



# HELLO DEDA FAMILIES

Now that Halloween is around the corner and our first Inter-Sessional Break is on the horizon, we know the next questions on your mind have to do with RECITAL! We prepared this newsletter to “pull back the curtain” on our plans for our 2021 recital, “Dancers in Concert 2021”. As always, we’re happy to help with questions that may not already be answered here.

## What is the Recital?

The Recital is a professionally directed performance that allows our DEDA dancers to present to their families and friends the results of a year of hard work, dedication and progress. The recital is an annual rite of passage, and a performance opportunity that all dancers look forward to.

A big part of the dance training process includes learning through performance. The experience helps build self-esteem and confidence in dancers. Participating in recitals and dress rehearsals also helps dancers develop retention skills, teamwork, and adaptability.

Beginning in Jan/Feb, each teacher creates customized age-appropriate choreography for each class. After 4-5 months of practice during class time the year culminates as each class “Showcases” their routine wearing a special costume, tights, dance shoes and make-up on stage. Your attendance and applause at the end of each performance is the reward dancers receive for months of effort, and the dancers walk off the stage feeling elated and proud about a job well done.



**The Show  
Must Go On!  
#DEDARecital2021**



**"I'm so proud of the challenges we've overcome since the COVID Pandemic began and I know we will continue to create, innovate and do old things in new ways! We are all in this together!"**  
Miss Lisa

#### **When is the Recital?**

We plan on hosting an in-person recital on June 12 & 13, 2021. We have secured an Outdoor Venue at the Richards Pavilion at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in Augusta, NJ and we are waiting for clarification on an indoor venue for the same date. As the year progresses we will update all our DEDA Families on the details as things unfold.

#### **Will this year look the same?**

Well, the answer is that we don't quite know yet—and we sure wish we had a crystal ball to tell us! It might look somewhat normal, it might look like small group performances throughout the weekend in the outside venue, or in an indoor theatre or it might look like a live-streaming professionally-recorded event. We are planning for options at every safety level!

#### **What if I'm dancing virtually now, but would like to dance in the in-person recital?**

If you want to participate in our in-person recital, students must transition to in-person classes by Feb 1, 2021. If we are still in mandated capacity and there is no space to attend in February, students will be required to join our in-person classes once that capacity has been lifted or we will find a creative way to rehearse via zoom!

## **COSTUMES**

#### **What are costume fees and why are they processed November 9?**

Costumes fees are fees collected and distributed to the costume manufacturers who make our recital costumes. Costumes are made to order, which typically requires a 12-16 week lead time to cut patterns, sew, adorn and ship.

Dance Studios across the world place their costume orders around the same time. In an effort to ensure that our costumes are delivered in time for recital photographs, dress rehearsals and an organized distribution to our students, costume orders are placed in Mid-November. Costumes arrive January-March and are tried on during class time to ensure a proper fit. Costumes that do not fit properly can be exchanged at that time only. Costume manufacturers do not accept cancellations or offer refunds; therefore there are no refunds for costume payments.

**\*We assume all dancer's will participate in the recital. If you do not want your dancer(s) to participate, please notify DEDA in writing at [DanceExpression1988@gmail.com](mailto:DanceExpression1988@gmail.com) prior to November 2nd. Once costume charges have been paid by cash or check or processed to your credit card they are non-refundable.**



# COSTUMES CONTINUED

## What if I'm unsure and want to order my costume late?

Due to COVID-19, we cannot guarantee costumes will arrive on-time for students who order later in the year. Potential delays in overseas shipping and manufacturing could negatively impact costume delivery dates. We are ordering early to ensure we receive costumes on-time for this very reason. Late order costumes can not be guaranteed to arrive in time for the performances.

In addition, parents will be responsible for all expenses, including surcharges and postage/shipping (\$15 per costume ) for costumes that are ordered late. DEDA is not responsible if costumes are not received in time for pictures or the recital due to late payments and late orders.

## How are costumes sized?

We will be measuring dancers during their regular class time October 12th-24th. Please make sure your dancer is present. Staff will of course wear a mask when measuring, which generally takes less than two minutes per dancer. Dance costumes come in general sizes, like small, medium, and large, and depending on fabrics, we often add 2 inches to allow for growth in our youngest dancers. Because costumes are not custom made, sometimes small alterations are needed, or costumes can be exchanged AT THE TIME THEY ARE DISTRIBUTED for a new size. Costumes can not be exchanged once they are taken home.

If you would prefer to measure your dancer yourself, you may do so in the Studio at the start of your dancers class during the weeks of Oct 12-24th.

## What is my financial investment?

Each class performing in the recital will order a costume. If your dancer is enrolled in 3 classes, you would order 3 costumes. Some of our more advanced classes may use the same costume for more that one class this year.

**PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES - \$75 INCLUDING CAPEZIO TIGHTS AND ACCESSORIES**  
**ELEMENTARY THRU ADVANCED LEVELS - \$85 INCLUDING TIGHTS AND ACCESSORIES**







### Recital Tickets

All studios sell tickets to their recital to cover the cost of the venue and other expenses that come with producing a top-notch experience for children and their families. Tickets will be available for purchase at the studio in April. Ticket Price is TBD when Venue is confirmed. In order to be admitted to the recital a ticket must be purchased.

If we are unable to host an in-person performance, and must livestream or film in our studio, parents will be responsible for purchasing a live streaming link or digital download. (Price to be confirmed, but will range around \$35.)

### DEDA Recital Merchandise

Plan for a gift!  
Recital gifts are a strong tradition in dance. Stay tuned as year progresses for RECITAL T-SHIRTS, Flowers and other Recital Memorabilia!

### What is the plan for the “unknown” this season?

Of course our number one goal is to create a safe and fun performance experience that’s as close to traditional as possible. The incredible staff of DEDA is planning for as many scenarios as possible so that we can offer a "Dancers in Concert 2021" Recital!



No matter what, we are committed to producing a special, memorable performance! Thank you for walking beside us in this years recital planning, and please be assured that we are moving forward methodically, with safety as a top priority. We appreciate your patience while we get strategic with every possible performance version!

