



Fall 2018 Recital Info Frequently Asked Questions

We are excited to offer our dancers the opportunity to showcase what they've learned this session in front of a large audience on a *real* stage! Participating in the Recital builds self-confidence, character, and team and communication skills (with peers and adults). Besides the experience being fun and inspiring, observing the other dancers at the Recital will also deepen your child's understanding and appreciation of the art. Students are not required to perform but are strongly encouraged for their own benefit.

Now is the time to tell us whether or not you'll be participating, and for performers to order costumes! Please read on for answers to the most frequently asked questions about the Recital. The attached Costume Order Form is due from ALL students (to indicate your participation choice) by October 5th.

When/where is the Recital?

Dress Rehearsal AND Recital will be **Saturday, December 8, 2018, at the Novi High School Auditorium** (24062 Taft Road, Novi, MI).

Tentative schedule (*PreBallet see your details below):

11:45am	Students are dressed (in costume) and ready in auditorium.
11:45-2pm	Dress Rehearsal. We begin with final bows (all dancers), and continue practicing each routine in Recital order.
2:00pm	Doors will open for spectators. (Students return to dressing rooms and wait for start of show.)
2:30pm	Recital begins. Show will end at approx. 4:00-4:30p.
*PreBallet students will arrive at 2pm and are released to parents at intermission (approx.. 3:30pm). After dismissal you may leave, stay and watch the show with the dancer on your lap (no ticket needed), or purchase a ticket for the dancer to have his/her own seat for the rest of the show. Details about tickets coming in October.	

Day-of details: In order to participate in the Recital, dancers **MUST** also attend Dress Rehearsal. It is crucial that all performing students are present at Dress Rehearsal to adapt to the many challenges a stage performances brings (bright lights, a new space, no mirrors, etc.), and so our teachers can make necessary adjustments before the final show. Students should arrive in full costume with hair and makeup complete (details for students in multiple routines will come with their costumes). We begin Dress Rehearsal by practicing the final bows involving ALL students except PreBallet, then run each dance in order (the show order will be announced in November when costumes are passed out). After each student's routine is finished rehearsing on stage, they will return to their backstage holding area to await the start of the show. Parents may sit in the auditorium during rehearsal or can simply drop off their students. Due to the number of people involved, parents are asked **NOT** to go backstage. Staff members will be present in every backstage area to supervise students and assist with bathroom trips, hair/makeup touch-ups, etc. Once Dress Rehearsal is finished, we will clear the auditorium and ask all guests to wait in the lobby while we finish preparations.

During the show, students will remain in their dressing areas until their performance time. All backstage holding areas will be staffed to assist your students with whatever they need, including costume changes for students in multiple routines. We recommend packing an 'activity bag' with non-messy snacks and activities to keep your child entertained during the wait backstage. Our staff will also facilitate a 'show and tell' of each routine so students can perform for one another. It's a great chance to practice and bond with their classmates! After final bows, parents are invited to come on stage for photos and to collect their dancer's belongings before heading home.

What do the dancers wear?

Dancers will wear a uniform costume look. We strive to select costume items that are affordably priced and can be comfortably worn in the future for class or other fitness activities. Please see the attached Costume Order Form for specific costume pricing and additional items needed for each class. Most costume pricing includes a full top and bottom,

but some classes will purchase only a top and must provide the specified bottoms on their own (black jazz pants, for example). **Any items in the “Also needs” column of the order form are NOT included in the costume price and must be provided by the student.** Many “Also needs” items (including shoes, tights, and jazz pants) can be purchased in our Spirit Shoppe. If you need to purchase any “also needs” items, please be sure to purchase or order early enough to have in time for the Recital.

Costume Order Forms are due to the front desk (complete with all measurements and payment) no later than October 5th. **All students must return a Costume Order Form to indicate their participation choice:** mark ‘not participating’, or complete the form to order a costume and participate. Late costume orders will only be accepted once the manufacturer confirms availability, and will be subject to a late fee (TBD) to cover the cost of individual shipping.

How do I get tickets?

Tickets are \$8 per person and should be purchased in advance. **You’ll receive a ticket order form in October with more details** about the process. For now, start making your list of family and friends who’d like to attend! Note that your Recital Fee already includes 2 tickets. Tickets will be also available at the door for \$10 (subject to availability).

What is the Recital Fee?

The \$45 Recital Fee helps cover expenses like auditorium rental, hiring production technicians, insurance for the event, printing of tickets and programs, processing, ordering, and distributing costumes, etc. Please note that the Recital Fee is per family (NOT per student); if you have more than one child participating you will only pay ONE Recital Fee. The Recital Fee also includes two tickets and one DVD of the show from Pask Video Productions. Additional tickets may be purchased at a later date (see ‘How do I get tickets’ above).

How do I sign up (or opt out) for the Recital?

- ✓ **Sign up:** Return the attached Costume Order Form with complete measurements and payment by October 5th. Follow the directions on the back of the form to measure. Measuring tapes are available to borrow at the front desk. Though we can’t measure for you, our staff is happy to walk you through the process and answer any questions you may have.
- ✗ **Opt out:** Return the attached Costume Order Form with the top left box marked (“I will not be participating”). Your student will still learn the routine and participate in every part of class.

Other reminders:

Important Dates:

- **10/5: Costume Order Forms DUE from ALL students.**
- **10/31: Halloween, NO YOUTH CLASSES.** Make up info coming soon.
- **11/12-11/18: Parent Week,** Join us at the end of class for a live preview of our routine!
- **11/20-11/25: Thanksgiving Break, NO YOUTH CLASSES.**

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