

# 2024 FOOTNOTES RECITAL HANDBOOK

Please read the entire handbook so you know what to expect at recital! This will provide everything you need to know 😊

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Year after year, Footnotes Dance & Music Studio has provided students with an exciting performance experience through its annual recital. This opportunity gives all students the chance to shine during a live, professionally directed show. The recital also allows students to present the results of a year's hard work, dedication, and progress to their families and friends.

A big part of the dance training process includes learning through performance. The experience helps build self-esteem, self-assurance, and contributes to a sense of confidence. An on stage experience can result in better in-school presentations, improved social skills, and strong interview skills for future college or job opportunities. The rehearsal process is a tremendous learning experience as well. It helps the children develop retention skills, and by working with their classmates on a group performance, they learn the positive aspects of working as a team to create the best end result.

Dedication to recital commitments is the responsibility of both students and their parents. We've created this handbook in an effort to clarify expectations and inform you about the Footnotes Annual recital. It takes a lot of hard work, planning and organization to make a Recital successful. We make every effort to keep you updated and informed so the performance is enjoyable and memorable. Please take a few moments to read this handbook. It should answer many of the questions you may have, but if not, please ask us. We are here for you!

## IMPORTANT DATES

**April 15<sup>th</sup> : Recital Fee Due (\$100 first student/\$80 each add'l student)**

**Fri May 31st : Stage Rehearsal at Lehigh Senior High School  
5:30pm-7:00pm: Tiny Tots/ Preschool/ Level 1  
7:00pm-8:30pm: Musical Theater/ Level 2/ Level 3/ Adults**

**Sat June 1st: Recital Show at Lehigh Senior High School, 2:00pm**

### **HOME STUDY**

To ensure that the students feel confident about their performance, we ask parents and guardians to encourage them to rehearse their recital choreography on a regular basis. One of the best ways to do this is by watching the dance on video and dancing along. We encourage you to utilize your personal video recorders. When bringing in your video recorder, please be sure to ask the teacher the best time to record the choreography so as not to disrupt instruction. Many times the teacher will record it and email it out to the entire class for rehearsal purposes.

### **ALTERATIONS**

Although rare, alterations and/or trim attachments are sometimes needed after the costumes have been distributed. Minor alterations are the sole responsibility of the student's parent or guardian. Any major alterations will be covered by the studio.

### **COSTUME CARE**

We recommend that each student's name be placed in his or her costumes, shoes, accessories, and tights and be kept in a garment bag or upside down trash bag. Keep accessories in the clear plastic bag with your child's name on the bag and on **each item**. Hats should be stored in a hatbox or similar container to prevent damage. Please do not wash costumes in your washing machine; dry clean them only (after the recital) if desired. If wrinkled upon arrival, simply shake it upside down and hang in the bathroom to let the steam get the wrinkles out.

### **TIGHTS**

To ensure that there are no discrepancies in color and style we have included a pair of tights with your costume purchase. Students are required to wear this pair. Please do not wear or wash the tights provided before the Recital performance. Tights are available at the studio if you choose to purchase a spare pair.

### **SHOES**

Costumes include all accessories needed for the performance (hats, gloves, tights, etc.) but not shoes. The style of shoe that is required for each dance class is the style of shoe to be used in the Recital. All students should purchase the required footwear before recital. Review styles with your student's teacher if needed. Take a few minutes and clean and shine shoes so they are "show ready".

### **HAIR AND MAKEUP**

All students should wear makeup for their recital performance. A bright lipstick, blush, natural color eye shadow, and mascara works best for girls. The boys sometimes wear a little blush. Wearing makeup really helps your dancer not look washed out by the bright lights on stage. Teachers will be reviewing the hairstyles and how to incorporate hairpieces, if applicable. All students should wear their hair in the style designated by the instructor of their class.

### **RECITAL FEE**

**The Recital Fee is due April 15<sup>th</sup> and is \$100 for a single student and \$80 each additional student.** It includes 2 tickets per student to the Recital performance, a yearbook, a download link of the show, and a participation award. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$20 for any other tickets needed. Tickets will be needed for anyone sitting in a seat at the venue.

**We are often asked, “Why do we have to pay a Recital Fee?”** There are many costs associated with producing a show of the quality of our recitals: the auditorium and backstage rental for the performance and the rehearsal, paying the facilities manager and custodian support, cleaning fee, props, lighting designer, sound and lighting techs, security, music production and much more. We do our best to stay within a budget to keep the most reasonable cost possible so you and your family can enjoy the show!

### **STAGE REHEARSAL**

**Friday May 31st AT LEHIGH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**5:30pm-7:00pm: Tiny Tots/ Preschool/ Level 1**

**7:00pm-8:30pm: Musical Theater/ Level 2/ Level 3/ Adults**

Participation in the rehearsal is mandatory. The rehearsal allows the students to become familiar with the auditorium surroundings and feel comfortable with their performance while being on stage. Lighting, music cues, set changes, and all other logistics for an organized and professional performance are rehearsed so that the students make the best impression possible. We do our best to run an organized and timely stage rehearsal; your help and patience in this process will guarantee a professional production. The students will not be in costume for Stage Rehearsal so you only need to bring their required shoes. Parents will be able to view the rehearsal from the theater until their children are dismissed. Pizza, drinks, and snacks will be available to purchase.

### **THE RECITAL PERFORMANCE**

**Sat June 1st at 2:00pm AT LEHIGH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

Students should arrive at the school **30 minutes** before curtain dressed in full costume and ready to perform. **Doors to the venue will open at 1:15pm.** Please be prompt. ONE parent or guardian should bring the student to the assigned class seating area. Students will be checked in and placed under the supervision of their class mom(s). All students will be under the supervision of responsible adults and will be safe while sitting with their class. After the class has performed on stage, the Class Moms will take them back to the designated row where ONE parent will retrieve them to join their family in the audience. If your child is in more than one dance, you are responsible to take them to the dressing room to change him/her into their next costume and get them back to the reserved row for the next class.

### **CLASS MOMS**

Class Moms are needed for each class to supervise the dancers while they sit in their designated row. They will be able to watch their children perform from the backstage area. Class moms must assure that each child in her care is safe and accounted for. They are responsible for making sure that each child is in the proper costume, has the proper accessories and shoes, and is backstage at the appropriate time. They are also responsible for seeing that all children return to their designated row after they perform.

**We need 2 class moms per class for the younger ones!** Tiny Tots classes are the only exception to this and remain with their parents during the show. All Class Moms will receive 1 free ticket to the show to use as they wish as a thank you!

### **VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

Parents or guardians may videotape or shoot photographs of their children at **rehearsals only**. Due to the large number of cameras, no electrical outlets will be available, so be sure your batteries are fully charged. Please note: **No video or flash photography will be allowed at the recital**. There is also no eating, drinking, or smoking allowed in the auditorium.

### **BACKSTAGE**

Family members and friends are not allowed backstage or in the dressing rooms during the recital. The same applies after the show. There is a lot of backstage activity in a limited space, and dressing rooms are a private area. **No men or boys are allowed in ANY girl dressing rooms**. Please make arrangements if needed to have someone else help your child. Please remind your family and guests to be respectful of these areas. Those who wish to greet a performer after the show or present flowers should do so outside the dressing room area.

### **FLOWERS**

Flowers will be on sale for purchase for your Recital Dancer the day of the show!

**If you have any questions regarding our annual recital, please let us know so we can ensure great communication with our parents!!**

