

**FROM NOW ON - RECITAL HANDBOOK**

**DRESS REHEARSAL**

**Friday, May 31**

11am - 3:15pm

Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center – Okaloosa Island  
1250 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

**RECITAL**

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**Doors Open at 3:45pm / Solo Showcase at 4:00pm**

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Our Recital Handbook is your one-stop information source for our year-end production. A RISE recital is known for delivering a full storytelling experience with professional sound, costumes and props. Our performance provides your dancer(s) an opportunity to experience the joy of performing on stage in front of their friends and family as well as show the results of a year's hard work, dedication and progress.

**>> PREPARING FOR RECITAL / CLASS ATTENDANCE**

The entire Rise Dance Center team is gearing up for the end-of-year recital. **Respect of recital preparations and attendance during the weeks leading up to the recital are imperative.** Each dance class and the dancers in it are their own 'team' and each team member is an integral part of the performance.

Before you allow your dancer to miss a class during this time, please consider this:

- Your child may not feel confident or prepared for the recital performance due to missing choreography or practicing their dance with their class.
- Dance formations and choreography are incomplete without your dancer therefore impacting the entire class recital practice.

We understand extenuating circumstances may occur. Should your dancer miss repeated classes prior to recital, we will contact you to discuss options to get your dancer up to speed including private classes at your expense. Please notify the office via e-mail at [info@risedancedestin.com](mailto:info@risedancedestin.com) if your dancer will be missing class.

**>> PREPARING FOR RECITAL / COSTUMES, HAIR & MAKE-UP**

- Costumes will be sent home the week of **May 6**. Please be sure to store them carefully. Damaged or lost costumes may not be available for replacement - and you will incur another costume fee.
- If your costume requires tights, we will include them in your costume bag. Costume requirements are detailed on the Costume Details sheet.
- Please do not iron your costume. Most costumes arrive very wrinkled; simply hang them up a few days before the performance or hang them in a steamy bathroom.
- **Label all costume parts (tights, shoes, costumes, and headpieces) with your child's name.** Since there will be a number of children in the dressing area with the same costume, costumes can easily get mixed-up or lost.
- Keep accessories together. We suggest **placing the accessories (headpiece, gloves, etc.) in a plastic zip-loc bag, poke a small hole through it, and hang it on the same hanger as the costume.** Make sure you have all of your costume parts.
- Shoe and hair requirements are noted on the **Costume Details sheet**. All hair must be pulled away from the face including bangs.
- Standard ballet buns are at the crown of the head. A sock bun or donut bun is acceptable and we recommend a bun hairnet. Again, all hair must be pulled away from the face.
- If your costume has a headpiece, it should be placed on the right side of the head or bun (right side of your dancer's body).
- Make-up is used to complete the look of the costume and present the dancers' faces well for lighting and videotaping. Standard make-up is neutral palette eye shadow, black mascara, pink or rose blush and plum lipstick (creamy matte). Younger children are not required to wear make-up but a little blush and lipstick does help their features stand out under the harsh lights.
- Please make sure your child's nails are not painted (and toe nails if dancing barefoot).
- **No earrings, necklaces, bracelets or other accessories should be worn. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST ITEMS.**
- We suggest nude underwear or no underwear for leotard costumes so underwear does not show.

**IMPORTANT - Please tie a knot in the strings on your child's ballet slippers and cut the extra string. This will prevent them playing with them during the performance.**

## >> PREPARING FOR RECITAL / WHAT TO PACK

- Costumes (LABEL THEM) as well as any costume hairpieces or accessories
- Tights (if required)
- Dance shoes
- Make-up
- Hair spray, brush, bobby pins, hair ties
- Water bottle
- Cash for the concessions stand. ***The Destin Fort Walton Convention Center strictly forbids outside food inside the premises.***

## DRESS REHEARSAL

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### >> DRESS REHEARSAL / WHAT IS IT

The dress rehearsal gives dancers an opportunity to practice on stage in **full costume, make-up and hair prior to the actual show**. They will know exactly what to expect for the performance including lighting, spacing/positioning, entering and exiting the stage. It is very important that everyone attend rehearsal.

### >> DRESS REHEARSAL / ARRIVAL

- Dress rehearsal will take place at the event venue - Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center on Okaloosa Island.
- We will provide the Recital Show Order in mid-May and will run the rehearsal in that order.
- **Please arrive at your designated time with your dancer in their first costume with full make-up and hair.**
- **Dancers in the following classes will rehearse from 2:45pm - 3:15pm ~**
  - PreK - K Ballet (Mon, 3:30pm)
  - Pre K - K Hip Hop (Mon, 4:30pm)
  - Acro Hip Hop (Tues, 3:30pm)
  - Ballet/Jazz (Tues, 4:30pm)
  - Preschool Ballet (Thurs, 3:30pm)
- Our entire rehearsal and show schedule will be available mid-May. The show schedule will have two ACTS. If your dancer is in more than one dance (with the exception of the pre k classes above), they may be needed during the full rehearsal time.

### >> DRESS REHEARSAL / WHERE TO GO

- Enter through the main entrance of the convention center. You will find signs directing you to the dressing area. Our dressing rooms will be in large open space ballrooms. Please go directly to the Dressing Room so our faculty can line-up dancers for their rehearsal. There will be staff available to help direct you and answer any questions you might have.
- One parent or guardian **ONLY** is allowed to accompany their dancer to the rehearsal and to the dressing room area. Only dancers, and one parent or guardian per dancer, will be permitted at any time.
- There will be a separate space for our male dancers.

### >> DRESS REHEARSAL / WHAT TO DO

- If your dancer is in more than one dance, you may leave your dancer in the dressing room and our staff will assist them with changes and/or you may stay to help them.

- If your dancer has ONLY one dance, you may leave them in the dressing room (**with their full costume, make-up and hair done**) and proceed to the theatre to watch them perform and take pictures or video as long as you are not a distraction to your dancer or the rehearsal process.
- Once your child has finished rehearsal for ALL of their routines, you may pick them up from the dressing room or stay with them at the venue until the theatre doors open.
- Parents will not be allowed to remain in the theatre after rehearsal is complete or save seats while rehearsal takes place. **THIS IS NON NEGOTIABLE.**
- **Anyone in the theatre at the end of rehearsal will be asked to leave until doors open at 5pm.**

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**>> RECITAL / WHAT TO EXPECT FOR YOUR DANCER**

- Please make sure dancer is in the dressing room and ready for their first dance by 3:45pm.
- Prior to their performance, your child will be with their class, lined up backstage, within three dances prior to their performance(s). Immediately after your child's dance, they will be escorted back to the dressing room area so they may change for their next performance.
- Any dancers with quick changes (within three dances) will be changed in our quick change area backstage. This area is closed and manned by a female staff member.
- **Dancers ONLY performing in ACT I** may be permitted to leave at Intermission and must be signed out by their guardian. HOWEVER, we would love for you to stay for the recital performance, so you can experience the entire show and see all of the amazing talent at your studio!
- If your **dancer is in ACT II only**, they are permitted to sit and watch the show with you until Intermission. If they choose to stay in the dressing room for the entire show with our team, we suggest packing an activity bag for them – games, books, iPad, etc. Please label anything you bring.
- **Dancers performing in ACT I AND ACT II** should stay with our recital staff during the entire recital in the dressing room or in a seating area we will have designated for dancers.
- To ensure the safety of all dancers, each dancer must be signed out by the assigned guardian with a recital staff person/dressing room team member.
- Please note, our volunteers will have your name and cell phone number should they need to contact you for any reason.

**>> RECITAL / FEES, TICKETS & THEATRE INFO**

- Our Recital Fee (\$110 families with one dancer / \$120 families with more than one dancer) - which offsets the venue rental and production costs associated with professional staging, lighting and sound as well as our

instructors time, etc. - **will be charged to your account on April 10 and includes 4 tickets, a digital download of the recital video and a recital t-shirt for your dancer.**

- Tickets will be distributed **VIA EMAIL** the **week of May 20**. Additional tickets will be available to purchase online or in the studio starting May 1 - \$15 for adults or kids ages five and over. Seating is limited in this venue so tickets may sell out.
- Theatre doors open at 3:45pm. **Seating is general admission \* however \* we will have a limited time upgrade to reserved seating in the front sections. More details to come!**
- **SPECIAL THIS YEAR:** We will have a **Solo Showcase** at 4pm featuring our RISE Movement Company Dancers.
- Refreshments will be available at the theatre - non-alcoholic beverages as well as wine and beer, snacks and candy.
- Photographing and videotaping the performance is strictly prohibited to protect the integrity of the performance as well as limit distractions to audience members and dancers (especially small children).
- Please wait UNTIL THE END of each dance to enter or exit the theatre. Please do not get up from your seat during a performance.
- Please silence your cell phone before entering the performance ballroom. Show courtesy to other audience members and limit cell phone use during the performances. If it is an emergency and you do need to call or text, please leave the ballroom or turn your screen to low brightness.
- Please keep talking to a minimum during performances as a courtesy to other audience members.

Please read.  
Important  
theatre  
etiquette  
information.

### >> **RECITAL / VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for dancer check-in, dressing rooms and ticket scanners.

If you are interested in volunteering, please notify our staff or email us at [info@risedancedestin.com](mailto:info@risedancedestin.com).

### >> **RECITAL / PICTURES, FLOWERS, DVDS & APPAREL**

**RECITAL PICTURES** - We are excited to partner with Captured Moments Photography again for our 2024 Recital Pictures on **Friday, May and Saturday, May 18**. Cost is **\$50 per time slot** / i.e. each time slot represents each costume you want your dancer photographed in. The cost includes all digital downloads and a copyright release. **Sign-up for time slots will be emailed in mid-April.**

If you are unavailable for pictures on those dates, Captured Moments Photography will be set up at the Destin - FWB Convention Center during rehearsal on Friday, May 31 **from 11:00am - 3:15pm**. **Cost for day-off pictures is \$55 per time slot/costume** and includes all digital downloads and a copyright release. Sign-up will be available in person.

**FLOWERS** - We have a new vendor for flowers! You can order online - <https://www.thecommcementgroup.com/risedance/> and your flowers will be waiting for you in the lobby at the recital venue. There will also be bouquets available the day of the event.

**DVDS / BLURAY** - If you would prefer to have a DVD or BLURAY of our Recital Performance, you can order one online at - <https://order-a-show.square.site/s/shop> . Videos are distributed after the recital. **PLEASE NOTE ~ A digital download of the recital is included in your recital fee.**

**APPAREL** - Recital 2023 and RISE brand apparel will be available for purchase at the recital venue.

**Thank you so much for supporting your child's love of dance and being a part of our year-end production.**

**We look forward to seeing you all at the show!**