

Recital Handbook for 2024

NorthPointe Dance Academy Recital

Marion Palace Theatre

276 West Center Street, Marion, OH 43302

RECITAL: Friday, May 24th, 2024, and Saturday, May 25th, 2024

This packet and as well as specific directions to Marion Palace Theatre are available on our website at www.northpointedance.com under the Spring Recital Tab

For the past twenty-four years, NorthPointe Dance Academy has provided students with an exciting performance experience through our May recital. The recital is our most exciting performance of the year. The May recital offers our students a professionally directed performance that allows them to present the results of a year's hard work, dedication, and progress. The show incorporates stage lighting, creative ideas and choreography, dynamic music, and variety – making this show more than a recital and an event to remember. We strive to see a smile on each child's face on recital day as they proudly perform for their friends and family!

Dedication to recital commitments is the responsibility of both students and their parents. We have created this handbook in an effort to clarify what we expect from you in terms of commitments and responsibility to the annual recital, the studio, and other students and parents.

Recital Updates

As the season progresses, additional recital information will be available online and on our bulletin boards. Make it your responsibility to keep abreast of this important information. Our goal is to make the recital experience organized and exciting for all involved. **IMPORTANT: Name Check:** We want your dancer's name spelled correctly in our recital program. Please check the hallways at NDA for the recital order and verify the correct spelling of your dancer's name. Please write changes directly on this sheet, if necessary. This will be posted prior to recital, normally in April.

Costumes

Pictures of your dancer's recital costume will be available with a link to the "Costume Look Book". Costumes will be distributed by your teacher during class time as they arrive.

Recital Package

A recital package of \$52 per dancer and \$35 per each additional dancer (per family) will be auto-deducted from accounts on April 1. The recital package includes live stream access to the entire show, a free digital download of the show (will be sent via email), a special gift for your dancer, dancer monitoring/supervision prior to and during the show, special guest visitation for our dancers, live streaming in the May Pavilion, Theatre rental/ushers, decorations, and photo opportunities.

Tickets and Seating

All guest attending our 2024 Spring Recital must purchase a ticket. Ticket options will be available in 3 options ranging in price from \$14-\$30. Tickets will be sold for purchase directly through the Marion Palace Theatre. Children ages 3 & under are permitted free as lap children, however will need to purchase a ticket if they sit alone in a seat.

Ticket sales will begin **Apr 22, 2024**. You can call or purchase online through their website (Please note if tickets ordered online, the Theatre does collect a \$10.00 processing fee)

Marion Palace Theatre Box Office

Phone :740-383-2101 Hours: Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

marionpalace.org

5 Recitals!

We will be presenting five recital shows on recital weekend. Shows will be Friday, May 24th at 6:00 pm and Saturday, May 25th at 9 am, 12:00 pm, 3:00 pm, and 6:00 pm. Check for the schedule on our website, at the front desk, and in the hallways at NDA. Dancers with one recital dance will perform in one of our 5 shows. Dancers with more than one dance could be dancing in multiple shows, however, each recital dance will only be performed once during recital day.

NorthPointe has grown over the past twenty-four years and it has become impossible to honor every recital request from parents (i.e.: specific show time, specific kids and/or friends in the same show, etc). We appreciate your understanding.

Live Stream of Our Recital

Our recital package includes live online streaming for guests who are unable to attend but would like to watch online.

The link for this streaming will be posted on our website and emailed to our customers as soon as we receive it.

• *Live streaming is not always dependable and NorthPointe Dance Academy and its employees and contracted vendors cannot be held liable in the event that this service is disrupted.*

Costume

Dancers should arrive at the theater on show day already dressed in their costumes. Your child's name should be placed in all costumes, shoes, accessories, and tights. For dancers with multiple performances in one show, it is helpful to store costume in garment bags with your child's name on the outside. Pack accessories in a clear plastic bag with your child's name on the bag and each item (if possible).

Tights, Shoes, and Accessories

NorthPointe will provide a "Recital Costume Accessory List" on our website and in a binder at the front desk for parents to review. It will list what type of tights, shoes, and accessories are needed for each recital class/dance. **It is very important that you review all of the accessory information for each of your dancer's classes.** Tights and gloves

may be purchased at the NDA front desk Please do not wear tights before the dress rehearsal or performance. Remember, NO Jewelry, nail polish, or underwear is to be worn at picture day, Dress Rehearsal, or Recital, with costumes.

Hair and Makeup

Please refer to your teacher for specifics about hair and makeup. Recital students are encouraged to wear an age-appropriate amount of blush and lipstick, for the stage. No jewelry or nail polish.

Pre-Planning

Gather all costumes, accessories, shoes, and makeup several days in advance so you'll know if something is missing or isn't right. Make a checklist of your child's routines, listing their costumes, tights, shoes, and any accessories, and refer to it to make sure you have all your supplies before the big day.

Bring at least one extra pair of tights. Also bring extra hair gel, hair nets, bobby pins, and hairspray.

Other handy extras include:

- Baby wipes/Shout wipes (to fix makeup mistakes or wash hands)
- Baby Powder (for itchy costumes)
- Safety Pins (For repairs)
- Clear Nail Polish (to remove minor holes or runs in tights when there isn't time to change them)
- Nail Polish Remover (in case you forgot to take it off)
- Pain Reliever of choice
- Clear Band-Aids

- DO NOT LEAVE ANY OF THESE ITEMS WITH YOUR DANCER IN THE PAVILLION.

Practice!

To ensure that students feel comfortable and confident about their performance, we ask that parents encourage dancers to rehearse their recital dance at home on a regular basis. Feel free to videotape their performance during our Spring family watch week to help your dancer practice.

Class/Group Picture Week at NDA! Week of Sat April 20th through April 26th, 2024

Class pictures will be taken during your normally scheduled class time (exception noted for Company classes-please check picture week schedule). Students should wear their costumes and all necessary accessories/shoes to class and be ready for pictures by the start of their class. Please be available to pick up your child immediately after photos.

Individual Picture Options:

April 20th to the 26th, 2024: For daytime and Saturday classes only during your normally scheduled class time.

May 17th and 18th, 2024: Individual and Sibling/Friend Picture Opportunities at NDA from 2-9 pm. on a first-come, first-served basis. Company dancers must take advantage of these dates if they would like to have individual photos, as it is their only opportunity.

May 24th and 25th, 2024 at Marion: Individual Photos will be available at Marion Palace Theatre on Friday, May 24th from 4:30-6:00 pm and Saturday, May 25th from 8:00 am to 7:30 pm for recreational dancers only. If your dancer is in the 6:00 pm show Friday or Saturday they will need to take individual photos before the start of their show as the PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE SHOW. Individual photos are optional and ordered through the photographers that evening. Please plan for more time if you are taking these photos. Individual photos will be available for pickup during the summer. We will send out an email when they arrive.

Recital - May 24th and May 25th, 2023 at Marion Palace Theater

Recital Arrival

A parent should check in their dancer at the entrance of the May Pavillion at their designated numbered table, at least 30 minutes prior to show time. Your dancer should arrive in full costume for the recital. Your dancer will be dropped off in costume and will not be able to keep any other items with them, due to space in the backstage dressing rooms. *Please do not bring any food or drink items in the Pavillion . NDA monitors will remain with the dancers until their class is called to perform. Your dancer will return to this area after dancing and remain with their class in this supervised area until the recital is finished (after the finale), at which point your dancer will be brought to the front of the stage for pick-up

Expect a large crowd! When arriving at recital, there will most likely be a recital in progress. Be prepared to wait in line outside of the theatre for the next show to begin. No one will be admitted into the theatre until the previous show has completed and the theatre has been completely emptied out by our professional ushers. We will not permit guests to stay in the auditorium between shows, and all guests will need a valid ticket to enter. Please wait for your guests to arrive in the lobby and then you may enter the auditorium line together.

Dancer Dismissal

Following the performance finale, dancers will be dismissed to parents from the front of the stage. Classes will be dismissed one at a time. Please have one parent staying in the auditorium at the end of the show to pick up your dancer. All other family members should exit the theater immediately following the finale. You will NOT be picking up your dancers in the Pavillion. This is why it is very important that you do not leave any additional items with your dancer when dropping them off. Dancers will not be released until the end of the show, so please be patient and enjoy watching the other performances! *NorthPointe does not allow dancers or costumes in the audience during recital shows.* This policy ensures less movement in and out of the auditorium during performances.

Theatre Rules

Please silence ALL cellular phones. We ask that everyone remain in their seats throughout the entire performance. If you arrive late or must leave the theatre during recital, you must wait until the onstage dance is finished. Crying babies and

disruptive children should not be in the theatre. Enthusiastic applause is encouraged, however it is never appropriate to scream out a child's name or yell in any way. Dancers must remain in the Pavillion when not onstage.

Video and Photography

NO VIDEO OR FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE THEATRE AT OUR RECITAL, VIA CELL PHONE, CAMERA OR CAMCORDER! Not only is it very distracting to the dancers, people who have paid to see the show will not appreciate video cameras blocking their view of their precious dancer. It is important that you pass this policy on to your recital guests. Our professional videographer will make this special event available for you on as a digital download as a part of your recital package. Your digital download will be emailed after the recital (date TBA)

Backstage/Dressing Rooms:

Family members and friends are not permitted backstage during recital. No men are permitted backstage. Please remind family and friends to be respectful of this area. Those who wish to greet performers after the show or present flowers should do so in the Main Lobby.

Costume changes during the shows or "Quick Changes":

Many dancers will be performing in several different routines in this year's show. Costume changing can seem intimidating, however, with proper organization and planning, costume changes will run smoothly. Dancers that have less than five numbers between their dances are considered "quick change". We have a designated area set up for quick changes. Dancers MUST sign up for the quick change room at NDA prior to May 23th, 2024.

Recital Flowers & Merchandise:

NDA will be selling beautiful flowers and NDA merchandise in the theatre lobby. ***Flowers /Merchandise are only available as first come, first served and we almost always sell out! Please plan accordingly, especially if your dancer is in one of our final shows of the day.*** There will be bundles available for pre-sale beginning in early May.

Final Note

We realize this is a lot of information. Please keep this handbook nearby to refer to during the next few months. We are greatly anticipating this year's recital experience and appreciate your compliance with the rules and guidelines in this handbook. Thank you for working with us to create an enjoyable and memorable experience!

Sincerely,

Barb, Kathy, and the NDA Family

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