



STEPS Annual End of Year Recital 2017-2018

General Recital Guide

Dress Rehearsal: TBA

Recital/Production: TBA

Recital Location: Palm Harbor University High School Auditorium Theater

Who Participates in the Recital?

Participation in our dance recital is optional. Recital sign-ups are accepted at time of registration and require a recital fee paid in full by December 15th, 2017. New Clients to STEPS in January 2018 should make arrangements with front office immediately if interested in participating in the End of Year recital.

Can I still take dance class if I can't do the Recital?

Learning a dance routine is part of our regular curriculum at STEPS and classes will be learning dance routines all year round. Many routines are not performed at the end of the year recital, however are used as a teaching tool to work on a dancers group synchronization, memory and performance skills. Students that are not performing will still learn the dance routine as part of their curriculum.

What Shoes and Tights do I need?

Costumes are due to arrive in April.

You will receive detailed shoe, tights, and hair information after January 2018

What if my costume doesn't fit?

Costumes are made to look great on stage and not made to stand up for everyday wear. **Don't expect a costume to fit perfectly**, because they do not. They sometimes come in only one size or generally in small- med- large sizes. Once the costume arrives, alterations by parents may be required. We ask that you do not wear your costume before Dress Rehearsal or bring it to class in an effort to best preserve the costume prior to the production. Thank You.

What is Picture Week?

We feel that part of the absolute BEST recital experience lies with the memories, so we provide each family with a complimentary Photo Shoot. Each student will get their Individual picture taken in Recital costume at STEPS along with the group class picture during regular class time. Pricing for ***purchasing*** the picture CD is available from the Office.

Picture Week is scheduled: April 23rd during Regular Class Time.

Students are expected to come in full costume, hair, and make-up as they would for the recital.

Do I receive a Video Copy of the Recital?

YES! All recitals will be professionally videotaped and a flash drive containing the video files is ***INCLUDED*** in your production fee. You will receive the video copy about 4 weeks after the Recital. Please note that there are no video cameras or flash photography allowed on Recital Day.

How do I purchase Ticket for the Recital?

Backstage Volunteers and Dancers do NOT need to purchase a ticket for the show, However, ***all others occupying a seat must purchase a ticket***. You may want to pay attention to which side of the stage your dancer is on most of the routine so you can purchase that side of the stage for best possible viewing. Seating is assigned and tickets go on sale exclusively at STEPS. For your convenience and best viewing, we also allow you to select your seats personally. You may visit STEPS to purchase your personally selected seats any time after ticket sales begin until those seats or venue are sold out!

There is NO limit to the amount of tickets you may purchase. Ticket sales are final.

****INTERMISSION at the Recital***

If your dancer is only in the Act 1 of the Recital, you have the option to pick them up from backstage, or pick them up at the end of the show after Act 2. If you pick up your dancer after Act 1, and wish to bring them into the auditorium to watch Act 2, you will be asked to find an "empty" seat where you and your dancer can watch the show together. Dancers DO NOT need to purchase tickets but please remember that tickets have assigned seats and your dancer will not be able to sit next to you and your family unless you CHOOSE to purchase an empty seat for them. *(Many families take their young dancers home after Act 1, so seating should not be a problem)

When is Dress Rehearsal?

Our studio will hold Dress Rehearsal **TBA**. The number of routines you are in will determine the length of time you will stay at Palm Harbor University High School Auditorium during rehearsals. Dress rehearsal is extremely important! Dancers will get to know the parent leaders and become comfortable with the stage and backstage area. You will receive a detailed rehearsal schedule in the month of MAY for your routine times.

Rehearsals are absolutely mandatory. We know that not all times are convenient, but we have a limited number of hours to rehearse and we must make every minute count. The process of rehearsing each number takes time and our goal is to make each dancer aware of their stage placement so they can give the best performance possible the following day. We run a very strict schedule so please allow time for traffic/finding your costume/hair/make-up/and any other unexpected events. We appreciate everyone's cooperation during this hectic time.

How do I dress for Dress Rehearsal?

Dancers must arrive in full costume, make-up and hair done with any hair accessories intact, with the correct shoes and tights. Students of all ages must wear make-up for both the dress rehearsal and the show. *(Boys do not need to wear makeup) Stage lights are strong; the new "Lip stain lipstick" is highly recommended as it will not come off on the dancers' costume and will stay on through the whole performance. Please leave all jewelry at home and STEPS is not responsible for any lost or stolen items brought to Rehearsal/Recital.

General Hair guidelines are as follows:

COMBO classes, ages 2/3 and 3/5 and 4/6:

High Bun on crown of head - PURCHASE Hair Piece TBA

ALL OTHER CLASSES, regardless of dance style, wear their hair with:

Pulled back high on head with bun suggest all use 'BUN MAKER'

How can I Volunteer?

We need Volunteers! Be behind the scenes and see where the real action is! Please fill out a volunteer form at the front desk and turn it back in ASAP - before ticket day. Volunteers are limited per class and will be told final duties by ticket day. Volunteers are required to attend dress rehearsal to meet with their class and to participate in the rehearsal process - (Yes, you will get to stand backstage in the wings to see your dancer (s) perform)

General outline of Volunteer responsibilities:

- Meet the dancers at check-in and take to assigned area backstage
- Report backstage to help welcome dancers and get their costumes and shoes ready for multiple routines
- Help children change shoes
- Take children to restroom
- Keep children calm and happy *(we suggest bringing an ipad with movie for them to watch - coloring, quiet games)

When should parents arrive for the show...and what do I do on Recital day?

Doors will open for you about 1 hour before the recital begins. DON'T BE LATE because the show starts exact on time of the designated show time - Tell your Guests! As you arrive with your dancer, check them in backstage and then find your seats on your ticket stubs. Act 1 usually runs a pleasant 1hr 15 minutes, Intermission 15 minutes and Act 2 runs quicker at 1 hr. At the end of the show you can check out your dancer from the backstage area - we ask that ONLY ONE parent check-out to make the process less crowded and pleasant for all. REMEMBER: Security is a high priority of STEPS and the check in parents ARE VOLUNTEERS too. Please be patient and respectful!

After the Recital, praise your dancer for a job well done! Don't forget to thank the teacher(s) who work all year long to make sure that your dancer has the best experience in the classroom and onstage! I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to all our families for the many years of love, support, and continued patronage at STEPS.





Recap of Recital expenses:

- ❖ Production /Recital Fee due at Registration
 - Your production fee includes ONE Costume, T-shirt and Video Copy of Production
 - \$145.00 per student; \$100.00 per sibling
 - \$ 85.00 per additional costume– DANCER KEEPS ALL COSTUMES

- ❖ Clean Shoes and Tights for Recital

- ❖ Hair - Bun maker OR Fake hairpiece from website: TBA
 - \$25.00 estimated charge for hairpiece

- ❖ Picture CD available for purchase -Optional
 - \$40.00 minimum *(includes several individual shots and class group shot)

- ❖ Tickets for anyone occupying a seat
 - \$15.00/ 20.00 per ticket

- ❖ **REMEMBER May 1st tuition payment will be due in accordance to registration/tuition calendar**