Hi, everyone! Please read carefully to prepare for your dancer’s recital performance!

# Recital Schedule

Classes will be recorded next week (June 8-June 14) via Zoom. Recital dances will be recorded during regular class times.

Students in Cecchetti ballet classes, some of you have a different schedule:

* Grade 1: will perform during regular class time
* Grade 2: will perform during their regular class time on Monday and will be invited to perform in a combination recording with Grade 3's on Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.
* Grade 3: Will perform during their regular class time on Monday and may stay late to perform with Grade 2's for the combined performance.
* Grade 4+ - Will perform on Sunday, June 14th from 12:00 - 3:00 pm.

# How to Prepare for Your Recorded Recital

* Be on time! Teachers have been preparing dancers to perform in Zoom, so being there right on time means the class can jump right into recital prep and performance.
* Come to class with costumes on. Hair should be done properly in the style suggested by the teacher. They should wear a little makeup. There are no stage lights, but a little makeup will make it easier to see your dancer.
* Prepare your space. We know sometimes the options are limited, but please try to have as much room and the best lighting as possible. Clear as much background distraction or clutter as you can.
* The "camera" should be about as high as their chest.  Not too high and not on the floor.  The angle of the camera should be straight and not angling up to the ceiling.  Often, the dancers are close to the device and if it's on the floor they angle it too high and then they step back and we can't see most of their body.  Please help your dancer with the angle.
* You are encouraged to be in the room for their "recital" and especially to help them with the recording.  Feel free to use your phones as well.

# To Record the Performance Yourself on Zoom

We are planning to record the groups and send you the link for downloading the dances.  You will have the ability to download and keep the recordings for the recital dances for your dancer, as well as all the other dances that would have been in the recital, if you would like to have those as well.

Additionally, we are working on changing the Zoom settings so that you will also have the ability to record for yourself; if you do this, you can record the full group or you can “pin” your dancer to record their performance as though it were a solo. If you wish to do this, here are our suggestions:

* The teacher needs to adjust the settings to allow you to record. We intend to do this for each class.
* If possible, please have a laptop they can use. One problem we have encountered is that students with a tablet or a phone do not seem to be able to record. In a few cases, students using laptops have also been unable to record; that is probably because of the settings in Zoom on that specific laptop. If you want to be able to record the session, we recommend you test that function ahead of time so that you can change your settings if necessary.
* If you want to “pin” your dancer so that you see their image, do that when class begins.
* We suggest that you press “record” right before the dance begins and then stop the recording when it ends. We will run each dance a few times and you will have a few different takes.

Please remember, though, that we will distribute the recordings as well! If you do not record it yourself, you will still be able to view your dancer’s performance and download a video to keep.