



HELLO DEDA FAMILIES

WELCOME and Welcome Back to DEDA... the new dance season is moving along and before we know it the holidays will be on the horizon, so maybe the next questions on your mind will have to do with RECITAL! We prepared this newsletter to "pull back the curtain" on our plans for our 2026 recital, "Dancers in Concert 2026". As always, we're happy to help with questions that may not already be answered here.

What is the Recital?

The Recital is a professionally directed performance that allows our DEDA dancers to present to their families and friends the results of a year of hard work, dedication and progress. The recital is an annual rite of passage, and a performance opportunity that all dancers look forward to.

A big part of the dance training process includes learning through performance. The experience helps build self-esteem and confidence in dancers. Participating in recitals and dress rehearsals also helps dancers develop retention skills, teamwork, and adaptability.

Beginning in Jan/Feb, each teacher creates customized age-appropriate choreography for each class. After 4 months of practice during part of their class time the year culminates as each class "Showcases" their routine wearing a special costume, tights, dance shoes and make-up on stage. Your attendance and applause at the end of each performance is the reward dancers receive for months of effort, and the dancers walk off the stage feeling elated and proud about a job well done.



Dancers in Concert 2026

Spring Recital Performances

The DEDA Staff and we, Miss Ellen & Miss Kit, are beyond excited to present “Dancers in Concert 2026” at the Sparta High School Auditorium, live on stage! We can’t wait to see all of our amazing students SHINE under the lights as we celebrate their hard work, talent, and love of dance.

When is the Recital?

We plan on hosting our on stage recital on May 30 & May 31, 2026 at the Sparta High School Auditorium.

Will this year look the same?

We will present our full scale shows on Saturday and Sunday, May 30 & 31, 2025 with Dress Rehearsals from Tues, May 26 thru Sat, May 30 at the Studio and at SHS.

Student Recital Participation:

Attend classes regularly
Purchase Recital Costume (Oct 15)
Costumes can be purchased thru Feb/Mar with an addl shipping fee.

The Shows are ticketed events and *Performers* do NOT require tickets

COSTUMES

What are costume fees and why are they processed October 15?

Costumes fees are fees collected and distributed to the costume manufacturers who make our recital costumes. Costumes are made to order, which typically requires a 12-16 week lead time to cut patterns, sew, adorn and ship.

Dance Studios across the world place their costume orders around the same time. In an effort to ensure that our costumes are delivered in time for recital photographs, dress rehearsals and an organized distribution to our students, costume orders are placed in Early-November. Costumes arrive January-March and are tried on during class time to ensure a proper fit. **Costumes that do not fit properly can be exchanged at that time only.**

Costume manufacturers do not accept cancellations or offer refunds; therefore there are **no refunds** for costume payments.

Once costume charges have been paid by cash or check or processed to your credit card they are **non-refundable**.



COSTUMES CONTINUED

What if I'm unsure and want to order my costume late?

Since the Pandemic, we cannot guarantee costumes will arrive on-time for students who order later in the year. There are still delays in overseas shipping and manufacturing that could negatively impact costume delivery dates. We are ordering early to ensure we receive costumes on-time for this very reason. Late order costumes can not be guaranteed to arrive in time for the performances.

In addition, parents will be responsible for all expenses, including surcharges and postage/shipping (\$15 per costume) for costumes that are ordered late. DEDA is not responsible if costumes are not received in time for pictures or the recital due to late payments and late orders.

How are costumes sized?

We will be measuring dancers during their regular class time October 1-15. Please make sure your dancer is present. Measuring generally takes less than two minutes per dancer.

Dance costumes come in general sizes, like small, medium, and large, and depending on fabrics, we often add 2 inches to allow for growth in our youngest dancers. Because costumes are not custom made, sometimes small alterations are needed, or costumes can be exchanged AT THE TIME THEY ARE DISTRIBUTED for a new size. Costumes can not be exchanged once they are taken home.

What is my financial investment?

Each class performing in the recital will order a costume.

If your dancer is enrolled in 3 classes, you would order 3 costumes.

We do our best to have our Performance Team Dancers use the same costume for their Recital Class Dance.

PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES - \$88 INCLUDING TIGHTS AND ACCESSORIES

ELEMENTARY THRU ADVANCED LEVELS - \$98 INCLUDING TIGHTS AND ACCESSORIES





Recital Tickets

All studios sell tickets to their recital to cover the cost of the venue and other expenses that come with producing a top-notch experience for children and their families. Tickets will be available for purchase in April. Ticket Pricing is TBD. In order to be admitted to the recital a ticket must be purchased.

Recital Video

Our shows are also professionally recorded and the Videos are available to all participants on DANCE Bug 3 weeks after the recital. The MEDIA FEE is required for **ALL Recital Participating Families** and is processed in April. The videos will be ready approx. 3 weeks after the performances and can then be shared with other family members and friends around the world!

DEDA Recital Merchandise

Plan for a gift! Recital gifts are a strong tradition in dance. Stay tuned as year progresses for **RECITAL T-SHIRTS, Flowers and other Recital Memorabilia!**

What is the plan for 2026 Season?

Of course our number one goal is to create a safe and fun performance experience! The incredible staff of DEDA is already busy planning for our On-Stage Performances for May 30 & 31, "Dancers in Concert 2026" Spring Recital Performances!



THANK YOU to ALL our DEDA Families for sharing your beautiful children with us!