

# RECITAL 2023

## INFORMATION PACKET



We are so excited to present the Balance Dance Studios' 2023 Spring recital!

**This year's theme is 'Balance in Wonderland!'**

Please make sure to read the packet in its entirety to ensure these days go smoothly and that everyone is on the same page.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Dress Rehearsal	Dancers & Dreamers Show	Variety Show
May 19th, 2023 5:00pm	May 20th, 2023 2:30pm	May 20th, 2023 5:00pm

# RECITAL AT A GLANCE



## IMPORTANT DATES

5.19.23

Dress Rehearsal

5.20.23

Recital

2:30pm Dancers & Dreamers

5:00pm Variety Show

## THE VENUE

Life Austin, Mueller  
1504 E 51st St.  
Austin, TX 78723

## RECITAL PAGE



## PRE-ORDERS

Program Ads



Flowers/Gifts



Trophies



# IMPORTANT DATES

## **DRESS REHEARSAL: MAY 19TH, 5PM**

On May 19th, we will have a full dress rehearsal. When dancers arrive to Life Austin Mueller for this rehearsal, please have them check in to be directed to their designated dressing room.

Dancers should arrive in the first costume, with hair and makeup completely done. This provides your dancer an opportunity to see how they dance in costume! This is also an opportunity for your dancer to practice entering, dancing, and exiting, just like they will on the stage. Professional pictures will also be taken during dress rehearsal.

## **RECITAL DAY: MAY 20, 2023**

Dancers & Dreamers 2:30pm

Variety Show 5:00pm

This is the day we have been working so hard toward! Please continue reading for specific call times and information. **There will be NO Saturday classes on recital day!**

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## RESPONSIBILITY CHECKLIST

### Costumes

In an effort to ensure you and your family are fully prepared for recital, use this checklist to ensure all of your responsibilities are accomplished in a timely fashion.

Ensure your dancer has the appropriate dance shoes for their dance(s)

- ☐ Black Tap Shoes
- ☐ Pink Ballet Slippers for Girls, Black for Boys
- ☐ Tan Jazz Shoes for all other classes, unless otherwise specified
- ☐ Sneakers for Hip Hop

Label ALL elements of your dancer's costumes and account for any accessories that go with the costume. Most costumes and their accessories have tags on the inside that are perfect for this. Hair pieces tend to have a clip you can mark with your dancer's initials.

Ensure your dancer has the appropriate tights (for girls) or socks (for boys):

- ☐ Pink dance tights for ballet dances (purchased from studio)
- ☐ Tan dance tights for all other classes (unless otherwise specified)
- ☐ Ensure boy's socks match the color of the shoe/pants

If your dancer has more than one costume, please make sure they are placed on a hanger and labeled clearly (dancer's name & class).

Make sure your dancer checks in wearing the first costume, and carrying subsequent costumes neatly on a hanger.

Ensure dancer's hair is completely done prior to arriving at the venue, as indicated by the teacher.

As a general rule of thumb:

- ☐ Combo Dancers: Half up and half down with curls
- ☐ All other dancers: High centered bun
- ☐ Boys: Gelled and styled hair

# DRESS REHEARSAL

## Check-In & Call Time Information

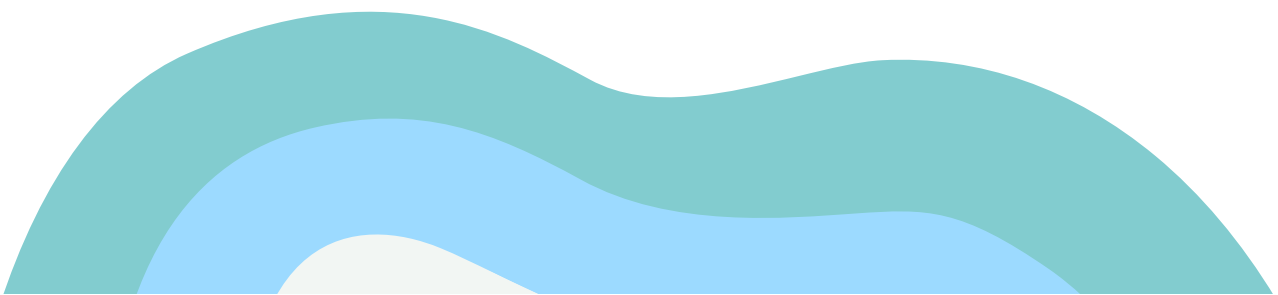
Call time means dancers are dressed in the first costume with hair and makeup completely done. Please respect the times listed. Checking in too early means volunteers and staff might not be ready to receive dancers and will result in you having to wait until the appropriate time.

When you arrive to Life Austin Mueller, follow the signs to the check in table and your dancer will be escorted by our volunteers to the appropriate destination backstage.

There are no non-volunteer parents allowed backstage at any point before, during or after the show. This is to ensure the safety of all the dancers while they are waiting to perform. If you are a volunteer, you will check in for your designated time and head back to begin your assigned tasks. If you are not a volunteer, please do not attempt to go past the check-in as it causes distraction from the tasks that need to be carried out by our staff and parent volunteers, thus resulting in stress and timing issues. (This includes past the check in table and in the dressing rooms or stage area). Dancers will remain backstage for the entire length of the show.

**Dress Rehearsal is closed to the public. This means no spectators are allowed into the auditorium until Recital Day.**

## BACKSTAGE PARENT SIGNUP:



# CHECK IN/OUT PROCEDURE

When checking in and out your dancer, please only send 1 parent to the check-in table to keep the area from getting too crowded. Arrange a family meet-up location prior to recital day to keep traffic flowing!

If your dancer is in more than one routine, costumes will be changed either backstage or in the dressing room (depending on if it is a quick change or not). We have volunteers assigned to assist your dancer with costume changes.

Label any personal items your dancer is bringing backstage. While we do our best to ensure all items return to all families, we do not recommend sending your young dancer with items of high value such as iPads, tablets, etc. We are not responsible for lost items. All items left behind will be gathered by volunteers and will be brought back to the studio and placed in our Lost and Found.

Please remind your dancer that the parent volunteers are there to keep them safe and it is imperative that dancers respect and listen to all staff and parent volunteers.

## **\*CHECK OUT PROCEDURE\***

In an effort to minimize the stress of reuniting dancers with their families, we will be dismissing dancers one class at a time on recital day. Please refer to our checkout timeline to see when to collect your dancer. If everyone follows this procedure, we are confident the checkout will flow with safety top of mind as well as effectiveness. If you arrive earlier than your check out time, you will be asked to wait until it is your dancer's time to check out.

Please note that all times are estimated as it is very difficult to predict exact time for live shows that involve children. To prevent the area from being too crowded, staff and parent volunteers will bring out one class at a time to the checkout table. If you have more than one child in a show, please refrain from picking up both at the same time to avoid confusion backstage. We thank you for your patience in this process as this ensures each of the dancers returns safely back to their family.

# PRE ORDER INFORMATION



## Trophies

Each participating dancer has the option to order a complimentary trophy. Please note that no extra trophies will be ordered. Only those who have ordered trophies will receive one on recital day. Trophies can be ordered HERE:



## Ticket Information

Tickets can be purchased online or at the front desk. A ticket is required for anyone who will occupy a seat in the auditorium.

Link Coming Soon!



## Program Ads

Would you like a shoutout for your business or dancer in our Recital Program? The program is a full color keepsake in print for all attendees to see! Submit your ad online today! Deadline: April 15, 2023



## Flowers and Gifts

Flowers and gifts can be pre-ordered HERE:



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **I tried my dancer's costume on and it fits really snug. Should I get a bigger size?**

Dance costumes are not meant to have growing room or fit loosely. Dance costumes are meant to be snug fitting, similar to a bathing suit. You want it to hug your dancer's body so it doesn't move around while they dance. (You wouldn't want their bathing suit to move around while they swim!)

Also similar to a bathing suit, your dancer will need to "shimmy" to get into it. This does not mean it is too small; this is how it is supposed to fit. Once the costume is on, if you think it is too small, tug on the shoulder part and the leotard area in the leg/hip area, and if there is still a stretch, the costume fits correctly.

## **Is dress rehearsal necessary?**

Yes! As much as we are preparing for the recital in the classroom, dress rehearsal is an opportunity to introduce the dancers to the flow of the shows and dancing in their costumes before performing in front of an audience.

## **Can I watch the dress rehearsal?**

No. Only staff and volunteers will be allowed in the auditorium during dress rehearsal.

## **Can I pick up my child after they dance on recital day?**

No, all dancers are to remain backstage until the show is completed. This, again, is for the safety of all dancers. It can become too hectic and cause unnecessary panic when a dancer isn't backstage where they are supposed to be. Once the show begins, all volunteers' priority is ensuring the show runs smoothly, and not on reconnecting dancers back with their families.

## **Does my ticket count towards both shows?**

No. You may redeem your ticket for one of our 2 shows. If you'd like to attend both shows, you will need a ticket for each show time.

## **Can I go backstage if I am not volunteering?**

No. For safety reasons, only staff and parent volunteers are allowed backstage during the dress rehearsal and recital. Some of our dancers will have costume changes, and our volunteers need to see during dress rehearsal if there are any timing issues that may present possible issues during the recital. It can become disorganized very quickly if there are non-volunteers backstage.

If you have any questions about recital, please email [info@balancedancestudios.com](mailto:info@balancedancestudios.com).