

Encore Dance Studio

RECITAL GUIDELINES

We first want to thank you so much for being amazing families and for a great year.

A short note to let you know that typically we do NOT have two recitals on the same day. However, with our original venue being booked for over a year and us confirming it in November, we were told in February that the school board was not doing any bookings this year. It was a bit of a process to find a venue in such a short time. So we want to thank you for your patience and kind words we have been receiving through this.

We do not plan to have two recitals on the same day next season and will be reverting back to separate show days to make things easier on the kiddos.

Okay, got your tea or coffee? There is a ton of information in this one but hopefully we are able to walk you through it all!



Recitals help build self-confidence and esteem. Dancers have the opportunity to share their talent and hard work at our year end recital . Each class works together for months as a team to prepare for this moment. It is important that your child be present at the dress rehearsal and both recitals so they can have their moment! Please remember that these are children performing. Your thoughtfulness and consideration is appreciated during the show. Dancers have worked very hard all year to learn their new dance routines. Please help to cheer them on and show your support!!

DATES AND LOCATION:

Dress rehearsal: Wednesday May 25th 2022

11 am show: Sunday May 29th 2022

4pm show: Sunday May 29th 2022

Dress Rehearsal & recitals are held at:

Fergus Grand Theatre

244 St Andrew St W

Fergus, Ontario

N1M 1N7

PARKING

There is limited street parking. Parking beside the building is actually property of the bank and we have been instructed to not park there.

Town parking is free and is located on Provost Lane (as soon as you pass the theatre there are a set of lights. Turn at the lights (you can only turn down the one way as it is a "T" intersection. There is also additional parking right behind that parking lot on St Patrick.

WRISTBANDS

Each family will be given one wristband. This is to be worn by the parent/guardian (not the dancer) who is dropping off, picking up and changing (if needed) their dancer. This is to be worn the day of recital only. Not dress rehearsal. Dancers will not be allowed to leave with ANYONE unless they have our wristband on their wrist. No one is allowed to access the change rooms for any reason unless they have a wrist band. This is for the safety of our dancers.

CHANGING YOUR DANCER

Families are required to change their own dancers for any costume changes that are required. Therefore if your dancer is in multiple dances, as soon as your dancer comes off stage, please proceed to the change room right away to get them changed for their next dance. In some situations your dancer may only have 6 dances to get changed (estimate 2min per dance). Competitive dancers in many cases will have less. Only ladies will be permitted to access the change rooms to change your dancer. A wrist band is needed to access the change rooms. If you require two wristbands, please let us know no later than Monday May 9th. If you are male and need to change your female dancer for costume changes, one of our volunteers will get your dancer for you and you can use the accessible washroom located in the lobby. You will need a wristband to pick up your dancer for this as well.

The short of it is - once a dancer is dropped off with us, no one can access any dancer for ANY reason without a wristband.

DANCER DROP OFF

When you are facing the theatre there is a small ally to the left of the entrance doors. Please follow this ally (on the wood boardwalk) to an open door that will have one of our volunteers there ready to welcome our dancers.

Dancers are asked to arrive with hair and makeup completed and in their first costume. Please send a **small** bag with your dancer's name clearly marked on the **outside** of the bag. In the small bag please pack all needed dance shoes as a small bottle of water. If your dancer has multiple costumes, please also send costumes in 1 garment bag with your dancer's name clearly marked on the **outside** of the garment bag.

DANCER PICK UP

- We will be doing a finale at intermission as well as the end of the show. Finale is when all the dancers who performed come on stage for a final bow. If your dancer is in the second half only, they will not come on stage for the intermission finale. If your dancer is in the first half of the show, They will be invited on stage for both finales.

- If you would like to leave the show early, we ask you to wait until intermission to do so. This will keep things organized for the show that is still running.
- Dancer pick up is inside the auditorium.
- There are two spots for dancer pick up.
 - **If your dancer is located upstairs** (See “Changerooms/waiting areas” section below):
If you are facing the stage standing at the very back of the auditorium, there is a door on your left (stage right for any performers out there). You will see an EDS volunteer (identifiable by a name tag) standing at a door. There will also be a sign on the door saying “Dancer Pick Up”. This is where you will show your wristband and ladies can access the change room to pick up their dancer and their dancer’s belongings. If a male is picking up a dancer, they can show their wrist band and one of our female volunteers will get your dancer.
 - **If your dancer is located backstage** (See “Changerooms/waiting areas” section below):
If you are facing the stage, come down to the front of the stage to your right (dancer’s stage left). You will see an EDS volunteer (identifiable by a name tag) standing in the area. Please do not come behind the curtain. This is where you will show your wristband. We will bring your dancer to you. No one will be permitted backstage as space is very limited

No dancer will be allowed to leave with anyone who does not show their wrist band.

DRESS REHEARSAL - WEDNESDAY MAY 25 2022

- Location is at Fergus Grand Theatre.
- Dress rehearsal begins promptly at 5:30pm.
- Doors open at 5:00pm.
- Please enter through the **front doors and proceed to the auditorium where you will be greeted by an EDS staff member to bring your dancer to their assigned class location in the auditorium**
- Only 1 guardian is permitted to enter the auditorium. (No siblings please)
- Dancers are to arrive with hair and make up completed and in their first costume.
- If your dancer has multiple costume changes, please keep their costumes with you as well as their shoes. When they are brought back to their seat you can pick them up to go change them for their next dance.
- There will be a space upstairs for you to change your dancer, as well as washrooms.
- Please check the schedule included as a separate document titled “Dress Rehearsal Order” for your child’s scheduled time.
- Dancers need to in the auditorium sitting with their class, dressed and ready to perform **15 minutes prior to their scheduled time**. Sometimes we run ahead of schedule and we cannot hold rehearsal for any dancers who are not at the venue.
- If we run ahead of schedule by more than 15 mins we will take a short break to get back on schedule.

RECITAL DAY - SUNDAY MAY 29TH 2022 (11AM AND 4PM SHOW TIMES)

- Doors open 30 minutes before show times.
- Please drop off your dancer at the location outlined in the above section titled “Dancer Drop Off”
- Dancer drop off is no later than 20 mins before show time. The outside door will close for “dancer drop off” promptly at 10:40am for the first show and 3:40pm for the second show.
- Dancers are to arrive with hair and make up complete and in their first costume
- The show run time is approximately 2.5 hours including a short 15 min intermission.
- If you are not picking up your dancer to leave the show, please keep your dancer with us during intermission. (This is also a good time to take your dancer to the washroom)
- There is a ladies, mens and accessible washroom located in the lobby before entering the auditorium
- Do not pick up your child until after the finale either at intermission or at the end of the show. (please see “Dancer Pick Up” section above)
- The concession will be open for refreshments (not licensed - sorry!)

**** Dress rehearsal and recitals will run on schedule. Please do not be late. We cannot hold the show for you.**

CHANGEROOMS/WAITING AREAS (For the shows only)

- Dressing rooms/waiting areas are assigned as follows:
 - Company E - Upstairs in the tech room
 - Companies c & o - backstage dressing rooms ****THESE ARE VERY SMALL ROOMS. NO RACK N ROLLS, NO MAKE UP CABOODLES. JUST A SMALL BAG FOR SHOES AND PREFERABLY A SINGLE GARMENT BACK WITH YOUR DANCER'S NAME ON IT FOR COSTUMES.** - Mom's we will have our teachers/sr dancers change your girls for Company o. Please refrain from coming back stage as this area is very small and will be very crowded
 - Recreational girls - Upstairs in the large office
 - Boys - are to arrive in costume and will have a seat backstage for the duration of the show
 - Landon - We will email you for details be he will be backstage with us for the show as well
 - Saturday & Thursday Tiny Tots - Are to arrive in costume and will be backstage with us for the duration of show
 - Clara - Will also be backstage for duration of the show and we will email you with further details

HAIR- Girls

Competitive dancers - Same as competition for all dances. No hair changes required.

Tiny Tots - in any way you can LOL. We know that getting their hair tied back is not usually possible.

We just ask that you keep bangs out of their face 

All female beginner dancers - low bun with bangs slicked back

All female nov-teen dancers – low Bun with centre part (part will be approx 1-1.5 inches)

Please use gel and hairspray to ensure a clean tidy look on stage.

COSTUMES

Costumes are to be worn to dress rehearsal recital(s). Please make sure your child's name is inside all costume pieces and shoes - dancers are asked to not wear their costumes at home. If something gets ruined we cannot replace any costumes or costume pieces.

***Girls, no underwear under any tights (yes the audience will see it)!**

***Please remove all nail polish & personal jewelry**

***Please make sure ALL hairpieces are bobby pinned to ensure nothing falls off on stage.**

Tights – Are not provided for you. If your dancer needs tights (See additional document titles “Costume List”) we have a small stock of tights for sale or you can pop over to FreeStyle Dancewear in Guelph. There is no specific brand of tights that is necessary. Just as long as it fits the description in your “Costume List” sheet.

Shoes –

All recreational jazz/lyrical dancers are to wear skin tone footundeez (unless otherwise stated by the teacher)

All ballet dancers are to wear skin tone ballet slippers

All tappers are to wear black tap shoes

All Acro dancers are to have bare feet

All hip hop dancers are to wear white INDOOR ONLY runners and will all need their own white socks.

*No personal jewelry, no gum (for safety reasons), please have proper elastic sewn on ballet slippers to ensure they do not slip off.

MAKE-UP

Make up is highly encouraged on stage to make the dancer's facial features visible under the very bright lights. Please apply eyeshadow (light, neutral colours only – no blues or purples), red lipstick, black eyeliner, black mascara (or false eyelashes) and blush.

If you prefer your dancer to not wear makeup, that is no problem as well.

THEATRE ETIQUETTE AND GUIDELINES

- The theatre is stadium style seating (not the same as our Christmas recital)
- No food or drink allowed in the auditorium
- No smoking in the building or outside the front doors.
- Please do not get out of your seat while dancers are performing. Wait for the in between moments of the dances.
- No flash photography
- **Please take your child to the washroom before leaving them with us for the duration of the show**
- If your child has a costume change to make, please come to their waiting area/changeroom to help them change. We do not change your dancers for you (with the exception of Company o)
- Please do not pick up your children until after the finale has finished (there is one right before intermission and one at the end of the show)
- Tickets are sold through the theatre. We unfortunately do not control anything to do with ticket sales. If you need to offload a ticket let us know and we will happily send out an email to the studio to help you facilitate selling it that way to another family.
- Recital will be video taped – You will receive a **FREE** digital copy of the recital. This process may take a few weeks as there is video editing etc.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers are needed to help behind the scenes. If you volunteer to help out for one of the shows, you do not purchase a ticket for that show. During the show that you are volunteering, you will be asked to stay for the entire duration of the show. Please let us know asap if you are able to help out. You will receive a separate email 1 week before the show to outline your schedule etc.

We realize this is a brand new experience for many of you and if we have missed any information you may be looking for please feel free to email us asap so we can help further guide you through this fun process!