

RECITAL NEWSLETTER

The Parents' Guide to a Successful Recital Experience!

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, DANCE!

Bender Performing Arts presents our 44th annual recital "Lights, Camera, Dance"!
Join our students at the movies! Watch them take the stage for this energetic show! Our ballet department presents songs from "Frozen" and "Bibbidi, Bobbidi, Bender". Our younger dancers will delight you with their theme "Mad About the Mouse"! See the Recital Schedule Grid on the last page of this newsletter for dates and times.

COSTUMES

Costumes can be taken home during our costume week, only when all fees have been paid - including your final 1.5 payment. Once you receive your costumes, make sure every piece is marked with your child’s name. Also be sure to put your dancer’s name in all shoes, tights, props, etc. We have many dancers and many identical items. Label everything!

Costume Week May 6th-11th
Costumes will be distributed during class time the week of Monday, May 6th - Saturday, May 11th. Please plan to attend each of your dancer’s classes to get final costume information and PICTURE PACKETS. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have about costumes and recital!

COSTUME ETIQUETTE!

- Costumes are not to be worn to the auditorium or worn in the audience.
- No panties under costumes.
- Costumes must be taken home after dress rehearsal and after each performance.
- We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
HAIR

Teachers will give recommendations in the class meetings during costume week. Dancers should arrive with their hair in the style needed for their first dance in the performance. If Mom wants to style the hair after arrival, that’s okay. However, please don’t expect the dressing room mom to style your dancer’s hair and apply her make-up. She has neither the time nor equipment. Be sure you have hair spray, bobby pins, hairnets, brush, comb and any other items that may be needed with your dancer’s belongings.

MAKE-UP

We recommend that all dancers wear make-up for pictures, for dress rehearsals, and performances. It highlights their features and will prevent them from looking “washed out” under the bright stage lights. The teachers may have recommendations for “stage makeup”, although application is left to the discretion of each parent. We recommend blush and lipstick in a true pink or red (no orange tones), eye shadow, and maybe mascara.
PICTURE DAYS

MAY 18TH & 19TH, 2019

Walters Photographic will take photographs at our studio. Your Picture Order Form lists the day and time of your group picture. Individual pictures will be taken immediately after the class picture for those wishing to purchase them. Even if you don’t wish to purchase pictures, please be present for your group shot for our studio display.

IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT YOUR PICTURE DAY

- Arrive 45 minutes before your scheduled picture time. Your picture time is listed on your picture envelope and located online in your parent portal. We do run on time and cannot wait for late arrivals.
- Do not wear costume to the studio, please change after you arrive. However, you should arrive with hair and make up (if desired for the picture) complete.
- Turn in your picture envelope and payment to the front desk by 8pm on Wednesday, May 15th for faster service and NO LINES on picture day!
- Pictures will be available for pick up at the 2nd performance of each cast during recital week. Please stop by the picture table in the lobby to pick up your pictures.

VIDEO AND PHOTOS

- A professional video company, New View Imaging, will film on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. Please complete an order form online or at the studio to purchase.
- Onstage action photography will be shot by Gillian Hunter Photography and will be available for purchase on her website at www.gillianhunterphotography.com
- Yes! You may bring and use your own video and still-shot cameras! PLEASE NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY! We only ask that you don’t block the view of other parents, grandparents, relatives and friends, who may also have a special someone on stage at that very moment.
**TECH/DRESS**

It is necessary for your dancer to attend their **ONE AND ONLY tech/dress rehearsal**. When you arrive report to your dressing room. The rehearsal will take place in **FULL COSTUME**. Each routine has a block of time that they are scheduled to rehearse. **PLEASE KNOW YOUR ROUTINE NUMBER AND REFER TO THE RECITAL WEEK SCHEDULE GRID for your routines time block.** When dancers are finished with all of their dances at the rehearsal they may be picked up from their dressing room. They **DO NOT** need to stay until the end of the rehearsal. **Please pick your dancer up on time!**

**WORKER "B"**

As in any stage production, the time and effort of many people is necessary and we value and rely on the help of our many recital families. We have a variety of recital work opportunities, and although many positions have been filled, there are still opportunities for those who would be willing to help. **Our greatest need is for “Dressing Group” assistants to stay with the dancers during the rehearsals and performances. Could you help?**

Your help is what makes our recital a success each and every year! You can find a link to “Sign Up Genius” on our website to sign up for positions. **Remember: Earn a Bender Gift Card for working positions!**

**STUDENT WAIVER**

Dancers in 8th grade & up may have their parents sign a **Recital Waiver / Permission Slip**, which allows them to leave the dressing room area. As a staff, we are not comfortable with dancers wandering around. Before you sign the waiver, please be aware that we do not provide supervision for those dancers who have a signed waiver / permission slip. **Parents must come to the front desk and sign the permission slip, which must be witnessed and initialed by a Bender staff member.** If you are unable to come to the studio, the form will also be available at the Recital Information Table the entire week of Recital.
Tickets

Tickets GO ON SALE Saturday, April 13th with our online ticket box office at 9:00am. To purchase your tickets you can do so at our website at www.benderperformingarts.com

Everyone must have a ticket to enter the auditorium for performances. All seats are reserved for performances. PLEASE NOTE: for re-entry into the auditorium you must have your hand stamped.

Performance

All Students are to arrive at the call time (please do not be earlier than the call time) with hair and make-up completed, and go directly to their dressing rooms, carrying all costumes, make-up kits etc... Do not arrive in costume.

All students are expected to stay in their dressing room unless: they have been called backstage to prepare to go on stage or their parents have signed a Recital Waiver / Permission Slip. (See details on previous page where you may obtain that form).

We expect parents to pick up their dancers at their dressing rooms. Sorry, Dads, you are not welcome in the girls’ dressing area!

For safety reasons, please do not ask your dancer to meet you somewhere outside. Come to your dancer’s dressing room and help them gather their things together.

The younger students who are in the mini-finale will need to be picked up at intermission. You may either take them home or back into the audience to watch the rest of the show. (If they are going to return to the auditorium to watch they will need to have a ticket). All dancers must change out of costume before entering the auditorium. All dancers who are not in the mini-finale are encouraged to stay for the entire show and participate in the finale.
If you have any questions or concerns still left unanswered, please feel free to call the studio at 602-971-9170. On behalf of all of us here at Bender Performing Arts, we thank you for your time, effort, interest, and trust.

Find Recital, Summer School and Fall Class Info on our website www.benderperformingarts.com