

SMSD Recital 2024: "City Lights"

Dress Rehearsals: Thursday, May 30 & Friday, May 31

Recitals: Saturday, June 1

Dress rehearsals & recitals are held at:
Westlake High Performing Arts Center
4100 Westbank Dr. Austin, TX 78746

Dress Rehearsal

- *Please refer to the dress rehearsal schedule page of this packet to locate your dancer's class and rehearsal time.*
- Dress rehearsal is **REQUIRED** for all students. Recital participation will be revoked if a student does not attend. This policy protects your child and classmates from a negative performance experience.
- Parents drop off dancers in the lobby. Dancers MUST arrive IN COSTUME with hair and makeup done ready to go on stage 20 minutes prior to their rehearsal time. Dancers in multiple dances should bring all their costumes with them. Please make sure your dancer uses the restroom before dropping them off.
- **No parents backstage at dress rehearsal.** *Parents of younger dancers are required to stay in the audience at rehearsal. Once each class is done rehearsing, they will be dismissed from the theater.*
- Dress rehearsal is the **ONLY** time you can take photos or videos (photos and videos are strictly prohibited during recital).
- Stage lights are very bright and can wash out facial features, therefore makeup is required for dress rehearsal and recital. *Please refer to the hairstyle page of this packet to locate your dancer's hairstyle needed.*
 - **FREE Hair & Make Up Tutorial Class: Sunday, May 19 from 2-3pm at SMSD.** Bring your dancer with you to this class. Dancers need red lipstick, blush, dark brown or grey eyeshadow, mascara/eyeliner (older dancers), bobby pins, hair ties that match dancer's hair color, brush, hairspray.
- All dancers must wear new tights on stage that are in perfect condition (*boys do not need to wear tights*)—no fading, stains, runs, or snags.
 - Combo classes: tights are included with costume.
 - Level classes: receive a 15% discount when you purchase new tights in The Dancer's Den.
 - It is always a good idea to bring an extra pair of new tights.

Recital Day Arrival

- There are 4 shows ranging from 60-75 minutes each. Each class is assigned to a specific show. *Please refer to the recital schedule page of this packet to locate your dancer's class and show assignment.*
- Parents drop off dancers in the lobby. Dancers MUST arrive IN COSTUME with hair and makeup done ready to go on stage 20 minutes prior to their recital time. Dancers in multiple dances should arrive in their costume for their first dance. Please make sure your dancer uses the restroom before dropping them off.
- *Dance shoes should not be worn to and from the theater.* Dancers may bring a dance bag containing their dance shoes and water bottle. Students will receive their recital t-shirt at the theater. Underwear is not to be worn underneath costumes.

- **No parents are allowed backstage at recital.** Dancers will be released at the end of the show. Please rest assured we have many helpers backstage to assist your dancer throughout the entire process. Each class will have a designated SMSD staff member to supervise and help with any costume changes (if necessary).
- **Please label EVERYTHING (especially shoes)!**
- Nail polish, stickers, temporary tattoos, and jewelry (except Troupe earrings) should be removed prior to recital.
- **Everyone needs a recital ticket** (except toddlers if they sit in an adult's lap for the entire show).
 - All seating is general admission.
 - Tickets give all access pass to entire day of recitals.
 - **Purchase tickets: smsdance.com/recital or call 855-222-2TIX (also contact this number for ticket questions)**
- Troupe SMSDance will be selling rose bouquets at all shows (no need to preorder). All proceeds benefit Troupe and offset expenses for the next year.

During Recital (Audience Etiquette)

- Videography and photography are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. There will be a professional videographer on site, and everyone will receive a digital download of all four shows. Specific link and password for viewing/downloading will be sent 3-4 weeks after recital to the email address on file. Photos with family, friends, and fellow dancers can be taken after the performance. *Be sure to tag us on social media @smsdanceatx!*
- If you need to exit & re-enter the auditorium for any reason, please do so in between dances out of respect for the dancers and those trying to enjoy the show.
- *Parents are not permitted to pick up their dancer mid-show.* Audience members should stay for the ENTIRE PERFORMANCE.
- **All students will be in the finale!**
- All dancers are expected to stay in their assigned dressing area until their show ends.
- Please be respectful to SMSD staff members and backstage helpers. They have big jobs, and we couldn't run a smooth show without them!
- **No food is allowed backstage at any time.** Water is the only beverage permitted, and it must be in a spill-proof plastic bottle with a sip lid. Chewing gum is strictly prohibited.

After Recital

- At the end of each show, younger students will be walked back up to the lobby by an SMSD staff member to the designated spot where parents can pick them up.
- Dancers are welcome to stay and watch their siblings or friends in another show, but **they cannot wear their costume in the audience. Please change them into other clothes in the lobby restroom.**

We appreciate your compliance with the guidelines in this packet. Thank you for making it possible to have such beautiful and professional shows. If you have any further questions, contact the office:
shelley@smsdance.com or 512-345-1284.