

DYD's Guide to an Easy Recital Season

● Rehearsals

- For our Winter Recital, we do not have any extra rehearsals. Students will practice their dances during class time. As we get closer to Recital, classes will meet in Studio A during their regular class times to show their dances to their peers. Attendance during these weeks is of utmost importance.

● Costumes

- Costumes for Winter Recital are black leotards, light suntan tights, and accessories (will vary per class). Your dancer will receive all of this.
 - Costumes & tights have been sized appropriately and cannot be returned/exchanged.
 - Any alterations needed on the costume are your responsibility.
- Please keep costumes on hangers and covered unless being worn.
- All pieces of costume should be labeled with minimum of initials including: shoes, hair piece, arm pieces, etc.
- Costumes should never be worn outside until after Recital.
- Costumes should never be worn to rehearsal and/or dance event. Please always change once arrived.
- Leotards will be worn for future Winter Recitals. Avoid wearing the leotard for class so your don't have to buy a new leotard next year!

● Quick Changes

- If your child is in more than one dance, they are considered to have a "quick change".
- If your child has a quick change, they should start out in their accessories and shoes for their first dance. The rest of their accessories and shoes should be placed in a labeled bag on a hanger. (See example hanging in the lobby).
- All dancers who have a quick change will receive a paper with their name and changer on it. Hang this paper on the hanger with your child's accessories and shoes.
- All changes are done by our staff and volunteers. Sit back and enjoy the show!
- **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS, PLEASE ASK A STAFF MEMBER IMMEDIATELY. IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE QUICK CHANGES ARE SET UP PROPERLY SO YOUR DANCER GETS OUT ON STAGE CORRECTLY.**

● Undergarments

- No underwear is to be worn on any dancer during dress rehearsals or the Recital. Tights are undergarments!
 - Boys may wear form fitting underwear.
- All bras, if needed, must be nude and approved by the dancer's instructor.
- No nail polish on fingernails is permitted.
- No abnormal colored hair is permitted.
- No jewelry is permitted except for clear rhinestone stud earrings, if preferred.

● Hair

- At DYD, we do not require a certain hairstyle.

- o All hair should be securely up and out of the face and off of the neck.
- o All fly-aways should be smoothed out/down with hairspray or gel.
- o A bun is required if the dancer is in a Ballet class.
- o Please only use natural colored hair products and no beads. Hair colored clips, bobby/hair pins, hair nets, hair ties, etc. are preferred, if needed.
- o Hair gems and glitter are accepted and encouraged!
 - We love sparkles!
- o Boys' hair may be styled at the choice of the dancer.

● **Make-Up**

- o Makeup is worn by professional performers in the majority of performances on stage. This is because the lights wash out the performer and end up making them look ghost-like.
- o At DYD, we do not require make-up, but do strongly recommend it. We prefer age-appropriate makeup. As the dancer ages, "stage make-up" becomes more of the norm.
- o Please be conscious of color choices. "Clown" is not the look we are going for!
- o If you have questions about this or how to apply, we are here to help!
 - Please speak to a staff member who can answer questions, give tips on application, can recommend products, and more!

● **Tickets**

- o DYD sells tickets online only.
- o You can buy your tickets from <http://www.danceticketing.com/27579/>
 - Choose your desired seats
 - Click "Buy Selected Seats"
 - Pay and receive your tickets!
 - Tickets can be printed or scanned directly from a smartphone.
 - Tickets increase in price to \$20 on the day of the show.
- o If you have questions or need help with the process, please contact us or stop by for assistance. You can also contact Dance Recital Ticketing for help.
- o All tickets are assigned seating.
- o Every member of your party needs a ticket unless there is a child that will remain on an adult's lap for the entire show. That child will not need a ticket.
 - No children older than 4 may sit on laps. 5 & up require a ticket.
 - Your dancer does not need a ticket because they will not be sitting in the audience at all during the show.
 - Dancers in the Tiny/Lil level classes **must** be picked up backstage at intermission. They can sit on a lap for the duration of the show.
- o All tickets will be checked and scanned upon entering the seating area.
- o On the day of the show, the ticket price increases to \$20. We strongly recommend purchasing tickets prior to the day of.

● **Recital**

- o Our show will be held on Saturday, January 27th at Wilson High School (2601 Grandview Boulevard, Sinking Spring, PA 19608) and will begin promptly at **4:30PM**.
- o All dancers are required to be in the dressing room(s) by **3:30PM**.

- o Only ONE parent/guardian is permitted in the dressing room to accompany your dancer(s).
 - There is barely enough space for our dancers. Please respect this.
- o No parents/visitors are permitted in the backstage area at all.
- o No parents/visitors will be permitted in the dressing rooms after 3:45PM. Please make sure your dancer(s) are ready by this time.
- o Doors will open for the public at **3:30PM**. It is your responsibility to be sure your party has arrived and seated before **4:15PM** to avoid delays in our start time.
- o Tiny and Lil level dancers are ONLY in the first half and must be picked up from the designated spot during intermission to sit with their families.
 - Your Tiny/Lil level dancer will NOT need a ticket to sit in the audience for the second half as they will be permitted/able to sit on your lap.
 - A designated area will be marked to pick up your Tiny/Lil level dancer and all personal items will remain in the dressing room until after the Recital or you may choose to keep their items with you.
- o All other dancers will remain backstage or in the dressing room(s) until the show has concluded. Please do not attempt to pick up your dancer.
- o Parents are NOT permitted in the dressing rooms during intermission.
- o For safety reasons, dancers are not permitted to leave backstage area/dressing rooms during intermission or after the show until a parent/guardian is present.
- o Once the show has finished, please plan to pick up your dancer in the dressing room(s) only.
 - Again, only ONE parent/guardian is permitted in the dressing room.

● After Party

- o At DYD, we see all of our dancers and their families as our family. Because of this, we want to be able to celebrate our awesome semester with everyone! After the Recital we invite our dancers and their family/guests back to the DYD studio for dinner, a raffle, music, dancing, games and more! This is free to enter and is just for fun! Feel free to join us!
 - We will be asking for food/drink donations for the party. If you are interested in attending, please refer to our bulletin board in the studio to sign up for the amount of people attending and also sign up to bring something to the party.

● Recital Guide

- o Once you have read this Recital Guide in full, please sign our Recital Guide Agreement Form. This is to acknowledge that you have read and understand this guide. This guide is truly to make Recital go as easy and smooth for our dancers and parents as possible! Remember that if you have any questions at all, we encourage you to stop by the front desk or speak to your child's instructor as soon as possible so that we can help the best we can!
- o Please feel free to save paper by signing the form online here: <https://pdf.ac/99LV96> or printing the last page and returning it to us as soon as possible.
- o Recital Guide Agreement Forms are due by **January 3rd, 2020**.

Recital Guide Form

****This form must be signed and returned to the office or a staff member NO later than January 3rd.****

You can find the "DYD's Guide to an Easy Recital Season" and other important Recital information on our website (www.danceyourdreams.studio) and posted on the bulletin board inside the studio.

I have downloaded and thoroughly read the "DYD's Guide to an Easy Recital Season". I agree that I understand all information within the guide. I understand the entire schedule and times my dancer must arrive at Recital. I agree to ask any questions I have to a staff member.

Dancer's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date _____

