

Showstar TGD Recital News

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In an effort to make your life a little easier and less stressful, we have created this guide to provide you and your child with an enjoyable recital experience. We want the recital to be a time when every student has a feeling of accomplishment as they perform on stage for friends and family... this is your child's chance to shine!

Please take a few minutes to review these commonly asked questions and concerns about the dedication and responsibilities to the recital.

These rules and guidelines are for the children's safety.

Informational Parent Meeting

We are recording the parent meeting where we answer some frequently asked questions and will be emailing the link as soon as we have it.

Straz Center For The Performing Arts Louise Lykes Ferguson Hall 1010 North W.C. MacInnes Place

Your Dress Rehearsal Time will be this...	If your Show Time is this...
Wednesday June 1, 2022 5:00-8:00	Showgroup Productions
Thursday June 2, 2022 3:30-5:30 (Including all Showgroup Productions)	Saturday June 4, 2022 1:00 pm
Thursday June 2, 2022 6:00-8:00 (Including all Showgroup Productions)	Saturday June 4, 2022 6:00 pm
Friday June 3, 2022 3:30-5:30 (Including all Showgroup Productions)	Sunday June 5, 2022 1:00 pm
Friday June 3, 2022 6:00-8:00 (Including all Showgroup Productions)	Sunday June 5, 2022 6:00 pm

Costume Bags

- Your costume bag has a reminder of all the important information, including dates and times. It lists your child's class, your child's dress rehearsal, your child's recital date and time, as well as which costume to wear first to dress rehearsal

and recital. When in doubt refer to your costume bag. **This bag is the only bag that will be allowed into dress rehearsals and the recitals as it is clear and will be easier for the security check points. **Make-up should be in a clear bag as well. All non-see-through bags will have to be opened and searched and will slow down the check in process.****

Is Dress Rehearsal Mandatory?

- Yes, **ALL Dress Rehearsals** are mandatory for all Showstar's. This will allow students to become familiar with being on stage in their costume, practice quick changes, as well as entering and exiting the stage appropriately.

What do I need to know for Dress Rehearsal?

- If the child does not behave or show up for dress rehearsal they may not come to the recital. If a child is sick and misses dress rehearsal we must have a doctor's note clearing them to dance and be around children of all ages in order for them to be able to dance in recital.
- Please arrive at least **30 minutes** early dressed ready to perform for all rehearsals. This will guarantee our ability to begin and end rehearsal on time in a professional manner.
- Due to limited seating **only one parent or guardian** may accompany the student to dress rehearsal. Children who are not performing at the show that is currently practicing will not be allowed into the rehearsal, please make arrangements as needed. This includes students who perform in other shows and infants. **Each student will receive a wristband when they check in at dress rehearsal with the one parent that is accompanying the dancer to the rehearsal.** Only those parents with the appropriate wristband will be admitted into the theatre for rehearsal. The performer will **have on their costume** and therefore will not need a wristband. The Straz Center ushers will not allow anyone without a wristband into the theatre.
- Upon arrival, you will go through security. All bags coming in for dress rehearsal will be searched so please limit the extra bags that you are bringing in as a chaperone. You will then check your child in and receive the wristband for the one adult accompanying your child. Next, you will walk your child in and check in with the class mom who will be located on the side of the theatre in marked rows. You will sit in the middle of the theater in unmarked rows while your child will stay with the class mom on the sides or front of the theater.
- All students should arrive to rehearsal dressed in their first costume. Bring all other costumes on hangers in their garment bag that was provided with the costume. Please have all items clearly labeled with first and last name. Parent

will hold extra costume and will be responsible for changing your child into their next costume at dress rehearsal only.

- Please make sure your child has all their shoes (**Black and White Tap Shoes**, Pink Ballet, Tan Pedini, Black Pedini, Tan Jazz, Black Jazz, Foot Undies, etc.) and that they are clean.
- If your child is in Hip Hop, they will need **the solid black hip hop shoes that are required for class.**
- If your child is in Lyrical, they will need **the tan twyla's that are required for class.**
- All girls should have their **hair straight back in a slicked back ballet bun with no part, no bangs, or hair in their face.** Hanging hair, beads, or other accessories that were not included with your costume will not be allowed.
- All boys should have their **hair straight back in a slicked back ponytail with no hair in their face (if their hair is long).**
- Stage make-up should include red lipstick, blush, neutral eye shadow, and mascara.
- **NO** nail polish, accessories, or jewelry of any kind (unless it is a part of the costume). **Earrings that are not Showstar Earrings and body piercings must be removed. All tattoos must be concealed or covered.**
- Students must have their **provided recital tights** under their costume, and please no underpants/underwear (they hang from under the leotard and are unattractive on stage).
- All undergarments that need to be worn should not be seen. They need to be pinned out of place and have the clear straps. It takes away from the beauty of the costumes.
- We strongly recommend all parents purchase a nude/skin colored camisole leotard with clear straps to take the place of undergarments for all female performers to wear over their provided recital tights. When they have a costume change, they will be able to maintain complete modesty.
- The Straz Center does not allow infant carriers or strollers inside the auditorium because of fire codes.
- This rehearsal will be your only opportunity to take flash photography and video from the middle of the theatre, as **cameras and cellphones are strictly prohibited during recital.**
- Your child will be dismissed from the audience right at the end of each rehearsal.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINK!** There are water fountains in the lobby and your children should be fed before you check them in for dress rehearsal and drop them off with the backstage moms.

Backstage Moms

Our backstage moms supervise the children backstage both before and after their performance during rehearsal and the recital. They are responsible for making sure that each child under their care is both safe and prepared for their routine. It is extremely important that each student has the correct shoes, costume and hair accessories on before they perform. When it is time for them to perform the Backstage Mom will take their class backstage before their number. While the class is performing the backstage mom will be able to watch the number from stage left. When the number is complete the backstage mom will take the students back to their dressing rooms, where they will stay until the end of the show.

- If you would like to be a backstage mom (sign up on the sign-up genius) you **must** fill out the emailed background check **and** turn in a copy of your driver's license or ID back to the office **within a week of signing up on the signup genius or your name will be removed.** These limited positions are first come first serve. All backstage mom spots must be filled before April 30th.
- We will have an informational zoom backstage mom meeting that is mandatory for all moms **May 7th at 12:00 p.m.** You will pick up your packet the week following the meeting from the front desk. All backstage moms must be at dress rehearsal with their assigned class.
- **All backstage moms MUST be at dress rehearsal for the show that they have signed up to work with their assigned class only.**

Recital Procedures-ALL CELL PHONES TURNED OFF!

- All shows start on time. There is a pre-show slideshow that starts 30 minutes prior to start time.
- **There will be no early pick-up. All performers must stay the whole show.**
- All students should arrive **one hour** prior to recital time dressed ready to perform. If the child is not dressed, they will not be allowed into the sign in area. Upon arrival the students will be taken to the rehearsal hall where the backstage moms will be waiting for them. Each class will be assigned at least two class moms that will take care of your child at rehearsal and recital.
- **Performers should be dressed for their first number when arriving at the theater.** You will not be allowed backstage or into the lobby to change your child's clothes, shoes, or use the bathroom. Extra costumes should be in the provided garment bags with extra items-dance shoes, make-up, hairbrush, hairspray and extra hair pins (**cover ups or non-dance shoes will not be allowed backstage**).
- Everything should be labeled with the child's name, so nothing is lost in all the excitement.

- Please keep in mind that the children are in very close quarters backstage and some rooms are very small. Please make sure that your child practices proper hygiene for dress rehearsals and the recitals.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINK!** There are water fountains backstage, and your children should be fed before you drop them off with us.
- If you purchase flowers and gifts, they are to be given to performers after the show. Please do not approach the stage at any time. Balloons are not allowed inside the auditorium per Straz policy.
- All students will be dismissed at the end of the show from their pick-up areas.
- Due to safety concerns, only volunteers with backstage passes (backstage moms and staff) are allowed backstage. Only backstage volunteers will receive a backstage badge which must be worn at all times.
- In an effort to keep all shows at a comfortable length, those students who take more than one class per week can't always be in the same recital performance time. At times, although we try to avoid it, we might even have to divide siblings. This is not a torture...trust us it is the best entertainment in the world!
- **All photography and video recording are prohibited during the performances. This includes cell phones.**
- For parking information please check the Straz Center website.
- Please do not yell out names or other calls to the stage while the children are dancing.
- Keep in mind this is a theater performance, so you need to show the proper respect for all performers. Please keep your appreciation to applause only, no shouting out.
- There is no required dress code for audiences in a theater. However, it is recommended you dress up a little.
- All audience member regardless of age, including infants, must have a ticket per fire code regulations.
- All audience members must go through security before they enter the theater.

Showgroup Sign In and Pick Up

We are separating the Showstars from the City of Tampa classes for the recitals to alleviate the congestion over by South Door 1. This year you will sign in your Showstar for the recital shows at the **Backstage Door (1010 W.C. MacInnes Place)**:

Between **5:00-5:15** for **Saturday and Sunday Evening Shows**

Between **12:00-12:15** for **Saturday and Sunday Matinee Shows**

Late Showstars will not be allowed backstage as they have missed their call time. A staff member will be there to sign your child in prior to them passing through the security checkpoint at this door. **Due to fire regulations and Straz Center Policy**

you will NOT be able to pull up and drop off your child. You will need to park your car and escort your child to the sign in area. All Showstars must be picked up **for a lunch break between shows** on Saturday and Sunday. Pick up will be at the same area as sign in, **Backstage Door**, with staff. After the first show, children may leave their belongings in the Rehearsal Hall. However, we are **not** responsible for their safety. There is **no food or drinks allowed backstage at any time** (There are water fountains backstage, and your children should be fed before you drop them off with us). Keep in mind that there is a \$5.00 late fee for every 15 minutes that you are late picking your child up from any rehearsal or show. All show's last approximately two hours.

Recital Fee **A la Carte**

- Every student is responsible for a \$40.00 recital fee. The recital fee is used to help defer the costs involved with the recital. To purchase the recital fee go to www.candosports.org and click on the store link. The recital fee will be on sale **April 4th-April 16th** for \$40.00 each. **All fees are due no later than April 16th.** **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** City of Tampa Dance Parents **do not** require a login to make purchases, you can purchase as a guest. The recital fee is separate from your child's class fees.

Digital Download **A la Carte**

- **RMark Sports is proud to announce that this year's Tampa Gym & Dance 2022 recital will be provided to parents digitally. The link is sent to the registered parents email address only. The links are non-shareable, non-transferable or downloadable. You will have access to your videos forever as they are a digital library tied to your email address (just like buying a movie or tv show from iTunes and/or Google). Library can be viewed on Apple TV App, Amazon Fire TV App, Android TV App, Mobile/Desktop browser, and Cast to Android Devices. If you would like to purchase the Digital Download, go to www.candosports.org and click on the store link. The Digital Downloads will be on sale **April 4th-June 5th** for \$30.00 each for the first one and \$20.00 for each additional show. **Parents may photograph and video at dress rehearsal only.** Cameras, videos, and cellphones will not be allowed inside the theater on the day of the performance. Security guards will ask you to bring them back to your car. City of Tampa Dance Parents **do not** require a login to make purchases, you can purchase as a guest. **Digital Downloads will be emailed to the email address used when checking out.**

T-Shirts ****A la Carte****

- The t-shirts are commemorative and feature this year's recital theme. If you would like to purchase t-shirts go to www.candosports.org and click on the store link. The t-shirts will be on sale **April 4th-April 16th** for \$25.00 each. After **April 16, 2022** t-shirts will not be available for purchase. City of Tampa Dance Parents **do not** require a login to make purchases, you can purchase as a guest. **Shirts are made to order, please make sure the size that you pick from the drop-down menu is the correct size for your child.**

Ticket Sales

- Ticket prices will be tiered as follows: Balcony level \$20.00 per seat plus a handling fee, Mezzanine level \$25.00 per seat plus a handling fee, Orchestra level \$30.00 per seat plus a handling fee. The handling fees are set by the Straz Center and are per ticket.
- Everyone, **regardless of age, requires a ticket per the fire marshal.** This includes infants. If you are a performer in that show or a backstage mom for that show, no ticket is required.
- If your child is in multiple shows, you will need to buy a ticket for each show they are in that you will watch from the audience.
- To purchase tickets all accounts (CANDO and City of Tampa) must have a zero balance, and the student must have paid the \$40.00 recital fee.
- All ticket sales for Wayne Papy and New Tampa will be done through the **Straz Center for the Performing Arts**. This means that you must purchase your tickets on their website www.strazcenter.org or at their box office.
- The ticket sale start date will be emailed to you at a later date.

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Tampa Gymnastics and Dance is a proud program of CANDO and the City of Tampa Parks & Recreation Department. CANDO, the Children's Athletic Network and Dance Opportunities, is a local non-profit focused on providing affordable and competitive athletics through gymnastics, dance, softball, basketball, and rowing. CANDO partnered with the City of Tampa Parks and Recreation department in 1993 to enhance and expand youth sports programs and activities that allow all athletes to excel. If you're interested in supporting our program through monetary or in kind donations, please contact us at mcampanello@candosports.org .