SHORT DANCE NR RECITAL INFO. 2026

Dress Rehearsal

Important! **We appreciate you allowing us the opportunity to share our love of dance with your child this year. We hope that they have made some wonderful memories and friends, as well as received an excellent dance education. Please, read the following thoroughly to help make this year's recital go smoothly for everyone. If you have any questions, please ask at the front desk.**

-Full Dress Rehearsal & Pictures will be Friday May 29th for New Richmond dancers and all main production dancers at the New Richmond high school.

Rehearsal is a mandatory practice. It is essential that dancers get a sense for the stage and an opportunity to practice at the actual auditorium. **All rehearsals, pictures and recitals are at the New Richmond H.S. auditorium for NR dancers not at the studio.**

The rehearsal dates were given out at the beginning of the year and the rehearsal/picture times will be e-mailed to you, and posted on our website once the final recital order is secured. We know that not all times are convenient, but the auditorium only gives us a limited number of hours to rehearse, and we must make every second count. Rehearsals only last about 5-10 minutes per dance and will start on time **regardless if all of the dancers are present or not**. Please be ready to dance (dressed, warmed up and stretched) **30 minutes early** as rehearsal sometimes runs ahead of schedule. Once the dance is done rehearsing on stage, they will move to the picture station to take individual and group pictures with that costume. Dancers will repeat this process for all their routines. *We ask that you please plan around these couple of days out of the year. Carpool, if necessary, to be there and on time.* ***It is very important that all dancers are in the group picture together. Even if you are not going to purchase professional pictures, your classmates and the studio will want everyone in the picture.***

All costumes are to be pressed and worn at the rehearsal. All makeup, hair and appropriate dance shoes should be worn. (Ask your teacher if you are unsure of these things.) All dance shoes should be clean. This practice should be as close to how the actual recital is going to be performed as possible. Remember, we are trying to give the dancers and the audience an

experience of a professional show. Therefore, there should be absolutely no underwear, nail polish or jewelry and everyone should be ready on time.

Recitals

There will be three NR recitals (groups only) at the New Richmond high school

1.) Saturday May 30th at 10:00am

2.) Saturday May 30th at 3:00pm

3.) Sunday May 31st at 10:00am (awards directly following)

FREE Solo, Duet, Trio Recital – All dancers with Solos, Duets or Trios will be performing their routine(s) at this recital only. This recital is FREE and open to anyone that has a ticket for one of the regular group recitals. This recital will run directly following the awards after the 10am show on Sunday May 31st (starting approx. 3:00pm).

Costumes, Hair & Makeup

All costume questions should be directed to the costume coordinators (Becca J. and Anna B. in NR) well before the recital. When in doubt let the office know what you need, and they will get the info. to the correct person. Please remember to bring lots of safety and bobby pins, as well as a sewing kit with scissors in case there should be any malfunctions. **Please do not wear colored nail polish, jewelry, or underwear**.

During costume try on the teachers will explain how the dancers should wear their hair and make-up for the photos and recital. Please remember that photo makeup can be lighter than recital makeup. The recital makeup is a lot heavier to compensate for the stage lighting.

Dancers should arrive at rehearsal and recitals in full costume and makeup. Please make sure to wear something (ex. recital shirts) over the costume when not on stage to ensure the costume does not get dirty/ruined. The only thing that they should need to change into is proper dance shoes. Remember to not wear your dance shoes outside when entering or exiting the building. Dancers who are in more than one dance should have their other costumes with them to change into immediately after their first dance.

Tickets

Tickets are purchased by families in order to give our dancers the opportunity to perform on a stage in a professional setting. We thank all families for their support and hope that everyone enjoys seeing their dancer shine in lights! Everyone 3 and up will need a ticket, as well as anyone or anything sitting in a seat. Please keep your tickets in a safe place. No one will be able to enter the auditorium without a ticket at any time. **Please only enter and exit in between dances and purchase a ticket near the door if you know you will be moving in and out a lot.** If a dancer is getting a ticket to watch part of the show, they must have a cover-up over their costume while in the auditorium and should **be backstage 5 routines prior to their dance**.

Tickets are sold online starting **April 29th at 11am** for your convenience. A full-page information sheet on how to order tickets will be provided to you along with the order of the recital. ALL dancers are in ALL group recitals.

Seating

All seating is reserved in order to ensure everyone has a seat and to create less hassle and frustration.

Time

All dancers should be in their **dressing rooms ½ hour** before the recital starts to dress, warm up and stretch. The doors to the auditorium also open ½ hour before start time. **We are kindly asking for volunteers to take tickets, manage the auditorium doors and help with concessions. Please let the office know which show you are able to help with.** The slide show will be playing during the ½ hour before the show starts and at intermission.

Slide Show

Please submit any and all pictures of your dancer(s) and their friends by May 1st via e-mail as a .pdf or .jpg or on a flash drive. These should be emailed to igh@shortdancestudios.com or provided directly to your office staff. Please submit names, class and any other caption you feel fits. Seniors should submit a photo with a brief write-up to be included. All assistant photos will be needed as well. All pictures submitted after May 1st may not be placed on the slide show that plays in the beginning of the recital and during intermission.

***If you would like to support the Short Dance Studios Recital Program, Business sponsorship ads and Parent Keepsake ads are also available! See the office.**

Performer's Entry to Stage

All performers must enter at the back-stage entry, not through the main auditorium doors. This entry will be clearly marked and practiced with at dress rehearsal. A Short Dance Studio staff member or volunteer will come and collect the dancers from their dressing room, line them up, walk them backstage and then lead them back to their dressing room once they have finished dancing. There will be signs for which dressing room is yours. Ask at the front lobby table if you have any questions.

Dressing Rooms and Backstage

We will have postings of the order of the dances at the head table and in all dressing rooms during the dress rehearsal and at each of the recitals. Dancers should wait in the designated dressing room area when dressed. Please stay with or have a volunteer parent stay with your dancer in the dressing room. (It is a good idea to have another parent stay with your dancer during a show so you can watch the whole show and then switch off for the next recital so that the other parent can sit and watch the whole show). A Short Dance staff member or volunteer will come to get them a few dances before they perform. If your dancer has enough time between dances or they are done dancing by intermission, they can watch the show. ***They will need a ticket and either street clothes on or their costumes covered in the auditorium to avoid distractions.*** Please send dancers with a bottle of water and little ones with something to keep them occupied such as coloring books. Please no colored drinks, messy foods, or markers.

Parents will not be admitted backstage with the students. It is very hard for us to get organized when we have people other than dancers and parent volunteers backstage. A staff member or parent volunteer will escort the dancers back to the dressing room immediately following their dance.

Awards

Every dancer will have the opportunity to be recognized on stage and will get an award for completing their year of dance. The dancers are reminded that this is an award of completion only and that there are so many more rewards that dance can and has given them. **The awards list was posted at the studio in February for parents to check their student(s) name and number of years to ensure that everything was correct.** We take no responsibility for those names and years not corrected. *We are proud to be able to present an award to every student.*

Food/Flowers

No food or drink is allowed in the auditorium. It is best to have dancers eat at the concessions in the commons/cafeteria area before the recital and maybe have a small snack just before coming backstage.

We are very excited to be at the beautiful New Richmond High School this year. Please keep all areas of the school clean to ensure that we are allowed back in the future.

> ***Concessions will be sold before, during, and after dress rehearsal and at all recitals for your convenience!**

Flowers will be sold at all recitals until gone for all those that want to wish their special dancer good luck or say excellent job!

Recital Length

This year's recitals will be approximately 3.25hrs. in length with a 10-15min. intermission.

Photographs & Videos

NO photography or Video cameras are allowed during the recitals for creative integrity, privacy, and student safety. All dancers will receive a copy of this year's recital as part of the recital keepsake package.

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