

QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED AT RECITAL

Many excellent questions have been asked about recital over the years. Please find the answers to the most commonly asked questions on the following pages.

How do I know which show my child will perform in?

All students in group classes 2nd grade and younger will perform in BOTH the Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, May 20th 3:30pm performances. Students in group classes 3rd grade and older will perform in both Friday, May 18th & Saturday, May 19th 7:00pm shows. If your child is in a 2nd/3rd combo class, they will perform in both evening shows. Soloists dance in one of the four shows. Please see the recital line-up, in the lobby, to learn which show your favorite soloist will be performing. Competition group classes will not perform in all shows. Each competition group will perform in one matinee and one evening show.

How long will each performance last?

We anticipate the 3:30 show to be a little over 2 hours and the 7:00 evening show to be about 3 hours. All performers **MUST** stay in their dressing room throughout the duration of the performances.

Does my child need to stay through to the end of the show?

YES. All shows have a group finale. Every student is in the finale. Growing up, the finale was one of the highlights of the show and a very memorable piece of the performance.

Do parents and families have to attend all performances?

This is up to each individual family. Some families will attend multiple performances and others will choose to attend one show as a family and have only one parent attend the other performance. **SUGGESTION:** We are always in GREAT need of backstage help for all shows. Please consider signing up as a recital volunteer for one performance & attend the other with your family.

Can I stay backstage with my child?

Only parents who sign-up to help, will be allowed backstage. This includes competition parents. Only females are allowed backstage in the dressing rooms. However, we have security, tickets, props and other jobs that are available for all genders.

What does a recital volunteer do?

There are many different volunteer positions available for moms and dads. A sign up sheet will be posted in the lobby with a brief description of the different jobs. All new volunteers must attend an informational meeting outlining the responsibilities of each job. The meeting is Monday, May 14th at 7:00pm at the studio. Volunteers do not need to purchase a recital ticket on the night they volunteer.

Can the dance students watch the performance?

YES & NO. All performers must remain in the dressing rooms during the recital. During dress rehearsal only, students will have the opportunity to sit in the auditorium and watch the other dance numbers. Students are NOT allowed in the auditorium during Friday or Saturday's performances unless they have pre-purchased a student ticket. (See next question.)

My child is not performing in all 4 shows. Can she/he watch the 3:30 (or evening) show?

YES. Any current Dance Xplosion student may purchase a student ticket IN ADVANCE, before May 1st, for only \$6.00 to attend the show in which he/she is not performing.

Discounted tickets will only be sold in advance to currently enrolled students.

Discounted tickets WILL NOT be available to purchase at dress rehearsal or recital.

Is there a discount ticket price for young children?

Yes- Children age two and younger are free. Dance Xplosion students of any age can purchase tickets for \$6.00. See the enclosed ticket order form for details.

I have dancers in all four shows. Do I get a discount ticket price?

Families with children performing in only the 3:30 matinee shows and siblings in only the 7:00pm shows may purchase special tickets allowing immediate family members only to attend both shows with one ticket. This includes, parents, siblings and grandparents. The discount does not apply to aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. You will receive a 3:30 show ticket which will be stamped indicating it can be used for the 7:00pm show as well. Order forms for these dual tickets are available in the office and must be turned in by May 1st. (Maximum of 10 tickets)

Why is only one parent allowed to attend dress rehearsal?

There will be a lot going on during dress rehearsal. It is our practice performance and we want to "practice" without an audience of parents and family members. Please respect this rule. Parent volunteers, who sign up to help backstage, will not need a guest pass. They will receive an ID badge identifying them as a backstage volunteer. All others will be asked to leave.

Can we video during the performance?

YES and NO. You may video and take flash photos during the dress rehearsal only. Each student will receive one free guest pass (enclosed) to be admitted into the auditorium during dress rehearsal. This means that if Dad is going to videotape, Mom will need to sign up to assist backstage if both parents want to be present for the dress rehearsal. There will be absolutely NO VIDEOTAPING OR FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY DURING THE RECITAL PERFORMANCES.

Will we be able to purchase a DVD of the recital?

YES. We have a new professional company, Video Magic Productions, filming the Friday and Saturday performances. Order forms are included in your packet and are available on the Dance Xplosion website.

IMPORTANT --- FINAL REQUEST

PLEASE do not reserve or save seats. In all fairness, the doors will open for seating 15 minutes before the start of all shows. Prior to doors opening no one other than staff is allowed in the auditorium.

We kindly ask that EVERYONE respect this request.

We hope to have answered most your questions.

If you find you still have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by email at Heidi@dancexplosion.net. We want our 17th annual recital to be an enjoyable one for you and your family.