

dancers ink Dress Rehearsal & Recital FAQ's

DRESS REHEARSAL FAQ's:

When & Where is Dress Rehearsal?

- Dress Rehearsal is Friday, May 23, 2025 at Palmer Auditorium on Connecticut College Campus New London, CT.

What happens during dress rehearsal?

- Each class will perform their recital dance on stage at Palmer Auditorium.
- Call times for stage dress rehearsal by class will be posted by May 1 in the studio and on BAND. Call time means the dancer should be in full costume, hair and dance shoes on and sitting in the auditorium with their class (more information to be shared as we get closer).
- **Dress rehearsal is mandatory for all dancers performing in the recital.** Dancers may sit in the audience and watch the stage dress rehearsal of our other classes.

When does my dancer arrive for dress rehearsal?

- Dancers arrive, performance ready for their class time based on the 2025 Dress Rehearsal Schedule.
- Please DO NOT BE LATE. If your dancer is not there for their class rehearsal time, we will not wait.
- 2025 Dress Rehearsal Class Call Time Schedule TBA May.

What does my dancer wear for dress rehearsal?

- Dancers arrive performance ready, dressed in full costume, tights (old pair), shoes, accessories, hair done ready to dance at their class arrival time noted according to the schedule.
- Makeup is not required for dress rehearsal.

Can I watch the dress rehearsal?

- The dress rehearsal is NOT open to the public and is a closed rehearsal for our dancers and staff.
- Please limit dress rehearsal attendance to immediate family.
- Recital is the performance day for extended family and friends to attend.

How long does my dancer have to stay at dress rehearsal?

- Once the dancer has their on stage dress rehearsal run for their class, they can go home unless they are enrolled in another class, or they are in a combo class and have to run their 2nd style of dance (combo II ballet/tap or jazz/tap, or hip hop/tap combo).
- Dancers must be present for all their enrolled classes dress rehearsal scheduled times.

Does my dancer have to bring their Finale T-shirt for Dress Rehearsal?

- No. Only competition dancers need to bring their Finale T-shirt for dress rehearsal.

Can I record the dress rehearsal/take pictures at dress rehearsal?

- Yes! You may record or take pictures at our on stage dress rehearsal
- ***NO recording or photography is allowed on recital day when on stage.***
- Marsal Studios is present during our shows on Recital Day capturing all our performance routines.
- Every dancer of the studio that participates in Recital 2025, will receive digital links for both shows and all routines are provided via BAND (8 weeks after show day).

Where can my dancer change during dress rehearsal?

- Bathrooms are located in the lobby (main floor and balcony).

Can we bring in food and drink to Palmer Auditorium?

- NO FOOD OR DRINK is allowed in Palmer Auditorium.
- There is a lobby area on the main level and top level that you may sit to have food- eat/drink.

RECITAL DAY FAQs:

When & where is Recital?

- Recital is Saturday, May 24, 2025 at Palmer Auditorium at Connecticut College New London, CT

What time are the recital shows? When do the doors open?

- 11:00 am Show: doors open at 10:30 am
- 2:30 PM show: doors open at 2:00 pm

Upon doors opening, all guests including dancers performing in the show enter the main entrance glass doors.

When should dancers arrive for the show they are performing in?

- If your dancer's class is within the first 5 routines of the show order, dancers should be stage ready and in assigned area of the auditorium **10 MINS BEFORE SHOW START TIME**.
- All other dancers should be in the venue, sitting in the audience if they have a dancer ticket or in backstage room by show start time.

How long is each show?

- 11:00 am show – estimated 2 hrs in length
- 2:30 pm show – estimated 2 hrs 45 mins in length

Where do I park to access Palmer Auditorium?

- The main road on campus has parking spots off to both sides near the auditorium as well as a large parking lot next to the Williams School (South Parking lot).

Which show is my dancer performing in?

- The list of classes performing in each of our shows will be announced and posted to BAND/ studio waiting room board Feb 2025.

What is the performance order for each show?

- Performance order for our shows will be announced and posted to BAND/ studio waiting room board May 2025.

Is there a recital program book?

- Yes, please pick one up as you walk into the auditorium on recital day.

What should my dancer wear and pack to bring to RECITAL?

- Dancers should arrive performance ready.
- For their onstage dance performance dancers need:
 - Recital costume
 - Correct color/style tights per recital guide (extra pair of tights as backup)
 - Correct color shoes per recital guide
 - Hairstyle per recital guide
 - Hair accessory if applicable per recital guide
 - Makeup (recommended see below suggestions)
- Recital Finale T-shirt

- **Please double check you have everything before heading to the venue**
- Dancer initials on tags of costumes, shoes and recital finale t-shirt
- For recital day onstage performance
 - No underwear should be worn/showing
 - No bra/bra straps showing (only clear)
 - No holes in tights/stains
 - No colored nail polish

Should my dancer wear makeup for recital day?

- Yes, we encourage makeup as the stage lights are very bright.
- Younger dancers (under age of 11): Soft/natural colors (light pink/red lip gloss, blush, eyeshadow (neutral colors of brown/light purple/shimmer).
- Competition dancers: competition makeup should be worn for recital with competition earring
- You may view our makeup suggestions here [Stage-Make-Up-Suggestions.pdf \(dancersinkct.com\)](#)

Can my dancer wear earrings and additional jewelry when on stage?

- Dancers may wear stud earrings.
- Please remove additional jewelry such as necklaces, bracelets, watches, rings etc.

May I take pictures or record my dancer when performing on stage on RECITAL DAY?

- NO photography or videography is allowed when dancers are performing on stage on recital day.
- Each dancer who performs in our 2025 recital, receives a digital video of all dances performed in both shows even if they are only in one show. This video link will be posted to BAND approx. 8 weeks after recital day.

May I eat lunch/drink in my seat in the auditorium?

- No eating or drinking is allowed in Palmer Auditorium.
- There are 2 lobbies with seating if you would like to eat between shows or if weather permits a beautiful atrium outside the front entrance of the auditorium to sit and eat lunch.

Is there an intermission?

- No intermission. Our awards ceremony is approximately the half point of our shows. At that time, please feel free to get up stretch your legs and use the bathroom.

How do we purchase recital tickets?

- All recital ticket orders are handled through a pre-order link which will be posted to BAND in April.
- Upon completing your ticket pre-order, you may select your payment/pick up method.
- Tickets are wristbands. Dancer tickets are lanyards.
 - Reminder: **ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID IN FULL TO RECEIVE YOUR RECITAL TICKETS.**
 - **There is no ticket limit per family.**
 - **Tickets are non-refundable and cannot be replaced if lost.**

How much are recital tickets?

- **Recital Tickets are cash only, please (no check or cc payments)**
 - Ticket prices range from \$10 - \$30 per ticket based on dancer/child/adult and admission to a single show or both shows.

**Children under the age of 3 who will not be occupying their own seat do not require a ticket purchase.*

Are tickets available at the door?

- Yes. Cash payment only.

Are there assigned seats?

- No assigned seats, both shows are open seating.

What is a Dancer Ticket?

- A Dancer Ticket is able to be purchased for any dancer that performs in a max of 3 routines in the show. By purchasing a dancer ticket, the dancer will sit in the auditorium with you and watch the show when they are not performing.
- Dancer tickets are lanyards so they can be worn backstage and taken off during their stage performance.

*If a dancer will be staying in the backstage rooms during the show they perform in, they DO NOT need to purchase a ticket. We do not have adult supervision for dancers in the backstage rooms, therefore if your dancer is staying in the backstage room and is under the age of 9, an adult volunteer must be with them backstage.

Where does my dancer change if they have a dancer ticket (lanyard)?

- Dancers who purchased a dancer ticket (lanyard) and will be sitting in the audience for their show are not assigned a backstage room for their show.
 - Bathrooms in the lobbies may be used for changing

My dancer is in more than 3 routines for a show. Will they be assigned a backstage room for their show?

- Yes, dancers who do not purchase a dancer ticket, and are staying in the backstage room during their show, will be assigned a backstage dressing room.

Where is the Boys backstage room/changing area?

- Changing room: bathroom in lobbies
- Boys Backstage Area: TBA.
- Boys should not be in backstage rooms as girls are using them for changing.

If my dancer stays backstage during their show, will someone supervise them and assist them with changing costumes/hair?

- No adults are NOT assigned to backstage rooms nor to assist with changing costumes/hairstyles.
- Please arrange to go backstage to assist your dancer with any costume/hair changes during their show.
- If your dancer is under the age of 9 and is staying backstage, a volunteer on your behalf would have to stay with them in the backstage room during the show.

Do I need a special ticket to go backstage to see my dancer or assist them during the show?

- No, your bracelet is your access to get backstage to see your dancer.

Is food and drink allowed in the backstage rooms?

- Yes, dancers may bring non-messy snacks and water if staying in the backstage rooms during the show.

My dancer has a dancer ticket (lanyard). Do they go backstage with the lanyard on?

- Yes, dancers must have lanyard on EVERYTIME they go to the backstage area as this is their ticket to get back into the auditorium.
- DI Staff will collect dancer lanyards before they perform and then return lanyards to dancers when at the SMILEY FACE after they dance.

My dancer purchased a dancer ticket for the show they perform in. What is the process during the show for them?

- **If their dance is one of the first 5 routines to start the show**, dancers must at the **SMILEY FACE SIGN** 10 mins before the show start time
- **For all other routines:** dancers must be at the **SMILEY FACE SIGN** **5#'s BEFORE** their dance performs per show order

- **DO NOT DROP YOUR DANCER OFF AT THE SMILEY FACE SIGN WITHOUT LETTING THE DI STAFF MEMBER KNOW WHAT DANCE YOUR DANCER IS AND THAT HE/SHE IS THERE.**
 - **PARENTS:** after your dancer performs on stage, immediately come back to the SMILEY FACE SIGN to pick up your dancer.

What is the Recital Finale process?

- All dancers participate in the Finale which is the last routine of each show
 - **DANCERS WITH DANCER TICKET SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE:**
 - Report to the ASSIGNED AREA (TBA) 5#s before FINALE.
 - **PARENTS:** when you bring your dancer to the ASSIGNED AREA (TBA) connect with a DI Staff Member so your dancer can be put into line for finale before you leave them.
 - Dancers should have Recital Finale t-shirt on -worn over their costume
 - **If your dancers class performance is 5 #s or less from the FINALE, they should have finale tshirt with them when they are brought to the ASSIGNED AREA FOR THEIR CLASS PERFORMANCE (TBA). The finale tshirt should be in a Ziplock bag w/ dancer name written on bag.**
 - **After Finale ends, 11 AM SHOW ONLY:** All dancers under the age of 10 will be brought back on stage AFTER FINALE and we will call for a family member to pick up your dancer from the stage in the auditorium.
 - **After Finale Ends, 2:30 PM SHOW:** only dancers under the age of 10 AND had a dancer ticket will be brought back on stage AFTER FINALE and we will call for a family member to pick up you dancer from the stage in the auditorium.
 - All older dancers (ages 10+) in both shows will go backstage or to audience on their own after finale.
- **DANCERS IN BACKSTAGE ROOM:**
 - DI staff will call for dancers to line up for finale.
 - Finale Tshirts on.
 - After Finale – dancers will return back to their backstage room to gather belongings.

My dancer is receiving a trophy/graduating Senior/Dance Assistant and they have a dancer ticket. What is the process at awards ceremony?

- Report to the assigned area (TBA) 3#s Before Awards Ceremony
- Dancers receiving a trophy will be on stage for the awards ceremony, announced by name and have a trophy in hand.
- Graduating Seniors & Dance Assistants are on stage and announced by name.
- After the awards ceremony, dancers with dancer tickets will be brought to the assigned area (TBA)
 - **PARENTS:** please pick up your younger dancer following the awards ceremony.

My dancer is receiving a trophy/graduating senior/dance assistant and they are backstage. What is the process at awards ceremony?

- DI staff will call for recipients needed for awards ceremony from the backstage rooms.
- Dancers receiving a trophy will be on stage for the awards ceremony, announced by name and have a trophy in hand.
- Graduating Seniors & Dance Assistants are on stage and announced by name.
- After the awards ceremony, dancers will go back to the backstage room they were assigned to.

My dancer is receiving a trophy/a graduating senior/dance assistant and they are in both shows. Will they be on stage at both awards ceremonies?

- Yes, the dancer will be on stage and announced at both shows.
- If receiving a trophy, after the first awards ceremony, dancer should leave their trophy on table as exit so we can give to them at the second show.
- After the second show awards ceremony, they take the trophy home with them.

I have a COMBO ticket to attend both shows. Do I have to leave in between the shows?

- No, you may stay in the auditorium between shows if you have a combo show ticket.

I have a COMBO ticket to attend both shows. May I save seats between the shows?

- If you are saving seats for family members, please **DO NOT USE PROGRAM BOOKS**.
- Please bring masking tape & a piece of paper with your last name written on it or extra clothing items to place on seats.

I have a COMBO ticket to attend both shows. May I eat lunch/drink in my seat in the auditorium?

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