearsal so you only need to bring their required shoes. They will "run" their routine in costume on picture day. Parents will be able to view the rehearsal from the theater until their children are dismissed. Pizza, drinks, and snacks will be available to purchase.

THE RECITAL PERFORMANCE

Sat June 3rd at 2:00pm AT LEHIGH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Students should arrive at the school **30 minutes** before curtain dressed in full costume and ready to perform. Doors to the venue will open at 1:15pm. Please be prompt. ONE parent or guardian should bring the student to the assigned class seating area, located up the stairs in the back of the main Auditorium. Students will be checked in and placed under the supervision of their class mom(s). All students will be under the supervision of responsible adults and will be safe while sitting with their class. After the class has performed on stage, the Class Moms will take them back to the designated row where ONE parent will retrieve them to join their family in the audience. If your child is in more than one dance, you are responsible to take them to the dressing room to change him/her into their next costume and get them back to the reserved row for the next class.

CLASS MOMS

Class Moms are needed for each class to supervise the dancers while they sit in their designated row. They will be able to watch their children perform from the backstage area. Class moms must assure that each child in her care is safe and accounted for. They are responsible for making sure that each child is in the proper costume, has the proper accessories and shoes, and is backstage at the appropriate time. They are also responsible for seeing that all children return to their designated row after they perform.

We need 2 class moms per class for the younger ones! Tiny Tots classes are the only exception to this and remain with their parents during the show. All Class Moms will receive 1 free ticket to the show to use as they wish as a thank you!

VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Parents or guardians may videotape or shoot photographs of their children at **rehearsals only**. Due to the large number of cameras, no electrical outlets will be available, so be sure your batteries are fully charged. Please note: **No video or flash photography will be allowed at the recital**. There is also no eating, drinking, or smoking allowed in the auditorium.

BACKSTAGE

Family members and friends are not allowed backstage or in the dressing rooms during the recital. The same applies after the show. There is a lot of backstage activity in a limited space, and dressing rooms are a private area. **No men or boys are allowed in ANY girl dressing rooms**. Please make arrangements if needed to have someone else help your child. Please remind your family and guests to be respectful of these areas. Those who wish to greet a performer after the show or present flowers should do so outside the dressing room area.

DVD PURCHASES

A videographer will professionally record the recital and provide DVDs for purchase. No personal video camera lighting will be allowed in the auditorium as it disrupts the work of the videographer. Order forms will be available during the last month of class, at the rehearsal, and at the recital for those who would like to purchase DVD's.

FLOWERS

Flowers will be on sale for purchase for your Recital Dancer the day of the show.

If you have any questions regarding our annual Recital, please let a staff member know so we can ensure good communication with our parents!