

# STUDIO 55

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## Recital Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. *What is a Recital?*** A Recital is an end of season performance for all our dance classes. Each class will perform based on technique that is learned throughout the season. All recital choreography is learned DURING the regular class time. No additional rehearsals are required to learn choreography with the exception of Dress Rehearsal – the Thursday and/or Friday before recital. Costumes are distributed to all students during regular class period and Recital photos (optional) are taken by a professional photographer on Saturday, April 15th.
- 2. *Are all dancers required to participate in Recital?*** All regular season classes will be participating in recital! It is expected that all students will participate. Performing in our spring recital is a huge part of learning the art of dance! Think of it similarly to taking your child to all of their basketball practices but not allowing them to play in the games. Performing in our recital allows the chance for students to showcase all of the hard work they have poured into their classes this season! These students deserve to be celebrated.
- 3. *Will I be Automatically Signed up for Recital?*** Yes! All of our students at Studio 55 who are enrolled in our regular season classes are automatically signed up for recital. (no adult ballet classes or mini mester classes will be in the recital)
- 4. *Are there recital fees?*** The only fees that are attached to the recital are the costume fees and ticket fees for families coming to the shows. This season, we are happy to provide each dancer with one pair of each color tights they need along with their costumes! For example, if you have a student in Ballet (pink tights), Pointe (pink tights) and Jazz (tan tights), they would receive 1 pair of pink tights and 1 pair of tan tights in their appropriate sizes.

**Costume Fees** - \$75-\$80 for first costume depending on age of student & \$65 for any additional costumes
- 5. *When is the Recital Fee & Costume Fee Due?*** The spring recital costume fees will be split in two payments. The first payment of \$50.00 (per student) was due on October 15th, 2022. The remainder payment will be due on November 15th, 2022. We will charge the card we have on file for that charge. You can also make a payment by logging in to your online account, or by stopping by the front desk. We accept cards, cash, and checks.
- 6. *Why are the Recital fees due so early?*** We order costumes from various costume companies and it can take time to ship these costumes out. The costume companies do not stock costumes and will not start making any

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costumes until they have been paid for in full. If we don't order costumes by the end of November, they may not be ready for picture day in April!

7. **How can I purchase recital tickets?** Recital tickets may be purchased online in April using a link from Studio 55's website. If available, tickets may also be purchased at the door if the shows have not sold out. No recital tickets are sold at the studio (if you need help purchasing tickets online, please contact us and we will be happy to help!).
8. **What types of tickets are available?** Reserved tickets (with a specific row and seat number) will be available. There will be NO general admission tickets.
9. **How many shows will my dancer be in?** Levels 3 & 4 (and Levels 3¼) will be in both shows. All other classes will be in one show. There is no guarantee that all of your child's classes will be in the same show or all of the children from the same family will be in the same show. We do our best to accommodate as many families as possible but please understand that we can not accommodate everyone.
10. **When will I know what show my dancer's class will perform in?** We will post a spreadsheet online, organized by day, time, class, and what show each of our classes will perform in as we grow closer to our show.
11. **Will I know ahead of time when specifically my dancer's routine will be in Recital?** We will post on the website the specific show order of each show.
12. **How are costume prices and ticket fees determined?** Studio 55 works hard to keep costs as low as possible. Like everything else, costume prices continue to grow for us. Costume prices are determined by factoring in the following costs: admin time to measure, select, and order costumes, alteration work (alterations are completely free to your families and happen in house), organizing costumes and placing them in labeled garment bags which are an additional cost to our studio but no cost to you. Similarly, ticket prices are determined by the following factors: cost of rental facilities for three days (two dress rehearsals and the show day), the professional lighting and sound directors, staff pay for all three days, administrative time to organize ticket sales, merchandise sales, creation of the show lineup, program cost, and more. Again, we work hard to keep your costs as low as possible!
13. **How do I know what my costume will look like?** Soon after the costumes are chosen by teachers, the recital costumes are posted in books in the lobby and on our website. We are planning for right after Thanksgiving break!
14. **Are costumes custom made?** No, the vast majority of our costumes are ordered from costume manufacturers that Studio 55 has done business with

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for many years. Boys costumes are either ordered from costume catalogs or are sourced by our admin staff, specifically the owner to correspond to the concept requested by the teachers. We measure each and every child in their regular classes starting in the Fall and compile that information for ordering. Costume orders are done according to a size chart and we do allow for growth of children between October/November and May. We will always order the next size up in costume if the main measurement (the girth) is very close to the top end of measurements in the size chart range. Studio 55 has had MANY years of experience. Trust that we will have your child in the correct sized costume so that they feel comfortable and confident on the stage.

15. **How do we handle boys' costumes?** In most cases, boys' costumes are coordinated to match the color of the girls in the class. In some cases, the boys' costumes are exactly the same as the girls (usually for hip hop).
16. **Why can't I video the show or take photos during the show?** For the safety of our dancers, we do not allow any flash photography at any of our shows. We also want to make sure that each person in the audience has a good view of the stage and their dancers. Tripods and anxious parents standing in the auditorium to take video/photos of their children disrupts the show and ruins the viewing experience for others around them. We have a professional videographer at both shows! You will be able to purchase a DVD or digital download of the show if you choose. We also do not allow families to record dances for the sake of our instructors' choreography. Our teachers work hard to create their own choreography for each class, and we want to ensure that they get the deserved credit when their choreography is being shown.
17. **Can I keep my Recital costume?** Yes!
18. **Can I buy Recital Tickets at the studio?** No, you can purchase them online or at the theater or before each show.
19. **Can I get a refund or credit if I decide not to do recital?** Recital fees are non-refundable and no credits are given. We will be ordering recital costumes over the holiday break. Costume companies do not allow returns, refunds or credits so we cannot give you a refund or credit.
20. **Does my child have to have a specific hairstyle or wear make up for Recital performance?** Student's will have specific hairstyles for their classes. We will have bun tutorials available for viewing. While there is no specific type or manufacturer for make up, you should generally match your child's skintone for the base makeup. We recommend natural eye shadow, mascara, eyeliner,

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and blush. Your student can also wear lipgloss or a lighter colored lipstick. We encourage all students to wear makeup on stage. The reason for this is because the stage is large and has lots of direct lighting. This can make it hard for the audience to see your dancer's features (specifically their eyes!).

21. **What shoes does my child have to have for recital and do I have to provide them?** All students will wear the shoes that they wear to class on stage. No need to buy a different pair! We will be including one pair of tights for each student that needs them in their costume (if they are in Ballet, we will provide a pink pair, and if they are in Jazz, we will provide a tan pair, etc.). Some classes do not have tights and therefore they will not be included with the costume.

### **How to contact Studio 55:**

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