

THIS IS YOUR 2011 RECITAL PACKET ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND:

Important costume information for Pictures and Recital

Rehearsal and Recital Dates and Times for your student's classes.

Answers to the most common recital questions.

Information on Recital extras such as: Videos, DVD's, T-shirts, Sweatshirts and Flowers.

Class and Individual Photos will be taken during classes the week of May 2nd – May 7th. Parents will not be allowed in the photography room. It is distracting for the dancers as well as the photographer and space is limited. The photographer has suggested that no glitter be used for make-up. The glitter looks fabulous in person but does not photograph well and leaves white specks on photos, causing the photos difficult to edit.

LAST DAY OF CLASSES: Monday June 6th, Tuesday June 14th, Wednesday June 15th, Thursday June 9th

Friday June 10th · Saturday June 11th

June tuition is the same as any other month. Our tuition is annual divided into 10 equal monthly payments. There are fewer classes in June. June Tuition is due by June 15th.

RECITAL FAQ's

As you know recital is coming very quickly. Below is a list of common questions and answers that students and parents should know. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. We realize that recital comes at a very busy time of year and can be a little overwhelming especially if this is your first time. However, we have always found that ending result is very rewarding for all. Please visit our community site at www.dancemakersnorthwest.shutterfly.com for documents such as; rehearsal schedules, show orders, this packet and most of the documents that have recital information. There is a parent and student forum that can be used to ask and answer any question you may have. Of course you can always email us at dancemakers@comcast.net with any questions as well.

When Is the Recital?

Recital is Friday, June 17th at 7:00p.m., Saturday, June 18th Matinee at 2:00p.m., and Saturday, June 18th Evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Sumner Performing Arts Center. Each class will perform in ONE of the recital shows listed above. Performing group and advanced classes will perform in TWO.

When are the dress rehearsals? Dress Rehearsals are at the **Sumner Performing Arts Center**. Each class has an assigned time to practice on the stage. It is very important for all class members to attend this scheduled rehearsal. Check rehearsal schedules for exact times. We will not be able to go back and redo the dance if you are late. *Please be on time.*

Scheduled rehearsal times are all approximate, we may be ahead or behind our schedule so please be at rehearsal practice no later than the designated time for your class. Students are free to leave once they have practiced their **dance and the finale**. **If a class is scheduled to rehearse after finale please be at the rehearsal at the designated finale rehearsal time.** The finale will take place at the end of every recital. Every student who dances in the recital will be on the stage for finale. **Video cameras and photographs are allowed at the dress rehearsals.**

Please be dressed in full costume that is why it is a "dress rehearsal". The general dress rehearsals times are as follows: Please note a few of the classes have been moved to a different rehearsal date that does not coordinate with what is listed below. So it is important that you check the dress rehearsal schedules and the information given to you for your class during the Parent Meeting.

If you are performing in the **Friday, June 17th recital** your dress rehearsal date is **Thursday, June 16th starting at 6:00p.m. (check rehearsal schedules for exact times).** Finale practice for the Friday, June 17th Recital will be Thursday, June 16th from 6:45-7:15p.m.

If you are performing in the **Saturday, June 18th Matinee recital** your dress rehearsal date is **Thursday, June 16th starting at 4:15p.m. (Check rehearsal schedule for exact times).** Finale practice for Saturday, June 18th Matinee Recital will be Thursday, June 16th from 5:30-6:00p.m

If you are performing in the **Saturday, June 18th Evening recital** your dress rehearsal date is **Monday, June 13th starting at 4:15p.m. (Check rehearsal schedule for exact times).** Finale practice for the Saturday, June 18th Evening Recital will be Monday, June 13th from 6:00 to 6:30p.m.

RECITAL TICKET INFORMATION: Dancemakers uses an online ticket agency (etix) for parents to purchase their assigned seat recital tickets. For those of you who are experiencing your first recital with us this year.....The Sumner Performing Arts Center is a wonderful facility which we have held our recitals at for 28 years. The seating capacity is approximately 820. It is not uncommon for the recital shows to reach near full capacity. This is why we started using the online ticket agency 3 years ago. It became very obvious under our old “general admission” format that we needed more structure with recital seating to assure that everyone who purchases a ticket has a seat at show time. There is a fee to use the service which in the past has been added on to the ticket price at the end of the purchase. This year we will set a flat fee of \$10/ticket (which will include the fee so there are no surprises at the end of your transaction). Etix will allow you to select your seats, purchase and print your recital tickets from the comfort of your computer. No more waiting in lines before the show to make sure you get the seat that you want or waiting in line to purchase a ticket. Every person entering the auditorium will need to purchase a ticket. The only exception would be young children who will be sitting on an adult’s lap or parent volunteers who will be backstage for most of the show (see volunteer information below). Tickets will go on sale **SATURDAY, JUNE 4th at 9:00a.m.**

What if I do not have internet access or a printer to get recital tickets? If you do not have internet access you can still purchase tickets by calling the box office (the phone number will be distributed with the detailed instructions closer to the starting sale date). If you don’t have a printer or if you experience technical difficulties with your printer during your transaction we can print your ticket order for you. Also if you have someone in your group that requires wheelchair seating or needs to be seated where they do not have to climb stairs please contact Melissa to discuss seating options.

What time should I bring my child to the recital and where should I take my child once I get there?

The doors will open 30 minutes before the show starts. Students should arrive dressed in their costumes. Young students can be taken to the band room where adults will supervise them at all times. There will be games, movies and coloring books to keep the kids entertained during the show. Students will not be allowed to leave the band room unless an adult accompanies them. Older students that do not have a lot of costume changes should go to the choir room. Female students will be changing in the choir room so no men will be allowed. Female students who have a lot of costume changes should change in the green room.

NO Performers WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING RECITAL. This policy was put in place to prevent many distractions of dancers entering and exiting the auditorium during the show. There is a TV in the back where the dancers will be able to view the recital live. Small children will be well supervised and entertained. If your student wants to watch a recital we suggest that they attend a recital that they are not participating in.

How do I get my child after the performance?

Students will be dismissed from the stage to a guardian once the recital has ended. Students will only be allowed to exit using the stage stairs, please do not encourage them to exit the stage any other way.

Recital Volunteers Volunteers are always needed at recitals. Parent volunteers help assist with escorting children to get drinks, keeping kids busy, helping with hair and make up if needed, assisting the backstage crew but most importantly keeping the kids safe and comfortable. Parents who choose to volunteer will have the opportunity to select to volunteer for a small portion of the recital or the entire show (all volunteers will be given an \$8 Dancemakers’ gift certificate for volunteering). Volunteers will be able to watch their child perform on stage. Parents who volunteer for the entire show, therefore not needing a seat in the auditorium, will not be required to purchase a recital ticket. Volunteer sign ups will be posted in May.

Recital Etiquette

If you need to leave the auditorium during the recital please leave between dances. Remember there are absolutely no still or video cameras allowed in the auditorium during the recital. If you want to capture photos of your dancer on stage we highly recommend you do so at dress rehearsals. We have a contract with Keepsake Productions Northwest (the videographer). If individuals use personal video cameras Keepsake Productions Northwest will leave and no videos will be produced for anyone. There is **ABSOLUTELY no food or drinks** allowed in the auditorium or backstage areas including bottled water. As a courtesy to the audience we ask that all cell phones, pagers or any other distracting devices be turned off for the recital.

Optional Recital Items Available For Purchase: Recital videos, T-shirts & Sweatshirts and Flowers are optional to purchase and are available for your convenience and keepsake. See order forms included for more details.

Recital DVD’s: Watch your favorite recital dances over and over again. A professional production company Keepsake Productions Northwest has been hired to video the recital. DVD’s can be purchased of each recital. Costs of DVD’s will be **\$30.00(tax included)**.

T-SHIRTS & HOODED SWEATSHIRTS: All Shirts have all recital participants names on the back. The shirts make fun keepsakes and the kids love to point their names out to friends on the back.

FLOWERS: Giving your special dancer a bouquet of flowers is always a nice surprise for them. Recital flowers can be pre ordered and picked up at the Recital in the foyer.