



Recital & Costume Policy

The recitals at the end of our dance year are the highlight of this experience and are intended to give each dancer the opportunity to perform their newly acquired skills. It is staged for the benefit of the children, to bolster their confidence and showcase their talents in front of an applauding crowd of adoring fans! To provide the best setting possible without overwhelming the dancers, we strive to produce a professional show with appropriate costumes, lighting, and scenery. Our objective is to make each one feel special, give them a boost of self-esteem, and leave them with smiles long after the thrill of performing to a large audience.

Because the performance element is basic to our philosophy, we start planning now for every dancer to participate in May. Again this year, you will be asked to buy one costume and rent at least one costume for the show. Older students taking more than 2 disciplines will rent more than one. The studio owns all the rental costumes. There is also an auditorium fee, which helps defray the cost of renting Dana Auditorium at Guilford College and the production costs involved as well. We strive to keep all of these costs low for you. Starting with reasonably priced costumes, our rental system, and down to the printing costs of programs, we carefully monitor all aspects of our recitals.

The following 2 payments cover all costume and auditorium costs. We never ask you to fundraise AND admission to the show will always be FREE with no limit on number of guests you may invite!

Initial Payment: \$80.00 is due from each dancer by October 20th. This amount will be applied toward the total of your costumes and auditorium fees. A \$10.00 late fee will be added on payments made after October 30th. This late fee will not apply toward your costume and auditorium total balance. This \$80.00 initial recital payment is **non-refundable and non-transferable** as we order costumes (that we cannot return to the manufacturer) in late October.

Balance: The remaining fees to cover your recital experience will be billed to you in late February. Balances will vary depending on costume pricing from our vendors and your number of rental costumes.

Not participating in recital is an option for you, however our office must be notified in writing (use form on back) prior to October 20th.

After this date, you will be responsible for full payment of the \$80.00 initial recital payment.

Because we order custom-made costumes in advance and reserve the auditorium a year ahead, several policies below apply to all dancers:

- A. Initial recital payment is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- B. If a student withdraws from class after his/her costume is ordered and all fees are paid, they will receive their costume once the recitals are over.
- C. Students may not switch class times once costumes are ordered without director's approval.
- D. Auditorium and rental costume fees are non-refundable after March 1st.
- E. For students who enroll after the October 20th deadline, and your costume must be special ordered after the October 20th deadline, shipping and handling charges will be due.
- F. For those not participating in recitals, mailing of your costume after recital will require shipping and handling charges be paid before delivery.

Please see the calendar on the back page of this booklet for exact dates and times of your specific show. Mark these dates on your own calendar, too!

While we make every effort to establish recital dates, costs, and class times so that everyone has this information in advance, we must reserve the right to change or amend our policy, dates, class times, etc. in the event of an unforeseen circumstance beyond our control.

Recital Photographs & Professional DVD Recording

A professional photographer will be at each studio 2 weeks prior to rehearsals to take pictures in the costume of your choice. Having your picture made this week ensures you will be on the wall composite next year in our lobbies (very exciting for the children). These professional pictures are available for you to purchase at different package levels.

At the rehearsal, you are permitted to take NON FLASH still pictures and video within the auditorium. Please take this opportunity if you so desire, because **neither still pictures nor video is allowed at recital performances!** We want our dancers to perform to a responsive audience with clear sight lines, not a forest of cameras. Please inform your friends and relatives to leave their cameras at home on the day of the show.

Each show is professionally recorded, then edited and available for you to order. All DVDs are indexed, include opening animation, and credits for each dance in the show. This is a wonderful way to always remember your dancer's enjoyment (and accomplishment!) of the recital experience.