

Backstage Performing Arts
Let the Adventure Begin
2024 Recital Information

Dear Parents:

Thank you so much for your support throughout the past year. Your continuing cooperation and understanding are essential to the success of our show. By working together, our dancers will have a very rewarding experience. After all, that's what it's all about!! There's no comparison to the professionalism and quality of what you'll see and experience!! You deserve it, and most of all, the dancers deserve it!

Many thanks from the BPA Staff!!
Mrs. Melvie, Mrs. Jordan, Mr. John, Miss Allie, Miss Hannah, and Miss Abigail

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Recital: “Let the Adventure Begin”

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024 (2:00pm & 6:30pm)

Where: Lincoln Central Academy (formerly Ninth Grade Academy)

2:00pm Show Info

- **Includes the following classes:**
All Creative Movement
Combo 1
Combo 2
Combo 3
Beg Hip Hops
(Tuesday 5:45 & Wednesday 6:15).
- **Rehearsal Time:**
Tuesday, May 7th at 4:30pm
(See rehearsal schedule for exact times)
- **Show Time:**
Saturday, May 11th at 2:00pm
Dancers arrive at Dancer’s Entrance @ 1:00
School & Auditorium doors open @ 1:15
for family/friends

6:30pm Show Info

- **Includes the following classes:**
Combo 4
Level 1
Level 2
Level 3
All other Hip Hop classes
- **Rehearsal Time:**
Thursday, May 9th at 4:30pm
(See rehearsal schedule for exact times)
- **Show Time:**
Saturday, May 11th at 6:30pm
Dancers arrive at Dancer’s Entrance @ 5:30
School & Auditorium doors open @ 5:45
for family/friends

My dancer’s class is: _____

My dancer’s show is: _____

Dressing Room Moms

In order for the recital to run smoothly, quickly, and professionally, students will not be allowed to sit in the auditorium. Each class must have dressing room moms who supervise the dancers in the dressing room and backstage. We will need volunteers for both shows. The sign-up book for helpers is available at the front desk. You may help in your child's class and watch the show from the wings (an exciting vantage point!), you may help out with another class or parents in the class may choose to get together and hire babysitters (16 and older, please).

Rehearsal Information

- Recital week is May 6-10. There are no regular dance classes this week as we will be in rehearsals and preparing for recital.
 - These are DRESS REHEARSALS so please bring all costumes, accessories, tights, and dance shoes. *(Label all your costumes, shoes, and any personal items you bring so they can be identified and returned easily if left behind)* Rehearsal is a very important time for performers to get accustomed to the stage and lighting, find dressing rooms, etc.
 - Rehearsal will start promptly at 4:30 with the finale being run first. Please be on time. For the rehearsal, you will wear the costume for your first dance in the show order.
 - Costumes, tights, accessories, and shoes must be worn exactly the way they will be for recital. That is the importance of rehearsal, to make sure everything is correct and will not fall off during recital. Please make sure strings are tucked into your ballet shoes. Makeup does not have to be exactly as stated for recital, but it is a great time to practice! Please try to have hair fixed for rehearsal so you will know how to wear accessories.
 - **No jewelry or underwear** will be worn with costumes (only small stud earrings if needed). **No exceptions.** A bra may be worn but make sure it cannot be seen and is securely attached to costume. No fingernail polish. *(We have dance bras and nude leotards to wear under costumes available in the Boutique.)*
 - There will not be an intermission during rehearsal, and you may leave after being dismissed from your last number. It is advisable that you do not leave between your different numbers.
- Remember—Anyone who is not present at the rehearsal will not be allowed to dance in the recital.**
- There will be signs posted telling you where the dressing rooms are. Make sure you find out this information during rehearsal. There will be workers backstage to line up the students and take dancers from dressing room to backstage area to dance.
 - The rooms we are using for dressing rooms are classrooms and we must respect their area. Please do not write on boards or use any items in the room. If we do not leave their classrooms neat and clean, we will not be able to use them again.

Tuesday Rehearsal (Saturday 2:00 Show)

4:30 Finale (all students)

Tuesday 3:45 Creative Movement

Tuesday 4:30 Creative Movement

Wednesday 3:45 Creative Movement

Wednesday 5:30 Creative Movement

Act I (in show order)

Act II (in show order)

Thursday Rehearsal (Saturday 6:30 Show)

4:30 Finale (all students)

Act I (in show order)

Act II (in show order)

Recital Rules

- Admission is free and seating is open, so we ask that seats are not saved as it is not fair to other children's families. **Seats saved with papers/blankets/etc. before the doors open, will have all items removed.**
- All accounts must be current and paid in full in order to participate in the show.
- Recital fee is \$40 per student or \$60 for a family (2 or more students at the studio) and is due April 11th. Each family will receive one free program that may be picked up at the program table the night of recital. Extra programs will be sold at the recital.
- Please have your dancer in their dressing room 1 hour prior to show time. Arrive at the school with their hair and make-up finished. All costumes must be covered in the parking lot and theatre. A large button front shirt (Maybe Dad's) makes a good cover up over costumes. Once your dancer is dressed and ready you can leave them with the dressing room helpers.
- **The Saturday 2:00 Show will last approx. 2 hours with a 10 minute intermission. The Saturday 6:30 Show will last approx. 2.5 hours with a 10 minute intermission.** The dancers will remain backstage in their dressing room with their dressing room helper until the end of the show. Younger students will color or play a quiet game while they wait. They may also watch the recital while it is being live streamed. Water with a top on it is allowed. No other food or drink unless it is for health reasons.
- Dancers must stay in their designated dressing room throughout the whole show as workers will be calling for the children in their rooms to line them up for their dances.
- NO VIDEOTAPING AT THE PERFORMANCES. You may video rehearsal and take photos at rehearsal and/or the show (**no flash photography please** - for the safety of our dancers!).
- At the end of the show, please come backstage to your child's dressing room to pick them up. For the safety of each child, no one may be released until the end of the show & NO performers may be in the audience.
- Naps or rest time is always a good idea on rehearsal and recital days. The children can pay attention better and perform better if they have had a nap and have been fed well before performing.

Theatre Rules

Seating in the theatre is open. No food, drinks, candy, or gum is permitted in the theatre at rehearsal or performances. Please supervise young children - no running in the theatre, lobby area, etc. No one is permitted backstage except studio staff, performers, and dressing room helpers.

Please remember good theatre etiquette - - remain seated throughout the performance (people getting up & down during the show is disruptive to all). Do not get up while another group or child is dancing. Please stay through the entire show, as the children who dance later in the program deserve an audience, too. Keep conversation to a minimum & show your support and enthusiasm for all the dancers through lots of applause!

Please remember our policy of NO VIDEOTAPING AT THE PERFORMANCES. You may video rehearsal and you may take photos at rehearsal and/or the show (no flash photography please - use a high-speed film for better photos and for the safety of our dancers!) The "no video policy" protects our choreography copyrights and there will be no exceptions! It also ensures that you do not get in anyone's way during the performance. Video order forms are available at the front desk at the studio and at the rehearsals and shows.

**ALL TIGHTS MUST BE PURCHASED IN THE BOUTIQUE IN THE STUDIO.
WE HAVE DANCE BRAS AND NUDE LEOTADS IF NEEDED.**

Rehearsal Day Walk Through

1. Pack all costumes, accessories, tights (having a backup pair of tights is a great idea), and shoes. Label ALL your child's belongings.
Every dancer needs bobby pins, safety pins, hair spray, hair ties, and a hairbrush as essentials.
2. Get your child a snack before rehearsal. Most dancers are coming to rehearsal following school and need a snack for some energy.
3. Arrive at LCA by 4:00pm.
4. Locate your dancer's Dressing Room in the hallway next to the auditorium. (These will have signs with your classes name.)
5. Dancers, put on your first costume (check the show order to know which costume is first)
6. Be in the audience by 4:30 and wait for roll call. All dancers should be in ballet/jazz/or tennis shoes ready for Finale practice. No tap shoes should be worn for this.
7. Dancers will be called backstage to practice our Finale walkout. This may take a while with the younger groups. Parents, please be patient.
8. After Finale practice on Tuesday, we will begin rehearsal with our Creative Movement classes. As soon as they are done, we will immediately start with Act 1 and then Act 2 in order.

After Finale practice on Thursday, we will begin running Act 1 and Act 2 in order.

9. When your dancer completes their first dance, please change them into their next costume and return to the audience until called backstage. Once your dancer has completed all of their dances, they will be dismissed by Mrs. Melvie or Mrs. Jordan. Please do not leave until dismissal.
10. Once your dancer is dismissed, gather up all your belongings. Do not leave anything at the school. REMEMBER, you need everything you brought to rehearsal on Saturday for recital!

Parents, we ask that you please be patient with us during rehearsal. This is where we work out all the kinks so that our shows run smoothly. We will move as swiftly as possible, but we may fall behind schedule at times. We thank you in advance for trusting us in this process.

Recital Day Walk Through

1. Arrive at LCA with all costumes, accessories, tights, and shoes.
Dancer Entrance Doors open 1 hour prior to show. Dancers may arrive at this time to prepare for their performance.
2. Dancer's entrance is on the North end of the school on Union St. It will be clearly marked with signage.
This is where dancers will pick up their free recital program (1 per family). Any additional programs can be purchased in the front lobby.
3. Locate your dancer's dressing room. And get dancer dressed and ready for their first dance.
4. Dancers stay backstage in dressing rooms until backstage helpers call your class to line up in the hallway.

Parents may go to the auditorium if you are not signed up as a Room Mom.

Room moms stay with the class they signed up with for the entirety of the show. Room moms are NOT responsible for changing each dancer into the next costume. Moms must return to help their own dancer.

5. Once dancer has performed their first routine, they will change into the next costume and continue this process until they have performed all their dances. After their last dance, dancers should put on their recital shirt (or a shirt of the same color), shorts or leggings and tennis shoes for the Finale walkout.
6. After the Finale walkout, dancers will remain on stage for our quick awards presentation.
7. Once the Finale/Awards is completed, we will take all dancers back to their dressing room.
8. Parents (females only) may pick up your dancer from the dressing room. Please do not try to get dancer from the hallway. Let them return to the dressing room. When all dancers are safely in their dressing rooms we will remove the hallway barricade for the female parents to pick up their dancers.

Dancers in the 6:30 show, please gather up your belongings as quickly as possible. We must get all the dressing rooms, hallway, lobby, and auditorium cleaned up and cleared out asap after the show. Once you have removed your belongings from the dressing room, you can go visit with family and friends.

We appreciate your help and can't wait for an amazing recital!!

