

# ***Tampa Gym and Dance Recital News***

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If you are a first time dance parent feeling unsure about the recital, don't worry you are not alone, we have all been there and survived! In an effort to make your life a little easier and a little less stressful, we have created this handy reference of information 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 before 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. New parents must attend an informational parent meeting.

## **Informational Parent Meeting Times and**

We strongly recommend that **no** children attend

NEW TAMPA RECREATION CENTER.....Saturday February 11, 2017 **12:00 pm**

WAYNE PAPY RECREATION CENTER.....Saturday February 18, 2017 **12:00 pm**

## **David A. Straz Jr. Center For The Performing Arts**

**Louise Lykes Ferguson Hall**

**1010 North W.C. MacInnes Place**

<b>Your Dress Rehearsal Time will be this...</b>	<b>If your Show Time is this...</b>
Tuesday June 6, 2017 3:00-6:00	Showgroup & Gymnastics Production's
Tuesday June 6, 2017 6:00-8:00 (including showgroup productions)	Friday June 9, 2017 6:00 pm
Wednesday June 7, 2017 4:00-6:00 (including showgroup productions)	Saturday June 10, 2017 1:00 pm
Wednesday June 7, 2017 6:00-8:00 (including showgroup productions)	Saturday June 10, 2017 6:00 pm
Thursday June 8, 2017 4:00-6:00 (including showgroup productions)	Sunday June 11, 2017 1:00 pm
Thursday June 8, 2017 6:00-8:00 (including showgroup productions)	Sunday June 11, 2017 6:00 pm

## **Costume Bags**

- Your costume bag has a reminder of all the important information that you will need for dates and times. It has what class your child is in, when dress rehearsal is, when recital is, also 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 rehearsal and the recital as it is clear and will be easier for the security check points.

## Class Pictures

- We are only taking group pictures this year. We ask that each child be present for picture week so they can be included in the group picture, which will be in our commemorative program book.
- If a student **has not** completed their ad by April 15<sup>th</sup> then they **will not** be allowed in to take their class pictures, which will be in color in the program book.
- Picture Week for New Tampa is April 17<sup>th</sup>-April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Picture Week for Wayne Papy and Loretta Ingraham is April 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>
- A detailed schedule will be given out closer to picture week.

## Is Dress Rehearsal Mandatory?

- Yes, Dress Rehearsal is mandatory for all students performing. This will allow students to become familiar with being on stage in their costume, as well as entering and exiting the stage appropriately.

## What do I need to know for Dress Rehearsal?

- Please arrive at least **15 minutes** early for your designated rehearsal time. 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 that time will not be allowed into the rehearsal, please make arrangements as needed. **Each student will receive a wristband during their last regularly scheduled class for the 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 therefore will not need the wristband. The Straz Center ushers will not allow anyone without a wristband into the theatre.
- 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 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 second costume at dress rehearsal.**
- Please make sure your child has all their shoes (**Tan Tap Shoes**, Pink Ballet, etc.) and that they are clean.
- All Hip Hop students need **the black hip hop shoe that is required for class** unless stated otherwise on the paperwork.
- All students should have their **hair straight back in a bun with no bangs or hair in their face (No braids or twists allowed).**
- Stage make-up should include: red lipstick, blush and neutral eye shadow.
- **NO** Jewelry, nail polish, beads or scrunchies (unless it is a part of the costume). Earrings and body piercings must be removed. All tattoos must be concealed.

- Students must have their recital tights under their costume, and please no underpants/underwear (they hang from under the leotard and are unattractive on stage).
- The Straz Center does not allow infant carriers or strollers inside the auditorium because of fire codes.
- Upon arrival, 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
- 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 audience right after they have practiced all of their numbers in the show.

## Advertisements

- **Ads should be submitted online at [www.candosports.org](http://www.candosports.org) by April 15, 2017. All Ads for the souvenir book are due no later than April 15th. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
- Every student is responsible for selling a minimum of one \$30.00 ad or you will be assed a \$30.00 ad fee without the benefit of an ad in the booklet. This requirement is to help cover the expenses of the Performing Arts Center.
- Detailed instructions on how to submit the ads online at [www.candosports.org](http://www.candosports.org) have been emailed to you through this website. If you did not receive the email, the instructions are listed on the Cando website under the “**Program Book Ads**” **Tab**. Or you can email [support@candosports.org](mailto:support@candosports.org) . Reminder, City of Tampa Dance Parent’s **do not** require a login to make purchases or place your ads online.
- If a student **has not** completed their ad then they **will not** be allowed in to take their class pictures.

## DVD's

- Professional DVD's of the recital will be available for pre-purchase. To order DVD's you need to go to [www.candosports.org](http://www.candosports.org) and click on the store link. **Parents may photograph and video at dress rehearsal only.** Cameras, videos, and cellphones will not be allowed inside the theatre on the day of the performance. Security guards will ask you to bring them back to your car. The DVD's will be on sale **February 13<sup>th</sup>-June 8<sup>th</sup>** for \$35.00 for the first DVD purchased and \$30.00 for each additional DVD purchased. After June 8<sup>th</sup> the prices increase \$5.00 for each DVD purchased through June 30<sup>th</sup>. After June 30, 2017 DVD's will not be available for purchase

## T-Shirts

- The t-shirts are commemorative and feature this year's recital theme. It is a practical item to own and wear; and it is reasonably priced. To order t-shirts you need to go to [www.candosports.org](http://www.candosports.org) and click on the store link. The T-Shirt's will be on sale **February 13<sup>th</sup>-May 19<sup>th</sup>** for \$15.00 CS-AXL, \$18.00 for A2XL, and \$20.00 for A3XL. The T-Shirt's will only be available for sale for a limited time, please make sure to order your child's shirt on time!

## Program Book

- The program books are commemorative and feature this year's recital theme, all of the class pictures, and all of the advertisements. To order program books you need to go to [www.candosports.org](http://www.candosports.org) and click on the store link. The Program books will be on sale **February 13<sup>th</sup>-May 19<sup>th</sup>** for **\$15.00**. After that, the price will increase to **\$20.00** online through **June 5<sup>th</sup>**. Then whatever we have left will be sold for **\$25.00 cash** only through dress rehearsal till the end of the final show on Sunday, or **while supplies last**. We will only have a limited quantity of books to purchase at the Straz Center so make sure you pre-order one!

## Ticket Sales

- Ticket prices will be tiered this year as follows: Balcony level \$15.00 per seat plus a handling fee, Mezzanine level \$18.00 per seat plus a handling fee, Orchestra level \$20.00 per seat plus a handling fee. The handling fees are set by the Straz Center and are per ticket. Due to price increases at the Straz Center we can no longer sell the tickets for \$10-\$15.
- Everyone **regardless of age requires a ticket** unless you are a performer in that show or a backstage Mom for that show.
- 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, City of Tampa, and Snack Bar) must have a zero balance, and the student must have met the minimum \$30 ad requirement.
- All ticket sales for Wayne Papy, New Tampa and Loretta Ingraham will be done through the **David A Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts**. This means that you must purchase your tickets on their website [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org) or at their box office.
- The ticket sale start date will be emailed to you through [www.candosports.org](http://www.candosports.org).

## 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 (ask your teacher) you **must** fill out the background check **and** turn in a copy of your license back to your teacher **before April 15<sup>th</sup>**. These limited positions are first come first serve.
- You will need to attend an informational backstage mom meeting to pick up your t-shirt. Wayne Papy will meet **May 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm**. New Tampa will meet **May 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm**.

### **Recital Procedures-ALL CELL PHONES TURNED OFF!**

- All students should arrive **one hour** prior to recital time. Upon arrival the students will be taken to their dressing room where the backstage moms will be waiting for them. Each class will be assigned two class moms that will take care of your child at rehearsal and recital. They will be introducing themselves to you in the following weeks. You may want to exchange phone numbers with them in case of any last minute questions.
- **Performers should be dressed for their first number when arriving at the theater**. You will not be allowed backstage/theater to change your child's clothes or shoes. Extra costumes should be in the provided garment bags with extra items-dance shoes, make-up, hair brush, hairspray and extra hair pins (this does not mean cover ups or non-dance shoes).
- Everything should be labeled with the child's name so nothing is lost in all of the excitement.
- **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. No flowers will be sold at the David A. Straz Jr. Center.
- 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 t-shirt 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.**
- Parking is available across the street from the theater for a fee. The parking garage by the Library may be less expensive and there is a catwalk to the Performing Art Center. There is also valet parking on site for a fee.

- Please do not yell out names or other calls to the stage while the children are dancing.
- The Straz Center does not allow infant carriers or strollers inside the auditorium because of fire codes. Be prepared to pay for a ticket and hold the infant or make other arrangements.

### **Drop Off Procedures for RECITAL**

The day of the recital all students will be dropped off and checked in at **South Door 1** by the ticket office and ATM machine by their “Designated Parent”. Only the Designated Drop Off/Pick Up Parent should check your child in and they should be wearing the armband for pick up that you received during your child’s last scheduled dance class. This will expedite the process. Backstage assistants will deliver your child safely to their dressing rooms/holding areas.

### **Pick Up Procedures for RECITAL**

All students will be dismissed at the end of the show from the stage. After the final curtain falls, we will wait **10** minutes for the house to be cleared. Only the designated pick up parent (with the armband) will be allowed to stay in the orchestra area of the theater. If you are sitting up in the mezzanine or balcony and you are the designated pick up parent, only you will be allowed into the orchestra area to pick up your child. All performers will be sent to their designated dismissal sides and dismissed in the order listed on the pick-up information, signs, and announced.

### **SHOWGROUP PARENTS**

When dropping off your student for the recital shows they need to be there an **hour and a half** prior to start time. We need all showstars checked in before the City of Tampa classes start checking in. Due to the length of time that the children need to be on site, you need to make arrangements for your child to be **picked up between shows** on Saturday and Sunday. They will be released from the drop off area, South Stage Door 1, with Ms. Cherie and Ms. Jasmine. **The Designated Parent** must be wearing the Showstar pick-up armband. You will receive the Showstar pick-up armband during the combined NT & WP Showstar rehearsal on **June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-12:00**. After the Friday Show, you may leave your belongings backstage. 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). On Sunday Evening, **ONLY**, the **Designated Parent** will be allowed backstage through South Stage Door 1 to help their child gather up all of their belongings. 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.