

HAPPY FEET NEWS

RECITAL 101 EDITION *Welcome to the Greatest Show!*

TICKETS ON SALE MON, MAY 5TH

Purchase Tickets at
www.rpac.ludus.com

- Unlimited tickets per show
- Seats are reserved
- Ticket Price is \$25
- Be sure you know which show(s) your child is dancing in prior to purchasing tickets. NO REFUNDS!

This Newsletter contains ALL the information you need to know about our Recital! Please READ through it carefully & get ORGANIZED so that you are prepared for a successful (and stress-free) Recital experience!

RPAC'S 17th Annual Recital

Welcome to the Greatest Show!

Saturday May 17, 2025

Show One...6:30pm

Sunday May 18, 2025

Show Two...4:30pm

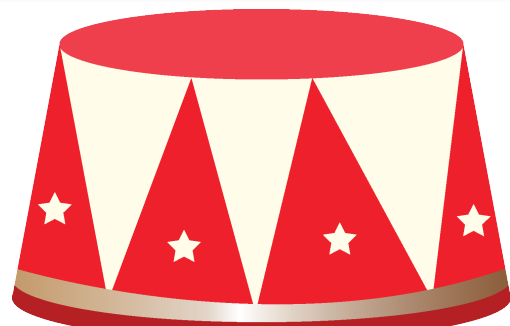
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Recitals give children a chance to shine in front of family and friends. It is an event they will remember for a lifetime! We offer a professionally directed performance that allows OUR student's to present the results of a year's progress. The recital experience helps children build self-esteem and confidence in their capabilities, ON AND OFF THE STAGE! We are honored that you have chosen RPAC to be a part of this process and know that you will be so proud when you see your child thrive on the stage!

Backstage Moms Needed

Sign up sheets for backstage volunteers are at the front desk. We ask that Backstage Moms arrive 1hr 15mins before the show start time so that they can be set up in the dressing room areas as our performers arrive. Volunteers will stay with your child's class for the entire show; help our staff escort them to and from the stage for their performances, and watch from backstage. Assigned Backstage Moms do NOT require a ticket to the Recital. You will receive a nametag upon check-in that gives you access backstage. For safety reasons, we only allow designated Backstage Volunteers backstage during the show.



Recital Day Procedures & Helpful Tips

What To Expect

Recital day can be stressful, so it helps to know what to be prepared for, and what to expect! Our goal is to make this an enjoyable experience for our dancers and families. Please read this packet thoroughly, and do not hesitate to ask questions. We are here to help!

Show Day Arrival

Dancers **MUST** arrive 1-hour prior to show start time, dressed and ready to go for their first dance...including shoes! Be sure to **COVER** your child's costume so that they can debut it on the stage...the FUN part!

Sat Show One arrive 5:30pm

Sun Show Two arrive 3:30pm

Make sure that your child uses the restroom before dropping them off in the dressing room.

***Parent Pro Tip:** You can use mom or dad's oversized button up shirt to avoid messing up hair and make-up!

Dancer Check-In

All performers must check-in immediately upon arrival, for each show. We ask that only one parent accompany their dancer to the designated check-in table for sign-in, and then get them set up in the assigned backstage dressing room with the designated backstage mom. Check-in tables and dressing room areas are labeled by the dancer's last name and/or class.

Recital Pre-Orders

Once your child is set up in the dressing room, you can proceed to the Recital Merchandise tables to pick up your pre-orders and new merchandise! If you did not pre-order, we will have LIMITED extras available at the venue.

Dressing Room Rules

Dancers are allowed to bring clean, dry snacks that are **NUT FREE**, and bottled water with a secure cap. Make sure that these are labeled with your child's name and that they know not to 'share' food and drinks due to allergies, etc.

You may also pack a few 'boredom busters', as Recital days can seem long and tiring for young dancers. Keep in mind that there is limited space in the dressing areas, so nothing that takes up too much room. Our shows will move quickly, so there is really not a lot of 'down time', especially for those in multiple dances. It is an exciting environment, and usually THAT is entertainment enough!

We strongly recommend that you do not bring valuable items into the dressing rooms. Neither RPAC nor DPSID will be responsible for lost or stolen items. Cell phones are NOT PERMITTED backstage during the show.

NO MALES allowed in the girl's dressing room areas at any time...including Dads!

LABEL...LABEL...LABEL...LABEL

All of your child's costumes, accessories and shoes; snacks, drinks, and personal belongings with their name!

Audience Seating

Guests must remain in the designated lobby area until seating begins, 30 mins prior to when the show starts.

ABSOLUTELY NO SEATING PRIOR TO THE DESIGNATED TIME

Show Procedures

Performers will be lined up backstage by designated RPAC staff 15-20mins prior to each show start time. We line up 5-8 dances at a time in order to keep our show moving quickly! Dancers **MUST** be ready and seated with class for this process to be effective. For those in multiple dances, change quickly so that you are ready to take the stage when called!

There will be a 15-minute intermission in each show. During this time, performers must stay in the designated dressing room. Dancers are not permitted to leave the dressing room at any time during the show, and are not allowed in the audience unless they are done with their dances and awards and **HAVE A TICKET!**



Recital Day Procedures & Helpful Tips, cont.

Costume Changes

Backstage Moms do not change dancers with multiple costumes in a performance! One parent, or designated individual must go backstage immediately following your child's performance to change them into their next costume. You will have enough time to exit the auditorium while we are lining up the next dance on stage. It is important that you move during this time, and NOT during the next dance to avoid distractions. Once your child is ready in their next costume, you may re-enter the auditorium and take your seat in between dances.

'Quick' Changes

Dancers may only have 2-3 numbers to change into their next costume. Although we try to avoid this when possible, sometimes it is the only option. Please be AWARE, and PREPARED for quick changes because we will NOT hold the show. If you have questions regarding quick changes, you can ask the front desk staff, or email becphelps9@gmail.com. Make sure to include the following in the subject line of your email:

**'QUICK CHANGE: DANCERS
NAME, Show 1 or Show 2'**

Photography & Video

Flash photography or videotaping during the Recitals is strictly prohibited. This is not only a danger to the performers, but can also interfere with the positive experience of the audience. Both shows will be professionally recorded, and videos will be available to purchase. This information is included on the recital merchandise order form.

Awards

We will be presenting awards to our 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15 year dancers; as well as some special awards. Should your child be eligible for one of these, please confirm that they are listed and labeled correctly on the name list in the front lobby. These awards will happen throughout the show, not at the end. Make sure that your child knows they are receiving an award so that they know to line up backstage when called upon.

End of Show Pick-up

We ask that audience members please stay throughout the duration of the show so that all performers have an audience. Our shows are not long and move very quickly. Once the show is over, we ask that one parent immediately report to the dressing room to pick up your child. Please be patient during this process to ensure everyone is safely returned to his or her parents! Your child's safety is worth the wait!

Enjoy the Show!

Dancers and teachers have worked hard all year and we are proud to showcase what we have accomplished! Your enjoyment, experience, and entertainment along with the dancer's safety and happiness are our primary concerns on Recital weekend! Please ask questions if you need clarification of any of our Recital procedures and/or requests... we are here to HELP!

We truly appreciate YOU, our amazing dance families, and are beyond thrilled to share this experience with each of you!

Show Day Checklist

- Practice, Prepare & Pack!
- Label All Belongings
- Arrive On Time/Check-In
- Unpack in Dressing Area
- Pick up Merchandise
- Line Up to be Seated
- Breathe, Smile, Relax & Enjoy the Show!



Recital Preparation...Costumes, Hair & Make-up

Recital Preparation

Please make sure that you have all costume pieces labeled. It is recommended that you get a garment bag or container for each dance, and put everything needed for that dance in the bag, including the required shoes. Having everything together in one place will be very helpful for backstage changes! Prepare yourself and your child, as much as possible, ahead of time. Practice costume changes at home based on the order of appearance schedule.

***Parent Pro Tip:** It is very beneficial to print the Show Order and highlight your child's dances. Place it in a visible place for show day!

Tights, Shoes & Other

Please make sure that you have the correct tights and shoes needed for each dance. These requirements are listed on the back of the class schedule. We **REQUIRE** that students wear our 'Revolution' brand of tights to ensure that our dancers match, and look professional on stage. These, along with shoes and other accessories are available now, at our Rev It Up Boutique!

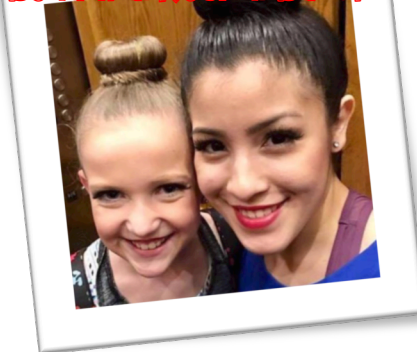
***Parent Pro Tip:** dancers do **NOT** wear underwear under their tights. It really shows through and is obvious under costumes...especially under the bright stage lights!

NO JEWELRY
NO NAIL POLISH
On Show Day

Hair 'Bun Head'

All dancers must wear a high bun for Recital. No part, just pulled straight back, tightly with a bun on center top of head. Use plenty of gel, hairspray, bobby pins and a hairnet that is the same color as your dancers hair to ensure that there are no loose strands...it may seem like too much, but trust me, it won't be! Be sure to bring extras of all of the above on show day! Sally's beauty supply has great tools for making buns. We strongly recommend using a 'doughnut' for making a tight, clean bun. We have examples of our recommended 'bun supplies' at the front desk should you have any questions! Remember to **PRACTICE** before show day!

Check out these Beautiful Recital Buns!



***Parent Pro Tip:** Wet hair before making the bun!

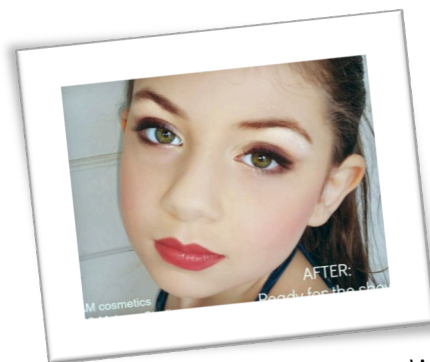
Bun Checklist

- Brush & Comb
- Bobby pins (hair color)
- Rubber bands (at least 3)
- Hair net (hair color)
- Doughnut (hair color)
- Hair Gel
- Hair Spray
- Extras packed for touch ups

Examples of 'bun supplies' are available at the front desk!

Stage Make-Up

It will seem like too much... but once they get on stage you will understand! You will use 'natural' colors just applied heavier than usual; with bright, **RED** lipstick! Make-up needs to be heavily applied even for our youngest students, as stage lights will make them seem washed out, or pale.



We strongly recommend long lasting, waterproof (sweat proof), and hypo-allergenic make-up. Remember, dancers will be dropped off backstage an hour or more before they perform, they need make-up that will **STAY ON** without looking sloppy by the time they take the stage! Good stage make-up should look dramatic and bold...but not like a "Clown!"

Make-Up Checklist

- Foundation & Powder
- Eye shadow
- Eyeliner
- Mascara
- Blush
- Lip Liner & RED Lipstick
- Make-Up Brushes
- Sponges & Q-tips
- Optional: False Eyelashes
- Remover wipes...just in case☺

A step-by-step guide for Recital make-up application is available at the front desk!