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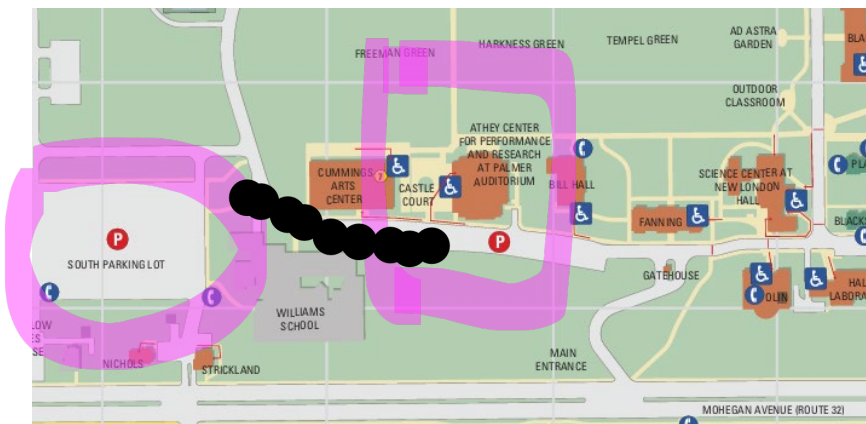
DRESS REHEARSAL FAQ's:

When & Where is Dress Rehearsal?

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

Where do I park & enter Palmer Auditorium?

- The main road on campus has parking spots (indicated by P sign) and a large parking lot next to the Williams School (South Parking lot).
- **Entrance to Palmer Auditorium:** follow dots to Castle Court, enter Palmer Auditorium through glass doors



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.
- View [2025 Dress Rehearsal Class Call Time Schedule here](#).

How is dress rehearsal run? ***PARENTS/DANCERS flow of dress rehearsal new for all, please read***

- Each class will perform their recital dance on stage at Palmer Auditorium.
- Once in the theatre, dress rehearsal order/line up will be displayed on a screen
 - The screen will display when each class needs to report to the **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** to line up. Please pay attention for your dancer's class song to be displayed.
 - When your dancer's class song is displayed, exit the rear doors of the theatre and bring your dancer in full costume, shoes, tights, hair, & accessories (ready to dance) to the **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** (off back corner of lobby, sign will be displayed)

- Check in with a DI STAFF member before leaving your dancer in the **DANCER HOLDING ROOM**.
- They will then be in the hands of our DI STAFF and line up backstage for their on stage run
- After they dance on stage:
 - **FOR DRESS REHEARSAL DAY ONLY:** dancers will be brought back in with their class to the theater for pick up by a parent/sibling at **RIGHT SIDE STAGE DOOR** in the theater. (please come get your dancer to bring back to sit with you/change for next dance)

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 according to the [2025 Dress Rehearsal schedule](#).
- Makeup is not required for dress rehearsal.

Can I bring family to 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 1-2 family members (parent(s), younger sibling).
- 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.

Can my dancer stay and watch dress rehearsal?

- Yes! Dancers are welcome to stay and watch our other classes at dress rehearsal.

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 in the lobby (main floor (additional bathrooms down hallway) & balcony bathrooms).

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 balcony level that you may sit to have food- eat/drink.

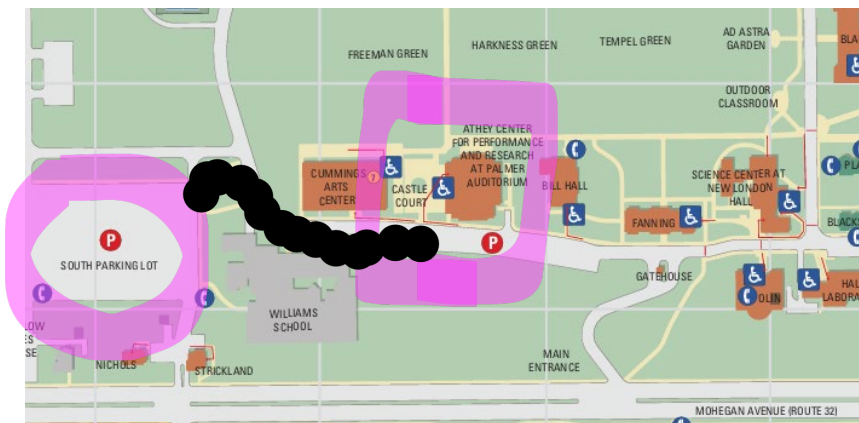
RECITAL DAY FAQs:

When & Where is Recital?

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

Where do I park & enter Palmer Auditorium?

- The main road on campus has parking spots (indicated by P sign) and a large parking lot next to the Williams School (South Parking lot).
- **Entrance to Palmer Auditorium:** follow dots to Castle Court, enter Palmer Auditorium through glass doors



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

When doors open, all guests including dancers performing in the show enter the main entrance glass doors and have tickets (bracelets) on.

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

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.

When should dancers arrive on RECITAL DAY for the show they perform in?

- All Dancers should arrive and be in the venue 15 mins prior to show start time.
- If your dancer's class performs within the first 5 routines of the show order, dancers should be stage ready and in DANCERS HOLDING ROOM **10 MINS BEFORE SHOW START TIME**.
- All other dancers should be in the venue, sitting in the theater if they have a dancer ticket or in DANCER HOLDING ROOM/DOWNSTAIRS ROOM by show start time.

What is the performance order for each show on RECITAL DAY?

- Performance order for RECITAL DAY shows is in our waiting room, website, on BAND and available here
 - [11:00 AM Recital Day Show Order](#)
 - [2:30 PM Recital Day Show Order](#)

Is there a souvenir recital program book?

- Yes, please pick one up as you walk into the theater 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 for girls (recommended see below suggestions)
- Recital Finale T-shirt
- 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 (french manicure/neutral colors okay)
 - Earrings may be studs (no bracelets/necklaces/watches)
- *Please double check you have everything before heading to the venue*

Should my dancer wear makeup for recital day?

- Yes, we encourage makeup as the stage lights are very bright.
- Younger dancers (under age of 10): 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 \(dancersinkct.com\)](https://dancersinkct.com/Stage-Make-Up-Suggestions.pdf)

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 /drink in my seat in the auditorium?

- NO FOOD OR DRINK 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.

How do we purchase recital tickets?

- All recital ticket orders are handled through a pre-order link posted to BAND May 1 in May's newsletter.
- 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?

- Single Show Adult Ticket: \$20.00 each
- Single Show Child Ticket (*ages 3-17 occupying a seat/not a dancer of studio*): \$15.00 each
- Combo Show Adult Ticket: \$25.00 each **(two (2) combo adults will be at single adult price if dancer is in both shows or you have 2 dancers performing in different shows. Any additional combo adult \$25.00 each)*
- Combo Show Child Ticket (*ages 3-17 occupying a seat/not a dancer of studio*): \$20.00 each
- Dancer Ticket (attending 1 show or both, same price- see info on dancer tkt below): \$10.00 each

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

Recital Tickets are cash only, please (no check or cc payments)

Are tickets available at the door?

- Yes. Tickets will be available at the door day on show day at an additional cost, cash payment only.

Are there assigned seats?

- No assigned seats, both shows are open seating. Main floor seating and balcony seating.

Are there handicapped seats available?

- Yes, there are handicapped seats available and accessible via wheelchair along with a companion seat.

What is a Dancer Ticket?

- A Dancer Ticket is able to be purchased for any dancer that performs in a max of 3 routines per show. By purchasing a dancer ticket, the dancer will sit in the theater 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.

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

- Bathrooms in the main lobby (additional bathrooms down hallway) & balcony lobby

Where does my dancer put their costumes/dance bag if they have a dancer ticket (lanyard)?

- Dance bags/costumes may be brought into theater with parent/dancer or you may leave them in DANCER HOLDING ROOM during the show they perform in
- Please make sure your items have dancer's name/initials on them, and are off the side as ALL dancers will be rotating through the DANCER HOLDING ROOM for onstage line up.
- DI Staff is not responsible for lost items or guarding these dancer's items left in the DANCER HOLDING ROOM.

My dancer purchased a DANCER TICKET for the show they perform in. What is the process during RECITAL SHOW DAY for them? ***PARENTS/DANCERS flow of recital day new this season, please read***

CLASS PERFORMANCE on stage

- **If their dance is one of the first 5 routines to start the show:**
 - Dancer must be in **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** 10 mins before the show start time and picked up in the **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** after they perform.
- **For all other performances:**
 - Dancers must be brought to the **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** 5#'s BEFORE their dance performs per show order and picked up in the **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** after they perform
- **Dancers under age of 10:**
 - DO NOT leave your dancer at the **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** without letting a DI STAFF MEMBER know what dance your dancer is and that he/she is there.
 - **PARENTS:** after your dancer performs on stage, pick up your dancer at the **DANCER HOLDING ROOM**
 - **Dancers:** be sure to grab a dancer lanyard out of basket before returning to theater to sit and watch show.

AWARDS CEREMONY

- If your dancer is receiving a trophy, is a graduating senior, or dance assistant – they must report to the **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** 3#s before awards ceremony
- **Dancers under age of 10:**
 - Parent/older sibling please pick up dancer after awards ceremony at **DANCER HOLDING ROOM**

****Trophies:** *if your dancer performs in both 11 am and 2:30 pm show, after the 11 AM awards ceremony they will leave their trophy on table/hand to DI Staff when exit stage as dancer will come back on stage at awards for the 2:30 pm show. All other dancers will receive the trophy and take it with them after awards ceremony if only perform in 1 show.*

FINALE

- Dancers must be brought to the **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** **w/ finale t-shirt on** 5#s before finale performs.
 - **ALL COMBO I & II classes:** ballet shoes on for finale (Miss Melissa's Wed combo I please pack ballet shoes)
- **After Finale DANCER PICKUP:**
 - 11:00 AM Show:
 - Combo I ages 3-4 and Combo II ages 5-6 Dancers will be brought **BACK ONSTAGE after Finale for parent pick up from the stage.**
 - Dancers in classes ages 6-10 will be brought to **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** after Finale for parent pick up.
 - Competition dancers will go to their DOWNSTAIRS ROOMS after Finale for pick up
 - 2:30 PM Show:
 - ALL Dancers will be brought to **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** after Finale for parent pick up.
 - Competition dancers will go to their DOWNSTAIRS ROOMS after Finale for pick up

How do I get to the DANCER HOLDING ROOM/DOWNSTAIRS ROOM on RECITAL DAY?

- **Access to DANCER HOLDING ROOM:**
 - Exit the theater via back doors to lobby. **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** is to the right- end of the lobby, a sign will be displayed (dancers will report to this room on Dress Rehearsal so they are familiar with the process) of how they will line up/go on stage.
- **Access to DOWNSTAIRS ROOMS:** go through DANCER HOLDING ROOM as if going to go on stage and take a right down the stairwell

My dancer has a dancer ticket (lanyard). Do they go to the DANCER HOLDING ROOM with the lanyard on?

- Yes, dancers must have lanyard on when Parent brings them to the DANCER HOLDING ROOM.
- There will be a box for DANCER LANYARD DROP OFF/PICK UP inside the DANCER HOLDING ROOM.
 - Upon entering the DANCER HOLDING ROOM, dancers take off and leave their lanyard
 - After they dance and return to the DANCER HOLDING ROOM, they should pick up DANCER LANYARD before returning to seat in theater with parent.

If my dancer DOESN'T PURCHASE A DANCER TICKET during their show, where will they be during the show?

- Dancers who DO NOT purchase a dancer ticket will stay in the DANCER HOLDING ROOM during the show they perform in
- Competition dancers who DO NOT purchase a dancer ticket will stay in DOWNSTAIRS ROOMS
- If your dancer is under the age of 10 and is staying in the DANCER HOLDING ROOM (not purchasing a dancer ticket to watch the show) an adult/older sibling will have to stay with them during the show. (please message Miss Katie with this info by May 11)

*If a dancer will be staying in the DANCER HOLDING ROOM/DOWNSTAIRS ROOMS during the show they perform in, they DO NOT need to purchase a ticket.

Will DI Staff assist dancers with changing costumes/hair?

- No, STAFF is NOT assigned to assist with changing costumes & hairstyles.
- Please assist your dancer with any costume/hair changes during their show.

Do I need a special ticket to go into the DANCER HOLDING ROOM/DOWNSTAIRS ROOMS to see my dancer or assist them during the show?

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

Is food and drink allowed in the DANCER HOLDING ROOM?

- NO FOOD OR COLORED DRINKS. ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED.
- Food and drinks must be consumed in the lobby areas
- For dancers staying in the DANCER HOLDING ROOM, you may go out into lobby to eat/drink non-messy snacks during the show you are performing in. (please don't eat in your costumes)

Is food and drink allowed in the DOWNSTAIRS ROOM (competition dancers)?

- Yes, dancers may bring non-messy snacks and water if staying in DOWNSTAIRS ROOM. (please don't eat in your costumes)

My dancer is receiving a trophy/graduating senior/dance assistant and they are staying in DANCER HOLDING ROOM/DOWNSTAIRS ROOM. What is the process at awards ceremony?

- DI Staff will call for dancers for awards ceremony from the DANCER HOLDING ROOM and DOWNSTAIRS ROOM.
- 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 room they were staying in

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?

- 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.