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RECITAL 2026

We are SO excited for our 2026 Recital and know it will be a fantastic weekend to showcase your children's hard work at Center Stage! **Please read all of the information below to be fully informed on the Recital.** If you have any questions after reading, send us an e-mail: info@centerstageohio.com.

Deadlines & Important Dates:

- **May 1st** - Recital Tickets for our Friday Company Show go on sale online for Families of Company Graduating Seniors, Volunteer Committee members, and Hall Monitors only. More information has been e-mailed to these families.
- **May 4th** - Recital Tickets for Friday & Saturday Shows go on sale online for all CSDS families. Friday Show tickets are reserved seating and can be purchased through TutuTix. Saturday Show tickets are general admission and one Saturday ticket grants access to all three Saturday shows. Links to purchase tickets will be sent through e-mail on May 4th at 8:00 AM and are not available to the general public.
- **May 9th** - Final day to send in 5, 10, and 15-year award information. If your child has danced at Center Stage for 5, 10, or 15 years, send us the details we've requested through e-mail.
- **May 14th** - Final day for Company parents to let us know if their children would like to perform in the Solo/Duet/Trio Pre-Show. Read below for more information.
- **May 14th** - Final day for Rec/Prep families to order Recital T-Shirts. T-Shirts for Company dancers have been ordered already, but all other t-shirt orders must be made through our website and are pick-up only at CSDS. [Click here](#) to order now.
- **May 14th** - Final day to let us know if there are any issues with the Recital Lineups. Find the lineups by [clicking here](#) (view all tabs).
- **May 14th** - Final day to order program ads for our Recital Program (mandatory half page ad per Company family). [Click here](#) to order your ad now.
- **June 10th** - Final day to pre-order Recital Flowers & Keepsakes. Flowers & Keepsakes will also be sold at the Recital while supplies last. [Click here](#) to pre-order Flowers & [click here](#) to pre-order Keepsakes now.
- **June 30th** - Final day for Rec/Prep families to purchase photos/videos from the Recital. [Click here](#) to order photos/videos now.

Recital Location:

Independence High School

6001 Archwood Rd

Independence, OH 44131

Free parking is available in the school's parking lot.

Hair, Makeup, Costumes:

- Parents of female Rec/Prep dancers: watch our [Hair Tutorial](#) & [Makeup Tutorial](#) to see how to do your child's hair and makeup for stage.
- Hairstyles for Recital:
 - Rec & Prep Dancers - low, slicked back, ponytail braid with a center part
 - Company Dancers - low, slicked back, regular bun with a center part
- Look at our [Hair/Makeup Master List](#) to see examples of all products and colors used. If any brands listed are sold out, please use a color that's as closely related as possible. Children under 7 years old do not need to wear fake eyelashes.
- All female dancers should wear two eyeshadow colors, blush, and lipstick.
 - Eyeshadows: light beige/cream color for highlight color, darker brown color for lid color. No blue eyeshadow, please!
 - Blush: pink/dark pink depending on skin tone. Dark enough to notice on stage.
 - Lipstick: red tone
- All costumes have now been distributed. If you do not have your costume, please email costumes@centerstageohio.com for assistance.
- For female costumes: underwear should not be worn, as the costumes are similar to bathing suits and have lining built in. Please make sure hair is slicked back with plenty of gel/hairspray. Ballet shoestrings need to be tied and tucked into Ballet shoes, and Tap/Hip Hop shoes should be double knotted.

Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, June 11

- **Rec/Prep Dancers: Please arrive 45 minutes before your Dress Rehearsal time listed on the lineup.** Most Prep Team groups will not perform in the Dress Rehearsal, with only a few exceptions.
- Rec/Prep dancers should come dressed in their first costume for the Dress Rehearsal (check the [Dress Rehearsal Lineup](#) here, Tab 1). They should wear a Recital T-shirt, CSDS shirt, or coverup over their costume when arriving. Their hair and makeup need to be done at home before arriving as well. They will be barefoot for the finale.
- Upon arrival, dancers should immediately go to the dressing rooms to drop off belongings, check-in with teachers, and head to the audience with their parents.

4:30 pm - Dress Rehearsal Begins

- Please check the Dress Rehearsal Lineup for specific times. We ask that all dancers are in the audience at least 30 minutes before their scheduled dress rehearsal time. Dancers and parents can sit in the audience during the rehearsal to watch.
- We will be lining up three dances at a time in the audience, so the dress rehearsal runs smoothly.

6:00 pm - All Prep/Company Dancers Arrive

- Company dancers should come to Dress Rehearsal wearing their Recital T-shirt and plain black bottoms (shorts, leggings, joggers, sweats, etc.).
- Prep & Company dancers should have their hair & makeup done (the same as they wear for competitions) as we will be filming and taking photographs during the rehearsal day. They will be barefoot for the finale.
- For the finale, Prep dancers have the choice of wearing a Recital T-shirt and plain black bottoms or their costume from their group dance. They can also wear their costume with their Recital T-shirt on top.

- Upon arrival, dancers should immediately go to the dressing rooms to drop off belongings, check-in with teachers, and head to the audience. Audience members will enter the auditorium after dropping off children and find any seat in the audience.

6:30-7:00 pm - Rec/Prep/Company Finale Rehearsal

7:00-8:00 pm - Awards Ceremony

- We would love for all of our dancers and families to be at the Awards Ceremony where we will present our Graduating Seniors, 5/10/15-Year Award Winners, Ballet Training Program Trainees, Dancer of the Year, and more! Dancers will sit in the audience during the Awards Ceremony.
- Rec & Prep dancers are free to leave after the Awards Ceremony.

8:00-8:30 pm - Company Finale Rehearsal

8:30-9:00 pm - Company Seniors Dance Rehearsal

Friday, June 12

1:30 pm - Seating for Pre-Show Begins

2:00 pm - Solo/Duet/Trio Pre-Show

- All Company soloists and duets/trios are permitted to perform in the Pre-Show, with a limit of two solos per dancer. Audience members must have a ticket for the Friday Show to gain access to the Solo/Duet/Trio Pre-Show. Please sit in your reserved seats for the Pre-Show that you purchased for the Company Show.
- Cost: \$50 per act (duets & trios split the \$50 price)
- Please let us know no later than **May 14th** if you would like your child to perform in the Pre-Show. Make sure to include the title of the solo/duet/trio, and please talk to the other dancers in the duet/trio before responding to us. Your Payment Portal account will be charged for the Pre-Show.
- A lineup of the Solo/Duet/Trio Pre-Show will be e-mailed the week of **May 18th**.

4:00 pm - Seating for Company Senior Show Begins

4:30 pm - Company Senior Show

- All Company Graduating Senior soloists and duets/trios will perform in the Company Senior Show, with a limit of one solo per dancer. Audience members must have a ticket to the Friday show to gain access to the Company Senior Show. Please sit in your reserved seats for the Company Senior Show that you purchased for the Company Show.
- Please let us know the title of your Graduating Senior's solo (if they have multiple) no later than **May 14th**. If your senior would like to perform a second solo, they may do so in the Solo/Duet/Trio Pre-Show at no charge.
- A lineup of the Company Senior Show will be e-mailed the week of **May 18th**.

5:00 pm - All Company dancers arrive and head to dressing rooms to drop off belongings, check in, and stretch.

5:30 pm - Doors open for the Company show. Audience members who attended the Pre-Show or Company Senior Show do not need to clear out of the auditorium between shows, as long as they are sitting in their reserved seats.

6:00 pm - Company Show

- Mandatory for all Company dancers.
- Parents: please limit being in the dressing rooms to an as-needed basis. Company dancers must remain in the dressing rooms throughout the show and cannot sit in the audience without purchasing a ticket.
- [Click here](#) to view the lineup for our Friday Show (Tab 3).

Saturday, June 13

- Mandatory for all Company dancers and Rec/Prep dancers. All Rec & Prep Team dances will perform in one of the three shows on Saturday. Most, but not all Company groups will perform in the Saturday Shows.
- **Please arrive 45 minutes before the show(s) your children are dancing in.**
- Parents: please limit being in the dressing rooms to an as-needed basis.
- Dancers may sit in the audience with their families after they dance and do not need to purchase a ticket. Dancers must be in the dressing rooms at least 10 numbers before they perform.

9:30 am - BTP Dress Rehearsal

10:30 am - Ballet Training Program Performance

12:00 pm - Show 1

2:30 pm - Show 2

5:00 pm - Show 3

- Saturday's shows will be around 1.5 hours each. These shows will be mainly for our Rec & Prep routines but will each include Company routines as well.
- [Click here](#) to view the lineups for our Saturdays Shows. Make sure to view all tabs (Tabs 5-7).
- **Dancers must be in the dressing room ten numbers before their dance goes on stage and must be dressed in a cover-up over their costumes while in the audience and lobby.**
- For the Finale on Saturday, Rec/Prep dancers have the choice of wearing a Recital T-shirt and black bottoms or their costume from their group dance. They can also wear their costume and wear their Recital T-shirt on top.
- Rec/Prep/Company dancers only need to dance in the Finales of the shows they are performing in. Graduating Seniors must perform in all three finales on Saturday.
- Our teachers & staff will take care of dancers in the dressing rooms and backstage. Please be patient at the end of each show so we can get all children back to their parents safely.

Tickets:

- On sale online starting **May 4th at 8:00 am** for CSDS families and friends only (ticket sales will not be open to the public).
- Families of Company Graduating Seniors, Volunteer Committee members, and Hall Monitors will receive priority access to Friday Show tickets starting **May 1st at 8:00 am**.
- Sold online and at the door if available.
- All Friday tickets are reserved seating and sold through TutuTix. The remaining tickets will be sold at the door.
- Tickets will not be needed for the BTP Show. But the audience must exit after the BTP show before Saturday Show 1.
- For the Friday Show: Company dancers must remain in the dressing rooms and may not sit in the audience without purchasing a ticket.
- For the Saturday Shows: all CSDS dancers may sit in the audience for free and do not need to purchase tickets.
- All family members and friends must purchase a ticket.
- Children 3 & under may sit on their parents' laps for free. But if they are sitting in a seat, a ticket must be purchased.
- Saturday Tickets may be picked up in our office starting May 11th or at the door, June 11-13. Dancers must be in the dressing room ten numbers before their dance goes on stage.

Friday Show: Reserved Seating (TutuTix Service Fee will be added per ticket)

- Standard Reserved Seating: **\$35 per ticket**
- Premium Reserved Seating (first 12 rows): **\$40 per ticket**
- Purchase Friday Tickets through the link e-mailed on May 4th.

Saturday Shows: \$25 per ticket

- One Saturday ticket gives admission to all three Saturday shows!
- Purchase Saturday Tickets through the link e-mailed on May 4th.

Program Ads:

Each year in our beautiful souvenir Recital Program, we offer the chance for families to place ads for their children or their businesses. Program ads are the perfect way to congratulate your dancer or advertise your business for the hundreds of Recital attendees. There are three ad size options: Full Page Ads, Half Page Ads, and Quarter Page Ads.

- Company families are required to purchase at least one half-page ad. They can choose to use this ad to wish their children good luck or can also work with a local business to purchase their half-page ad from them.
- If any businesses would like to create their own ads, just e-mail us and we can send you over the ad specs to share with them.
- [Click here](#) to visit our website for more details on ad examples and prices.
- [Click here](#) to order your ad now.
- Complete your ad form no later than **May 14th** to ensure it is included in our program.

Recital Keepsakes:

We have put together three awesome items this year for our Recital Keepsakes! These collectible gifts are the best way for your children to remember their dance recital and show off their studio spirit:

- **20" Squishmallow Bunny**
- **15" Tie-Dye Bunny with Recital T-shirt**
- **9" CSDS Trophies with Recital 2026 placard**

We have limited quantities of these three items and they may sell out fast! Place your pre-orders online to secure your keepsakes by **June 10th!** Additional items that are left over will be sold at the Recital. Pre-Orders will be ready for pickup at Independence High School on June 11th, 12th, or 13th

Keepsakes Pre-Order Form: [Click Here](#)

***Payment must be completed to secure orders.**

Recital Flowers:

The Commencement Group will be selling flowers for the Recital! These beautiful rose arrangements are the perfect gift to give to your dancer to wish them good luck at Recital:

- [Click here](#) to visit their website to pre-order flowers now.

Photo/Video Orders:

Rec/Prep Families: Purchase professional photos & videos from our 2026 Recital!

- Digital downloads via Dropbox are available for purchase. Please select your options on the Photo/Video Order Form online by **June 30th** by [clicking here](#).

Company Families have been charged for the photo/video package and will receive all media videos from Recital via Dropbox after the event.

We know this is a lot of information so please don't hesitate to ask us any questions:
info@centerstageohio.com. Thank you!