

dancers *ink* Dress Rehearsal & Recital Day FAQ's

Dress Rehearsal Date

- Friday, May 22, 2026

Recital Day Date

- Saturday, May 23, 2026
- 11 am show & 2:30 pm show

Location:

Palmer Auditorium at Connecticut College New London, CT

Venue Location & Parking

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 arrow (Athey Center for Performance at Palmer Auditorium) and enter through glass doors



DRESS REHEARSAL FAQs:

1. When does my dancer arrive for dress rehearsal?

- Dancers arrive, performance ready for their class time based on the [2026 Dress Rehearsal Schedule](#).
- Please DO NOT BE LATE. If your dancer is not there for their class rehearsal time, we will not wait.

2. How is dress rehearsal run? ***PARENTS/DANCERS flow of dress rehearsal please read***

- Each class will perform their recital dance on stage at Palmer Auditorium.
- The dress rehearsal order/line up will be displayed inside the theater via a projector
 - When your dancer's class song is displayed on wall, please 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 at DRESS REHEARSAL:
 - Dancers will be brought back into theater for pick up by a parent/sibling at ramp on the **RIGHT SIDE of the STAGE**

3. 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.
- Makeup is NOT required for dress rehearsal.

4. 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.

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

- Once the dancer performs on stage with 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).

6. Can my dancer stay and watch dress rehearsal?

- Yes! Dancers are welcome to stay and watch.

7. 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.

8. 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 2026, will receive digital links for both shows and all routines are provided via BAND (10 weeks after show day).

9. Where can my dancer change during dress rehearsal?

- **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** will have 2 pop up changing tents. Bathroom may be used for changing as well located in the lobbies main floor & balcony bathrooms.

10. 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:

1. 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 for entrance for ALL NON-DANCERS performing).

2. 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

3. 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.

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

- [11:00 AM Recital Day Show Order](#)
- [2:30 PM Recital Day Show Order](#)

5. 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.**

6. Is there a souvenir recital program book?

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

7. How do we purchase recital tickets?

- Recital ticket orders are pre-ordered via online link posted to BAND May 1 in May's newsletter.
- Upon completing your ticket pre-order, you may select your pick up method.
- Tickets are wristbands. Dancer tickets (sitting in audience to watch show) 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.**
 - *Recital Tickets are cash only, please (no check or cc payments)*

8. 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 (*the first 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 ticket is \$25.00 each*)
- Combo Show Child Ticket (*ages 3-17* occupying a seat/not a dancer of studio*): \$20.00 each
- Dancer Lanyard (attending 1 show or both, same price): \$10.00 each

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

9. 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.

10. Are there assigned seats? May I save seats?

- No assigned seats, both shows are open seating. Main floor seating and balcony seating.
- If you are saving seats for family members, please **DO NOT USE PROGRAM BOOKS. NEW**TAPE IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE USED TO SAVE SEATS.**
- Please bring clothing items or pieces of paper with your last name to place on seats.

11. Are there handicapped seats available?

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

12. 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.

13. What is a Dancer Lanyard?

- A Dancer Lanyard 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 lanyards should be worn when brought backstage and they will take them off for their stage performance.

14. Where does my dancer change if they have a dancer lanyard?

- **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** has 2 changing pop up pods.
- Bathrooms in the lobbies (main floor & balcony).

15. Where does my dancer put their costumes/dance bag if they have a dancer 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
- DI Staff is not responsible for lost items or guarding these dancer's items left in the **DANCER HOLDING ROOM**.

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

- 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
- *If 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.

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**

FINALE

- Dancers must be brought to the **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** w/ finale t-shirt on 5#s before finale performs.
 - **ALL COMBO classes:** ballet shoes on for finale, jazz shoes for finale if COMBO II JAZZ/TAP
- **After Finale DANCER PICKUP:**
 - 11:00 AM Show:
 - All dancers (except competition dancers) will be brought **BACK ONSTAGE after Finale for parent pick up from the stage.**
 - 2:30 PM Show:
 - ALL Dancers (except competition dancers) will be brought to **DANCER HOLDING ROOM** after Finale for parent pick up.

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

- Yes, dancers must have lanyard on when they go to the DANCER HOLDING ROOM.
- There will be a box for DANCER LANYARD DROP OFF/PICK UP inside the DANCER HOLDING ROOM.

18. If my dancer DOESN'T PURCHASE A DANCER LANYARD 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
 - PARENTS: If your dancer is under the age of 10 and NOT purchasing a Dancer Lanyard to sit with you in the audience during the show, an adult/older sibling will have to stay with them during the show in the DANCER HOLDING ROOM. We do not have STAFF chaperoning dancers in the room during the show. (please message Miss Katie with this info by May 11)
- Competition dancers who DO NOT purchase a dancer ticket will stay DOWNSTAIRS

*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.

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

- Dancers should arrive performance ready in costume
- 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)

20. 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 lip gloss, blush, eyeshadow in 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 \(dancersinkct.com\)](http://dancersinkct.com/Stage-Make-Up-Suggestions.pdf)

21. 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 2026 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

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

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

25. 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)

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

- DI Staff will call for dancers for awards ceremony from the DANCER HOLDING ROOM and DOWNSTAIRS.
- 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 be brought back to DANCER HOLDING ROOM.

27. 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.