

Encore Dance Studio

RECITAL GUIDELINES

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

We want to thank you for your patience while we get all this information together for you.

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: Tuesday May 30th, 2023

Friday June 2nd, 2023: 6pm show

Saturday June 3rd, 2023: 12pm show

Dress Rehearsal & recitals are held at:

E.L. Fox Auditorium

21 Meyer Dr.

Guelph, Ontario

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WRISTBANDS

Each family will be given two wristband with the dancer's name on it, one for each show. 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 5 dances to get changed (estimate 2min per dance). Competitive dancers will have 4. A wrist band is needed to access the dancer in the cafeteria. Change rooms for all recreational dancers will be in the bathroom located right across from the cafeteria. All competition dancers will be changing upstairs. *Please note there are cameras in the hallways so all dancers must change behind closed doors.

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 walk in through the front doors there the cafeteria is located down the first hallway on the right.

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 the end of the show. Finale is when all the dancers who performed come on stage for a final bow.
- If you would like to leave the show early, we ask you to wait until intermission to do so. Please keep in mind that your dancer will not be allowed back for finale. Once they have been picked up and signed out they will not be allowed to be signed back in. You will need to show your wristband to sign your dancer out.
- Dancer pick up is inside the cafeteria.

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

DRESS REHEARSAL - TUESDAY MAY 8TH, 2023

- Location is at E.L. Fox Auditorium.
- Dress rehearsal begins promptly at 5:30pm.
- Doors open at 5:00pm.
- Please enter through the **front doors and proceed to the main doors of 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.
- You will be able to change your dancer in the washrooms.
- Please check the schedule included as a separate document titled “Dress Rehearsal Order” for your child’s scheduled time.
- Dancers need to be 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 - Friday June 2nd, 2023 (6pm show) AND Saturday June 3rd, 2023 (12pm show)

- Doors open 30 minutes before show times.
- Please drop off your dancer at the cafeteria.
- Dancer drop off is no later than 20 mins before show time. We will check dancers in as fast as possible so we start our show on time.
- 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)
- The only times you will be able to pick up your dancer is during intermission or after the show. *Please note again if you are picking up at intermission your dancer will not be in the finale.

**** 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)

- Change rooms for all competition dancers will be upstairs.
- All recreational dancers will change in the washroom across from the cafeteria with their parent with the wristband.

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 and Primary dancers - low bun with bangs slicked back
All female Jr and 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.

HAIR- Boys

All boys - please use gel and hairspray to ensure no hair is hanging in the face and a clean tidy look on stage.

COSTUMES

Costumes are to be worn to dress rehearsal and both recitals. 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 or Waterloo (They have two locations). There is no specific brand of tights that is necessary. Just as long as it fits the description in your “Costume List” sheet.

Note regarding ballet tights:

- Please wear pink ballet tights
- For dancers with darker complexions you are welcome to match your ballet tight closer to your skin tone, if you wish

Shoes –

All recreational jazz/lyrical and acro dancers are to have bare feet (unless specified by your teacher).

- If you are unsure please refer to the “Costume List” sheet.

All ballet dancers are to wear ballet slippers

All tappers are to wear black tap shoes

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
- 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 in between 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 the cafeteria to help them change. We do not change your dancers for you
- Please do not pick up your children until intermission or at after the show has finished
- Tickets are sold through the studio. As part of our policy we unfortunately can not offer refunds for tickets. 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. *Please note that this theatre seats significantly more than other theatres we have performed at
- Recital will be videotaped – 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.

50/50 Raffle

Please note that we will be holding a 50/50 raffle during both the Friday and Saturday show. 100% of proceeds will be going towards updating our Acro program, including materials and supplies.

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!