

We wanted to send this information out regarding our upcoming recitals as we have learned over the years that this can be very helpful :) **We will be sending a separate email with specific instructions on when to arrive and other important details later next week.** Also check our website www.expressionsdanceandmusic.net under the Dance Recital tab.

Since many of you are new to dance recitals we thought we would give you some additional helpful hints for our annual recital (in question style for an easier read :) I hope it helps. Feel free to call or email if you have additional questions. We want your recital experience to be great for both your dancer and your family.

When and where is my dancer's recital? Both recitals are at TAMU Rudder Auditorium. Please check your previous emails from us or follow this link <http://expressionsdanceandmusic.net/dance-recital> to find out which day (May 1st or May 2nd) your dancer is in. Both shows begin at 6pm

When and Where do I bring my dancer when we arrive? There will be a specific email sent separately explaining when you are to bring your dancer backstage. Some of you are to bring them back immediately while others are to wait until later into the 1st half or intermission. Follow the signs to backstage. We are in Rudder Auditorium TAMU campus (the biggest one). Dressing rooms will be labeled

Do I need to stay backstage and can I? We ask that you bring your dancer back stage and return to find a seat. We have lots of help backstage so that our parents can enjoy watching their dancer. The dressing rooms are extremely crowded so we do ask that all parents drop off their dancers at their designated time and return to the audience. **Make sure to label everything and leave their dance bag and shoes backstage.**

Sometimes it's nice to bring a comfort item (doll, blanket) to occupy them until they dance if they are a younger dancer :)

How is my dancer suppose to wear their hair? Hair should be in a bun or pony tail for most dances but we will specify in your separate class email. Hair nets work great for buns and are cheap at Wal-Mart or Target and come with 2-3 per packet. (Hair spray, gel and bobby pins will be your friends). Male dancers see teacher for specifics

Should I get flowers for my dancer? Everyone loves to get flowers. Our suggestion is to get a simple bouquet. You can give them to them after their last dance.

How long should I expect the recital to be? We work extremely hard to make our recitals go as smooth and as quickly as possible. Since we have 2 shows you can estimate that each dance is about 3 min (getting on stage, dancing and exiting combined) so that puts each show around 1.5-2 hours, however you are free to leave after your dancer's last dance. Our instructions say to bring them back for the Finale, but this is not mandatory and some of our younger dancers have a hard time staying until the end :)

Where do I pick up my dancer after her last dance? All dancers will be brought back to Dressing Room after their last dance. Plan on coming backstage immediately after their **last** dance to pick up your dancer. You will need to check out your dancer with our staff that will be located at the backstage doors. You are free to leave at this point or stay for the Finale. Your choice.

Will the recital be crowded? We usually have anywhere from 500-1000 people in the audience. The dressing room area is crowded especially at the beginning of the recital and before intermission and finale, but we have dancers coming backstage at different times so if you follow your memo it will help a great deal with crowd control

Where do I park? The Koldus parking garage across from Rudder Tower is as close as you can get. They usually have an event parking rate (approximately \$8). Pay attention to construction. This requires some walking so plan accordingly (or get dad or a friend to drop you off :) Also check the tamu website for any construction updates.

Hope this helps,

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