

The Dance House

14th Annual Recital

“Trustfall”

Philosophy, Policies, and Procedures

TDH's recital is a great way for our performers to showcase their talents, hard work, and progress! TDH's recital offers our students a professionally directed performance that allows them to shine on stage for their families and friends.

Learning through performance is essential to the dance training process. Our recital experience helps young dancers build self-esteem and confidence. Further, onstage experiences result in better school presentations and performance, and improved social skills. Participating in rehearsals helps children develop adaptability, teamwork and retention skills.

This handbook has been created to clarify the requirements, commitments, and responsibilities that are essential for ensuring a wonderful experience for our dancers, parents, teachers, tech crew, and audience members. We are excited to be back at the Medina Performing Arts Center for our recital and are looking forward to an amazing show!

Miss Amy & Your TDH staff

Important Dates & Reminders

All things recital will be published on our Recital page on our website and sent via email, as needed. Please be sure to check out this information regularly to stay abreast of all of the important details. It's a team effort with our students, parents, teachers, and the directors to produce a successful show!

Trustfall Recital ~ Friday, June 14, 2024 (6:00pm) and Saturday, June 15, 2024 (11:30am)

**We will have two different recitals again this year due to the number of classes and students enrolled. The recitals will be approximately 2 ½ hours long, including a 15 minute intermission. Students in more than one class may be in both shows. It is impossible to schedule all students in the same show for all of their classes. Show participants are posted on our website and emailed to you.

***Important reminder:** Tuition and all studio charges **must** be paid in full in order for your dancer(s) to perform in the recital, regardless if you have already purchased a costume, tickets, etc. Your last payment for the season is due the first week of June and **no later** than June 6th. June tuition is prorated to 1/2 of the regular month tuition. If you have questions or need to discuss your account, please make contact via email (amy@thedancehouseohio.com) or cell phone (330) 858-1354.

Dress Rehearsals:

Wednesday, June 14, 2024 for Friday evening show

Thursday, June 15, 2024 for Saturday matinee show

Dress rehearsals are held at the Medina Performing Arts Center, not at the studio, and they are **mandatory**.

It is extremely important for all dancers to have the opportunity to practice on the stage & get a sense for the auditorium so that they will know how and where to enter and exit, as well as to get a feel for the lighting, music cues, and spacing.

Rehearsal times for each class will be posted at the studio and on our website on the **Recital Quick Reference Guide**. We will have a limited amount of time available on the stage so we need to run on schedule. Please plan to arrive at the rehearsal at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time. The full dress rehearsal runs from 5:00-9:00pm but your dancer will only need to be there for their short stage time of about 10 minutes (25 including arrival). Individual class rehearsals will have to start on time even if all dancers are not present.

Rehearsals will be in full costume, shoes, and makeup. Students should arrive fully ready to rehearse. Dressing rooms are only provided for students with multiple dances during dress rehearsals. Street shoes should be worn in the auditorium.

*Rehearsals are not for guests. Please invite family and friends to the recital only. Video taping is permissible during the dress rehearsal only!

Costumes, Tights (or socks), Shoes, Hair & Makeup

Costumes

Many hours are spent determining the right costumes for each class. They are always age-appropriate and the highest quality possible. Costume prices include accessories, tights or socks, but not shoes.

Although rare, alternations are sometimes needed. Alterations will be the responsibility of the dancer's parent.

Costumes are distributed as they arrive to the studio; typically throughout the month of May. Costumes come from a few manufacturers, and some are occasionally on backorder, so students with multiple classes may receive their costumes at different times. Please do not allow your dancer to play in them before the dress rehearsal and recital. TDH can not be responsible for damage that occurs after you receive your costume(s).

Tights and Shoes

To ensure that there are no discrepancies in color and style, dancers are provided with tights or socks which are included with your recital costume fee. Students must wear the required shoe style and color that is part of the dress code for each class. A reminder of the required shoes will be posted on the **Recital Quick Reference Guide**.

Hair & Makeup

Required recital makeup for girls includes (recommended colors in parenthesis): red-tone lipstick (Revlon-Love That Red), eyeshadow (Covergirl-Champagne), rose colored blush (Covergirl-Rock n Rose), and mascara. For boys, a little blush works well (but not required). Recital makeup is heavier for the stage to compensate for the lighting.

MiniMovement Academy Parents: Please do not have your dancer wear lipstick or bring other makeup to the recital. Parent volunteers will use single applicators to do touch ups and apply lipstick using studio makeup. Makeup applicators and lipstick will not be shared among students.

Hairstyles for each class are included on the **Recital Quick Reference Guide** which will be posted at the studio and on our website. Teachers will also be discussing the hair style for each class when costumes arrive.

Student Drop-off and Pick Up

Dress Rehearsal Arrival & Dismissal

A parent or guardian should bring the dancers into the Medina Performing Arts Center (Medina High School) 15 minutes before their scheduled rehearsal. Dancers will sit with their parent/guardian in the theater until their class has been called

to line up for their on stage rehearsal. Do not allow your dancer to run around the auditorium or performing arts center.

Recital Performance Arrival & Dismissal (on Friday, June 14th & Saturday, June 15th)

Parents should bring their dancers in the lobby of the auditorium to the check-in table in the far hallway on the opposite side of the theater from the entrance. From there they will be escorted to the dressing room/staging area. Dancers should arrive in full costume, with makeup and hair done. Dancers should only bring their shoes to change into (as well as additional costumes if in more than one class). Remember to write your child's name in their costume, dance bag, and shoes.

Parent volunteers will be there to help with costume and hair changes, as well as keeping dancers busy with various activities. Dancers should also be able to watch the recital on closed circuit. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate parents backstage or in the dressing room/staging area with the dancers. Please do not expect to visit your dancer at any time, including intermissions, before the end of the show. This is for safety and organizational reasons and will be enforced by our faculty. Dancers are to remain in the staging area for the duration of the recital. After the recital, students will be picked up from the check-in table. Exception: MiniMovement Academy parents may acknowledge by signature at check-in that they would like to check out their dancer at intermission. We encourage dancers to join their families in the audience with a ticket to watch the remainder of the show. Watching the older dancers perform is a great joy for the young ones! MiniMovement dancer ticket info below. Dancers should arrive 45 minutes before their show time.

Dressing Room Etiquette

Students are reminded to respect each other's space and property in the dressing rooms. Keeping this area organized and clean is important. A parent "pep talk" in this area can really help with preventing lost shoes and accessories. Drinks are not permitted in the dressing room; water will be provided. Please limit any snacks to portable, non-messy ones such as fruit snacks. Small snacks will also be provided.

Recital Tickets

For ticket purchases, we will be using an online ticketing procedure. All seating is reserved and you will need to purchase the number of seats that you would like together at the same time. Every seat in the auditorium provides a nice view of the stage. All audience members, ages two and older, will need a ticket to enter the theater.

Tickets go on sale online beginning at noon on Tuesday, May 14th. All tickets will be purchased using the online company called TutuTix (similar to Ticketron). The link to TutuTix, with instructions, will be posted on our website and sent to parent accounts via email. The cost per ticket will be \$20.00 (plus a small service fee from TutuTix)

***MiniMovement Academy:** All MiniMovement Academy classes are scheduled in the first half of the show. We are encouraging these dancers **only** to join their families in the audience to enjoy all of the incredible dancing that will also occur in the second half. The MiniMovement Academy dancers will need a seat in the audience and we will be crediting MiniMovement accounts \$12 if you purchase your dancer a ticket. Contact Amy or the studio desk for a TutuTix free ticket code for your MiniMovement dancer only, prior to ordering your tickets. You will need to order their ticket with the rest of the family's tickets so that you can enjoy the performance experience together during the second half. The code cannot be used for a ticket for any other family member. Please note that all MiniMovement dancers remain backstage until intermission, regardless of when their dance occurs in the 1st half of the show. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Doors to the lobby and auditorium will open one hour before each recital show time.

Company members will perform their solos and duos in pre-shows on Friday beginning around 5:00 and on Saturday beginning around 10:30pm. Ticket holders may enter the auditorium at any time from approximately 5-6pm on Friday and 10:30-11:30am Saturday as pre-show dancers perform with the house lights up before the matinee show.

Volunteer Opportunities

Backstage Chaperones: Our Company parents will be working as chaperones backstage with all of our dancers for the purpose of assisting with costume and hair changes.

MiniMovement Academy Class Volunteers: We would like to have at least one volunteer per class for our MiniMovement classes. This could be a parent or teenage babysitter, at least 14 years of age. The volunteer will be responsible for sitting with the class during the 1st half of the show, “entertaining” our young dancers with activities we will be providing, helping to get them lined up for their performance, and lined up for dismissal. These volunteers will be able to view the class’ performance from the backstage wings and will receive a free ticket for the second half of the show (code provided for ordering purposes)

All MiniMovement Academy class volunteers will be given a free recital t-shirt to wear backstage, as well as an identification badge that must be worn at all times while volunteering. Please do not bring guests, including children, with you while you are volunteering.

Recital Keepsake T-shirts, Sweats and Other TDH Gear

Limited Edition Recital T-shirts

Each year TDH offers Limited Edition Recital T-shirts and Tank Tops which feature our recital theme logo on the front. Recital t-shirts and other items will all be pre-order only and available via the link that will be emailed to you (and on our website) until Tuesday, May 14th, only (No Exceptions). Recital t-shirts may be available for purchase at the recital on a very limited basis (a few of each size at most).

Keepsake Recital Program

Our recital program will be available free of charge. We are offering “Love Notes” for parents, family members, or friends to purchase for publication in the program. Orders will be available until Thursday, May 23rd. Cost is \$15 for up to 30 words. Examples:

Marli & Mackie- We could not be more proud of you for all your hard work, dedication, and team commitment. Always do you and shine bright! Love- Gram and E-pa

Lucy: Keep dancing from your heart and letting your passion light up that stage! I love watching you shine in all you do! Love, Aunt Susie

Keepsake Recital Video Link

Information regarding video of the 2024 Trustfall Recital will be coming soon.

No videotaping or flash photography will be permitted at the recital. Please make your guests aware of this policy, too. Recital ushers will enforce this policy if necessary. Dress rehearsal is the time to do your personal videotaping, if you’d like.

Thank you for reading!

***We are looking forward to a very positive experience
for our dancers and everyone involved!***

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