

THE JILL JUSTIN DANCE ALLIANCE



RECITAL HANDBOOK 2017

We are proud to announce that the 10th Annual Jill Justin Dance Alliance Recital will be held on Saturday, June 17th at the Hammarskjold Middle School. The recital is a big day for dancers as they have the opportunity to shine in front of family and friends. It's an event that they anticipate all year. The recital offers our students a professionally directed performance that allows them to present the results of a year's hard work, dedication, and progress.

A big part of the dance training process includes learning through performance. The experience helps build self-esteem, self-assurance, and contributes to a sense of confidence. Although performance opportunities can help prepare some students for a possible career in dance, they also contribute to children's success in non-dance activities. That onstage experience can result in better in-school presentations, improved social skills, and strong interview skills for future college or job opportunities. The rehearsal process is a tremendous learning experience as well. It helps the children develop retention skills, and by working with their classmates on a group performance, they learn the positive aspects of working as a team to create the best end result.

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PART 1: Important Dates

Date	Activity	Where
May 18 th	Individual recital portraits (By appointment – sign up at studio. Group pictures will be taken at Dress Rehearsal.)	JJDA - Extension
May 19 th	Company Pictures (Group & Individual)	JJDA - Extension
May 11 th	Recital tickets go on sale at: 8pm – Show 1, 8:30pm – Show 2, 9pm – Show 3	Online at jilljustindancealliance.com
June 1 st	Tickets may be picked up at the studio (Note: All tuition, including June, must be paid in full prior to pick up)	JJDA
June 14 th	Dress Rehearsal Show 1 – 5:30 PM	Hammar skjold MS
June 15 th	Dress Rehearsal Show 2 & 3 – 5:30 PM	Hammar skjold MS
June 17 th	Show I – 11:00 AM	Hammar skjold MS
June 17 th	Show II – 3:30 PM	Hammar skjold MS
June 17 th	Show III – 7:00 PM	Hammar skjold MS
June 19-21	Bring a Friend Week	JJDA
June 21	Last Day of Classes	JJDA

PART 2: Event Times and Location

Dress Rehearsal Schedule – Hammar skjold Middle School

Show 1 - Wednesday, June 14th - Dancers should arrive no later than 5:30pm.

Show 2 & 3 - Thursday, June 15th - Dancers should arrive no later than 5:30pm.

Please see “The Day of Dress Rehearsal” section of this handbook for more information.

Recital Schedule – Hammar skjold Middle School

Show 1 - Saturday, June 17th - Dancers should arrive by 10:00 AM. The show will begin at 11:00 AM.

Show 2 - Saturday, June 17th - Dancers should arrive by 2:30 PM. The show will begin at 3:30 PM.

Show 3 – Saturday, June 17th – Dancers should arrive by 6:00 PM. The show will begin at 7:00 PM.

The students will be dismissed after the Finale at the end of each show. Please see “The Day of Recital” section of this handbook for more information.

PART 3: Costumes

We spend many hours determining the correct costumes for each class. We strive to find fun costumes that the students will be excited to wear. Part of the excitement of the dance recital is the chance to dress up in fun and beautiful costumes.

Costume Care

We recommend that each student's name be placed in his or her costumes, shoes, accessories, and tights. Place the costumes in a garment bag with your child's name on the outside. Steam all costumes prior to the dress rehearsal and the performance. Please do not wash costumes in your washing machine; dry clean them only (after the recital).

Tights & Shoes

To ensure that there are no discrepancies in color and style, students are required to have matching tights and shoes for their classes. Tights will be available for purchase at the studio. Please do not wear the performance tights before the dress rehearsal or recital. (Note: Having a second pair of tights on hand offers students and parents a sense of security.) Please make sure you have the correct shoes for your class. Ballet/Tap students performing a tap routine must have Bloch "Merry Jane" tap shoes.

Please see the pink binder at the front desk if you are unsure of the correct tights and shoes.

Hair and Makeup

Female students may choose to wear makeup for the recital. Blush, mascara, and lipstick are recommended. Uniform hairstyles are required. More information regarding hairstyles will be provided by the teacher closer to the recital date.

Preparing for Dress Rehearsal and Recital

It is helpful to prepare for your child's performance before the big day. Gather all costumes, accessories, shoes, and makeup several days in advance so you'll know if something is missing or isn't right. Make a checklist of your child's routines, listing their costume, tights, shoes, and any accessories, and refer to it to make sure you have all your supplies before going to the theater. Bring at least one extra pair of tights of each color. Also bring extra hair gel, hair nets, bobby pins, and hairspray.

PART 4: Recital Tickets

Tickets go on sale May 11th. Center Orchestra seats are \$25. Side Orchestra seats are \$22. Mezzanine seats are \$19.

Order tickets online at:

www.jilljustindancealliance.com

In an effort to create an organized and professional atmosphere, all tickets are **reserved seating**. Each member of the family over the age of two must have a ticket. Families will be able to select their seats using the online system.

Purchased tickets will be available for pick up at the studio beginning June 1st. All studio accounts (tuition, costumes, etc. – including June tuition) must be paid in full before the tickets may be picked up. If the show is not sold out, tickets may be purchased at the door the day of the show for \$25 each.

PART 5: Program Ads / Boosters

We will be publishing a full-color recital program book, which will be distributed free of charge at the recital. “Well-wisher” and commercial ads are available.

PART 6: Recital Photography and Videos

Recital Photos

On May 18th, JJDA will have a photo day where dancers may have individual or sibling portraits taken in any or all of their dance costumes. A professional photographer, PM Studios, will come to the studio to take the portraits. Please sign up for a time on the board at the studio. Payment is due at the time pictures are taken.

Group portraits will be taken at dress rehearsal after the group performs their routine.

Due to the large number of quick changes at dress rehearsal for Company students, Company group and individual portraits will be taken at the studio on May 19th.

Recital DVD

The recital will be professionally video taped. No personal video cameras are allowed in the auditorium. You may order your DVD at the studio.

Personal Photos & Videos

Parents or guardians may videotape or take photographs of their children at the dress rehearsal. However, due to the large number of cameras, electrical outlets will not be available. Please be sure to fully charge your batteries and bring extra batteries if necessary.

Please be advised, video and/or photography equipment will NOT be allowed at the recital. Please do not bring these items into the venue; security will ask you to bring these items back to your car.

Part 7: Recital T-Shirts & Gifts

Recital T-Shirts

Recital T-shirts are available for purchase with your recital tickets for \$15 each. The t-shirt lists every student participating in the recital on the back. Students will wear this T-Shirt during the Finale performance.

Recital Gifts

At the recital, each student will receive a gift from JJDA. The gift is to congratulate the students on a successful year and to thank you for your continued support of JJDA.

Part 8: The Day of Dress Rehearsal

Dress Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, June 14th (Show 1) and Thursday, June 15th (Show 2 & 3). Dancers should arrive at Hammarskjold Middle School no later than 5:30pm. Students may arrive in their first performance costume or may change in the dressing room.

Participation in the dress rehearsal is *mandatory*. The dress rehearsal allows the students to become familiar with the theater surroundings and feel comfortable with their performance, costume(s), and being onstage.

Dress-Rehearsal Tickets

Tickets to view the dress rehearsal are \$10 each. Each family will receive one free ticket. All other guests, including siblings who are not participating in the recital, will be required to purchase a ticket.

Dress Rehearsal Drop-Off and Pickup

Parents or guardians should bring dancers to the auditorium where they will be seated with their class and placed under the supervision of their class mom. Parents and guardians will be seated in a separate section in the auditorium. When a class has completed its last dance, the class mom will bring the group to the auditorium to be picked up and the dancers are free to leave.

Finale

All students are required to participate in the Finale, which will be rehearsed during the last month of classes. A run-through of the Finale will take place at the beginning of dress rehearsal. Students will wear a JJDA Recital T-Shirt for the Finale performance.

PART 9: The Day of Recital

The Recital will be held on **Saturday, June 17th at Hammarskjold Middle School.**

Show 1 Dancers should arrive no later than 10:00am. The auditorium will open for seating at 10:30am and the show will begin at 11:00am. We expect the show to conclude at approximately 1:30pm.

Show 2 Dancers should arrive no later than 2:30pm. The auditorium will open for seating at 3:00pm and the show will begin at 3:30pm. We expect the show to conclude at approximately 6:00pm.

Show 3 Dancers should arrive no later than 6:00pm. The auditorium will open for seating at 6:30pm and the show will begin at 7:00pm. We expect the show to conclude at approximately 9:30pm.

Recital Performance Arrival and Dismissal

Parents or guardians should bring dancers to the cafeteria, which will serve as the performer waiting area. Dancers will be checked in and placed under the supervision of their class mom(s). Students will remain in the cafeteria for the entire performance. After the finale, the class mom will bring the group to the cafeteria where they may be picked up.

Special note: Please do not pick up your child during the performance. All students will be under the supervision of responsible adults for the length of the performance. The dressing rooms will be stocked with various activities for the children.

Flowers & Trophies

Flowers and trophies will be available for purchase for those who wish to present their performers with a special gift. All proceeds benefit the JJDA Dance Company and help defer the competition expenses of these dancers.

Auditorium Rules

No photography, videotaping, eating, drinking, or smoking is allowed in the auditorium. All strollers must be parked in the lobby. When they are not onstage, dancers must remain in the waiting area with their class moms and may not be seated in the auditorium.

Dressing-Room Etiquette

Students must respect other students' space and property in the dressing rooms. We are required to leave the dressing rooms in spotless condition, so please do your best to keep them organized and clean. No food or drinks are allowed in the dressing rooms. Please do not bring any valuable toys, games or electronics into the venue as they may be lost or damaged.

PART 10: Class Moms

Class mothers are needed for each class to supervise the dancers. They do not need a recital ticket and will be able to watch their children perform from backstage. Class moms must assure that each child in her care is accounted for. They are responsible for making sure that each child is backstage at the appropriate time. They are also responsible for seeing that all children return to their appointed waiting area after their performance. A sign up sheet will be posted at the studio.

Class Moms may observe the performance of their class from backstage. This year to encourage class mom participation, we will be offering a \$59 credit toward June tuition to all class moms who participate (limit 2 per class).