

**Desiree Catania Dance Center
Recital 2023 FAQ**

Rehearsal Date: Thursday, June 15th, 4:45 pm - 10:00 pm

Recital Dates:

- Friday, June 16th (Show 1), 6:00 pm
- Saturday, June 17th (Show 2) 12:00 pm and (Show 3) 6:00 pm

Location:

- Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center, 226 North High Street, West Chester

Parking:

- Chestnut Parking Garage: 14 E. Chestnut Street, West Chester
- Meter Parking: Corner of Chestnut and Church Streets

Q&A

Q. How do you determine which classes perform in which shows?

A. Great question! And we will not bore you with the painstaking hours that it takes to put the shows together. We make entertainment the priority so we ensure there is a mixture of all styles, ages, and levels in each show. Secondary, we do our best to keep siblings in the same show, however, sometimes this is not possible. The more classes that a student is in, the better chance they will be in more than one show. Our Level III and IV classes and competition team students can plan on being in multiple shows.

Q. Do we need to purchase tickets for the recital?

A. Yes. Tickets will be on sale 1 month prior to the recital shows. Tickets will be electronically ordered using a ticket vendor. Tickets will be \$ 20.00 per ticket. No ticket purchase needed for performing dancers.

Q. If I am attending more than one recital show, do I have to purchase a ticket for each?

A. Yes. A ticket is required for entry to each show. This is because we pay for each seat to rent the facility for each show. For families that are attending more than 1 show, there is a discount that is assessed at check-out.

Q. Is the venue handicapped accessible?

A. Yes. There are elevators inside the facility that lead from the auditorium to the restrooms. There is also an elevator on the left of the building that will take an attendee directly to the auditorium level as opposed to taking the steps in the front of the building.

Q. How long is the recital?

A. *We anticipate this year's shows to be no longer than 90 minutes which includes a 15 minute intermission. This year's performances should be shorter in length than previous years.*

Q. Is the rehearsal on Thursday, June 15th mandatory?

A. *Yes. One thousand times yes. It is the only practice opportunity that classes will have on the venue stage before their recital performance. The rehearsal gives our teachers an opportunity to space classes appropriately, check over costumes, and give feedback on hair/make up if needed to ensure everyone is recital ready that weekend!*

Q. If my student/s are in both shows on Saturday, can they leave in between?

A. *Yes they can. They will need to be checked out and checked back in for the 2nd show.*

Q. Where do I drop my student off for the rehearsal and recital?

A. *Please reference the traffic route and drop off on the website: [Street Map, Drop Off Route](#)*

Q. What do the younger dancers do backstage when not dancing?

A. *We have child care certified staff and teachers that are monitoring the dressing rooms and performer lounge. The show will be streamed to a TV in this area so all students can watch the other performances. We will have games and coloring sheets for younger students as well.*

Q. Can my dancer bring snacks?

A. *Yes! Students are encouraged to bring snacks and plenty of water. Please refrain from "messy" snacks... anything that could stain/ruin a costume.*

Q. What does, "Arrive Performance Ready" mean?

A. *"Performance Ready" is the expectation for both **Rehearsal** and **Recital**. Students need to arrive in costume (first costume they are performing in), stage hair, and make up. Instructions about hair and costume accessories for each class/level will be sent out closer to show dates.*

Q. Any additional tips?

A. *LABEL EVERYTHING! Dance bags, each shoe, tights, costumes, lunch bags, water bottles. This helps us ensure we get it back to you if it is left behind after the show.*