

Encore Performers Presents
FEEL THE BEAT!



Recital Handbook

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An Encore Recital

Performing is one of the greatest experiences in the life of a dancer. The nerves and adrenaline, the lights and curtains, the smiles and cheers. It's electric! At Encore Performers, we put on a top notch show for our recital at a full scale theatre, featuring professional lighting & sound design, stage crew, and, of course, fabulous talent. Our dancers work so hard in class all year, this is their chance to take the stage and shine!

On the day of the show, dancers will arrive ready to go in full costume, hair and makeup, with additional costumes in garment bags if they have multiple. They will check in with a faculty member and get escorted to their assigned dressing room where they will be with friends and teachers. Once the show begins, they will watch the performance on the dressing room TV until they are called to line up backstage for their dance. Teachers and assistants will be at every checkpoint along the way to double and triple check that they are pumped and ready to go!

Parents! Once you check your child in, it's time to take your seat, sit back and enjoy the show. Parents are not allowed backstage. Our faculty will take care of everything behind the scenes (lining up backstage, pep talks & high fives, costume changes, dressing room chaperoning). We make sure all of the dancers look their best and feel their best so they can go out on stage and perform with confidence.

Our spring recital is a celebration of all of the talent, hard work, and dedication of our dancers at Encore, from first year students to graduating seniors. Help us make it a magical experience for everyone involved by reading this info packet, marking your calendars with the rehearsal & performance times, and reaching out to us with any questions you might have. We appreciate everything you do to support your dancer and our studio. We are so excited for you to see the show in June!

Recital Info

Performance Weekend

June 1 & 2, 2024

Saturday & Sunday - All dancers perform on both days!

Performance Location

Richard J Ernst Theatre

8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA

Check In/Out Procedures

Dancers in Recital A & B will need to be checked in & out by a parent. At arrival, you will receive a card with your dancer's name and dressing room #. You will keep this! When you are ready to pick them up, hand in your name card and we will bring your dancer to you. Dancers will not be dismissed during the show. If they are only in Act I, they can check out at intermission. If they are in Act II, they will be dismissed when the show ends.

Photo & Video

Photo/Video is not permitted in the auditorium. The shows will be professionally recorded and edited for you! All families will receive a digital download link a few weeks after the performance.

Dress Rehearsals

We have two dress rehearsals to practice the show in order and make sure costume changes go smoothly. The first one is held at studio (May 21/22), the second one is at the theater (May 29/30). Please see next page for more details.

Recital Assignments

Our recital is divided into three shows; Recitals A, B, and C:

[Recital A - Munchkin & Mini](#) | [Recital B - Juniors](#) | [Recital C - Tweens & Teens](#)

>> [Click here for the show assignments listed by class](#) <<

Recital A

Munchkin/Mini

Studio Dress Rehearsal

Date: Tuesday, May 21

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Where: Encore Performers

What: Arrive wearing costume, hair & makeup. We will run the full show in order. Dancers may leave when they are finished dancing.

Theater Dress Rehearsal

Date: Wednesday, May 29

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Where: Ernst Theatre (NOVA Campus)
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

What: Arrive in full costume, hair & makeup. We will run the show on stage! Dancers may leave when they are finished dancing.

Performance #1

Date: Saturday, June 1

Time: Arrive 10am | Show 10:30am

Where: Ernst Theatre (NOVA Campus)
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

Performance #2

Date: Sunday, June 2

Time: Arrive 10am | Show 10:30am

Where: Ernst Theatre (NOVA Campus)
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

Recital B

Juniors

Studio Dress Rehearsal

Date: Tuesday, May 21

Time: 6:00-9:00pm (arrive at 5:30)

Where: Encore Performers

What: Arrive wearing costume, hair & makeup. We will run the full show in order. Dancers may leave when they are finished dancing.

Theater Dress Rehearsal

Date: Wednesday, May 29

Time: 6:00-9:00pm (arrive at 5:30)

Where: Ernst Theatre (NOVA Campus)
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

What: Arrive in full costume, hair & makeup. We will run the show on stage! Dancers may leave when they are finished dancing.

Performance #1

Date: Saturday, June 1

Time: Arrive 11:30am | Show 12pm

Where: Ernst Theatre (NOVA Campus)
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

Performance #2

Date: Sunday, June 2

Time: Arrive 11:30am | Show 12pm

Where: Ernst Theatre (NOVA Campus)
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

Recital C

Tweens/Teens

Studio Dress Rehearsal

Date: Wednesday, May 22

Time: 5:30-8:30pm (arrive at 5:00)

Where: Encore Performers

What: Arrive wearing costume, hair & makeup. We will run the full show in order. Dancers may leave when they are finished dancing.

Theater Dress Rehearsal

Date: Thursday, May 30

Time: 5:30-8:30pm (arrive at 5:00)

Where: Ernst Theatre (NOVA Campus)
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

What: Arrive in full costume, hair & makeup. We will run the show on stage! Dancers may leave when they are finished dancing.

Performance #1

Date: Saturday, June 1

Time: Arrive 3:00pm | Show 3:30pm

Where: Ernst Theatre (NOVA Campus)
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

Performance #2

Date: Sunday, June 2

Time: Arrive 3pm | Show 3:30pm

Where: Ernst Theatre (NOVA Campus)
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

NO REGULAR CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON 5/21, 5/22, 5/29, 5/30, 5/31, 6/1

Recital Dress Code

Costumes

Label everything! All costumes pieces and shoes should have your dancer's name or initials clearly labeled. Things get left behind and we need to know who to return them to!

Hang up! To prevent wrinkles, please store your costumes on a hanger. If you have multiple costumes, use a garment bag to transport them safely.

Tights, Undergarments, Shoes

Tights: Tan (Jazz & Contemporary), Black (Tap), Pink (Ballet)

Undergarments: Dancers should wear a skin-toned leotard under their costume for all dress rehearsals and performances. They will be changing in a communal dressing room and will not be able to use the bathroom to change.

Shoes: Please check that you have the correct shoes for each style of dance listed here.

Visit this online store for all required & recommended dance wear.

Hair & Makeup

Hair: Low ponytail center part (Jazz, Tap, Contemporary), Low bun center part (Ballet), Any type of ponytail (Hip Hop).

Makeup: Not required, but if you would like to wear mascara, blush, red/pink lipstick that is perfect!

Tickets & Gifts!

Recital Tickets go on sale May 1!

The link to purchase tickets on line will be available on our website here.

Heads up! Tickets sell quickly... our dancers have a lot of adoring fans :)

Pre-Order Recital Shirts & Keepsakes!



"Feel The Beat" Recital T-Shirt

\$25

Order in the Parent Portal

Deadline April 20!



Encore Stuffed Animals

\$25

Unicorn, White or Pink Bear, Puppy

Order in the Parent Portal

While supplies last!