

Dance Works Academy ~ 2019 Year End Recitals

Common Questions & Answers

Q: What if I have multiple children in shows on different days?

A: Dance Works offers 50% off both show tickets for families that have children in both the Primary & Sr Recitals, for up to 5 tickets per show. You must email Zoe to arrange discounted tickets. Email: zoe.danceworks@gmail.com

Q: Where do I take my children to get them ready for the show?

A: You should bring your children to the Green Room, which is downstairs in the Heritage Playhouse. Students should arrive in costume and hair and make-up ½ hr before the show start time. For students only in the second half of a show (after intermission) they should arrive in costume and hair and make-up 20 minutes after show start. All children in the Jr. program (9 years old and under) must be signed in and signed out at the door of the greenroom.

Q: Can I wait with them in the Green Room?

A: We are asking that parents NOT wait in the green room if it is not necessary as there is so little space for the dancers to get ready and overcrowding brings up too many safety issues. For the Primary Shows, children may have a parent wait with them in the green room and any children who may be older but have separation anxieties may have a parent accompany them as well. Tiny Tot & Pre primary 1 students may sit in the audience with their parents until it is their time to perform. There is no need for these students to wait in the greenroom. When you arrive check in with the volunteers running the door at the exterior greenroom entrance so we know you are in attendance and then you may sit with your children in the audience. Your children will be collected from the audience and brought on stage when it is their time by a designated person described to you in class. Please see additional instructions from your teacher. After the children are done performing they may return to sit on your lap in the audience as long as this has been pre arranged. All other classes will return to the green room and can be collected there by their parents.

Q: Where can I buy tickets?

A: Tickets are available for purchase at Giggle n Bloom and Peggy Sue's in Gibsons. We recommend that you purchase your tickets as soon as possible as these shows will often sell out.

Q: Who will watch my child if I am in the audience or waiting to pick them up after they perform?

A: There will be parent volunteers who will be watching children under the age of 10 in the greenroom. There will be colouring and kids movies to keep the children busy and entertained during the performances so that you can simply sign your children in when you drop them off and sign them out when you pick them up. For the show(s) that you are attending childminding in the greenroom is available for the entire show so you can enjoy the entire performance. If you are not attending all shows, as most do not, you can pick up your child when they have finished performing. For the primary show, if you would like your child to join you in the audience when they have finished performing please let your teacher know ahead of time so that they can arrange this backstage. If you would like to volunteer to help in the greenroom please contact Zoe at zoe.danceworks@gmail.com

Q: How do I know when my child is finished performing?

A: We will have a performance schedule for you at the dress rehearsal so you can have a general idea when they will finish performing. Of course always give consideration that they might go 5 –10 minutes over the time posted due to unforeseen delays that often occur during performances such as these.

Q: Can I leave the audience to collect my child immediately after they finish their dance?

A: We ask that you refrain from leaving the audience until the intermission unless of course it is urgent as it is very disruptive to the dancers who follow as well as all the other parents who are watching when an entire class of parents get up and leave. It also disrupts the lighting and sound technician so your co-operation on this matter is greatly appreciated. For the Tiny Tots and the Pre Primary I class there will be a section reserved up front for parents to sit so their children can run to them from off stage once they have finished performing. Ms. Zoe & Ms Chelsea will explain this in class.

Q: Can I take pictures of videotape the performance?

A: You may take picture and videotape the performances as long as you are mindful not to use excessive flash photography, as it is distracting to the dancers. We also have to remind about our media policy and ask that parents do not post video or photos with other students in them on social media without the permission of the parents in the class. You may contact the Office to inquire about this.

Q: What about my child hair and make up?

A: We are asking that students arrive at the greenroom dressed in their costumes and with their hair and makeup done. There will be volunteers to help with touch ups at the theatre. Please bring extra elastic, bobby pins (same colour as hair), blush, lipstick, and eyebrow liner. Please

refer to Make up and Hair below for more info. For little ones just a little blush and lip colour is needed to brighten up their faces under the stage lights. Eye makeup is at your own discretion.

Q: Does my child really need to attend the Dress Rehearsal?

A: We require all children who will be performing to attend the dress rehearsal, as it is the only time that the children get a chance to see the difference in spacing on the stage in comparison to the studio they are accustomed too. Also the lighting technician need to see what the children look like on the stage so she can make sure that the lighting compliments them and no one is left in the dark spots on stage. The dress rehearsal is necessary for all to iron out any kinks before the performance. Please speak to Zoe as soon as possible if you think that this might be a problem for your schedule.

Q: How long is each performance?

A: Including the Intermission, Primary Show is approx 1.50 hour Sr. Show is approx 2.5 hours

Q: Can my child bring a snack to the Green Room?

A: Please bring water or dry cracker or dry cereal for your children to munch on. Please no sticky foods, juice or pop. We need to eliminate any stain hazards as all the children will be in their costumes and we want to avoid having them dirtied before the performance.