

# SPOTLIGHT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER RECITAL PACKET

***Recital Name: "RISE UP"***  
***Spotlight Performing Arts Center's 6th Annual Recital!***

**WHEN: Saturday May 30, 2026. at 11:00 AM.** ALL dancers are required to arrive with hair and makeup complete by **10:00 AM.**

**WHERE: TIMBER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL / 501 Jarvis Rd, Sicklerville, NJ 08081**

**DRESS REHEARSAL: May 29 beginning at 4:30 PM SHARP, at Timber Creek High School. ELITE TEAM BEGINS AT 4:00PM AND MUST ARRIVE BY 3:50 PM.** All dancers participating in the Finale must arrive to the theater NO LATER THAN 4:15 PM, dressed in their first costume, with **performance hair and makeup complete.** *Competition team dancers do not need to wear makeup for dress rehearsal, as we will have already approved it several times throughout the year.* Dancers DO NOT need to wear lipstick for dress rehearsal, as it may get on their costumes and cause an unwanted stain. We will begin rehearsal with the Finale so that dancers may leave after their last dance of the night. Each dance will get approximately 5 minutes of stage time for dress rehearsal, so PLEASE be prompt! If your child is not present when it is time to rehearse the dance, he/she will miss this very important opportunity to rehearse on stage! Upon arrival, please sign in with one of our staff members in the main lobby, right outside of the theater. You will then be directed into the theater. Only competition team dancers will be using the backstage dressing room for dress rehearsal. All other dancers can remain in the theater auditorium while waiting to rehearse their dances on the stage. When you enter the theater, look for the row of seats with your child's first dance on it. (Example: Miss Jen's Saturday Pre-K Ballet dancers will all sit in the row of seats assigned "Saturday Pre-K Ballet / "Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo"). Parents / guardians can sit with their children in the auditorium. If your child is in more than 1 dance, she can use the restrooms or backstage dressing room to change into the next costume. Your child may leave after her last dance has been rehearsed on the stage and her teacher gives the okay for dismissal.

**RECITAL TICKETS: All tickets are \$30, but discounted to \$28 for the first week of sales only.** Tickets can be purchased online using the link: <https://app.gostudiopro.com/tickets/spotlightpac> (copy/ paste into your browser). **Tickets will go on sale on May 1st.** This link will not work before May 1st. On Friday May 8th, tickets will be increased to \$30 each. Seating is general admission. You can choose your seat when you arrive at the theater for the performance. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door, so make sure you purchase all of your tickets ahead of time. They can be purchased online the morning of the recital, up until the time the recital starts, but there is no ticket booth or will call for physical tickets. All tickets are purchases online only. Children ages 2 and younger are free of charge. Families can purchase as many tickets as needed. Your tickets can either be printed out from your home computer when you purchase them, or you can show your digital ticket to our ushers upon arrival. **There are NO physical tickets provided by Spotlight PAC.**

## **RECITAL DAY PROCEDURES:**

**Saturday MAY 30: ALL dancers arrive at 10:00 AM with hair and makeup completed.** When you arrive, you will sign in your dancer with Miss MaryEllen and Miss Jenny in the lobby right outside of the theater. Parents of Tiny Tots, PreK Ballet, or Creative Movement/Tap dancers may fill out a "Pick Up Pass" at this time. This pass may be used to pick up your dancer during intermission. These passes will NOT be available for any dancers older than PreK, and Creative level classes. All other dancers must remain in their dressing room during the entire show. Pick-Up Passes will only be given to a female family member, since that person will need to enter the female dressing room. **NO other dancers are permitted to sit in the audience during any portion of the show.** Dancers are a PART of the show, they are not audience members. Please allow them to experience the backstage fun with the rest of their classmates and chaperones.

**BOYS IN THE RECITAL:** Since we only have 2 boys in this year's recital, we ask that they go to the dressing room (cafeteria door) 5 dances before they dance and get picked up right outside of the dressing room door after they dance. They can get brought back to the dressing room door 5 dances before the finale to line up with their classmates. Boys can sit in the audience with their parents for the remainder of the recital, since they do not have a separate dressing room that is supervised.

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**11:00 AM:** Recital begins. When you arrive as an audience member, you will show your tickets to an usher (either on your mobile device or with the ticket you printed out from your home printer.) You will then be escorted to the theater. Doors will open approx 20 to 30 minutes prior to show time. You may sit wherever you choose, as all seating is general admission. **Parents are NOT permitted to save seats with blankets, jackets, etc, before the doors open. NO video recording or flash photography will be allowed during recital.** Please respect this rule. We promise, you'll have a much better experience watching your child on stage rather than watching through a cell phone screen. You are welcome to record during our dress rehearsal, but not during the actual recital. It becomes very distracting to the dancers to see cell phones and cameras held up while they are trying to dance. We hire a professional videographer to capture the entire recital, and DVDs and digital links of the performance are available for purchase.

**Approx. 2:00:** Recital will end with our finale, which includes every Spotlight PAC dancer. This is where each class will come back out onto the stage and take a final bow. Dancers can wear their recital t-shirt with black shorts or leggings for the finale. Dancers can be barefoot or wear jazz or ballet shoes for the finale. NO street shoes should be worn during the finale. At the end of recital, you can pick up your child directly off of the stage. We will announce each class to be picked up directly from the stage to avoid chaos. (For example, directly after the finale, we will say "Any PreK Ballet students may get picked up from the stage at this time. Any Tiny Tots students may get picked up at this time", etc). Please be patient during this process so we can keep the dancers organized. Please then gather any belongings that are in the dressing room, and PLEASE clean up anything left behind (snack, water bottle, crayons, etc). Spotlight PAC is not responsible for belongings that are left in the dressing room at the end of the day.

**\*Artistic Expressions Class:** Your dancers will begin the recital lined up ready for their dance. If guardians are coming on stage with their dancer, you will line up with your dancer as well. After they perform, you will take your dancer into the audience with you. At that point, your dancer can watch the show with you. If you would like for your dancer to participate in the finale, please exit the theater and bring them into the cafeteria to line up right after the dance "**Let's Get Loud.**" This will give them plenty of time to get to the dressing room and lined up for finale.

**WHAT TO PACK:** Please pack a dance bag with ALL shoes needed (jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop sneakers), extra pair of tights in case of accident, runners, etc, change of clothes for leaving the theater if needed, a "clean" snack (no chocolate, sticky candy, gum, lollipops, or cheesy snacks), and water bottle (no juice or soda). Your child is allowed to eat and drink in the dressing rooms. Please put your child's name on **EVERYTHING!** (inside costume, inside all shoes, on clothing tags, makeup bags, snack bags, water, bottles, everything!) **Spotlight PAC is NOT responsible for lost items.** Please leave expensive gadgets at home (no iPads, iPods, cell phones, etc). Chaperones will have phones and you are welcome to leave your phone number with them if your child needs to contact you. If you are concerned about losing an expensive item in the dressing room, then please leave it at home or keep it with you.

**These are the essentials to pack:**

- \* Cosmetic case
- \* Touchup make-up (especially lipstick)
- \* Hair spray and gel
- \* Hairpins and bobby pins
- \* Safety pins
- \* Small sewing kit or needle and thread
- \* Mirror
- \* Tissues
- \* small scissors
- \* Wipes
- \* Water bottle WITH DANCER'S NAME ON IT
- \* Medication if needed (inhalers, insulin, etc.)
- \* And a great smile / positive attitude!

Dancers who have multiple costumes (more than 3) might want to bring a rolling rack to keep their costumes on.

**Don't forget your recital t-shirt and black shorts or leggings for the finale too!**

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## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

1. How do I purchase tickets?

Tickets can be purchased online using the ticket link: <https://app.gostudiopro.com/tickets/spotlightpac> (copy paste this in your browser)

Tickets don't go on sale until May 1st, so this link will not work until that date. Tickets are only discounted for the FIRST week of sales. Share this link with your family and friends if they're buying their own tickets!

2. Do parents need to purchase tickets too? YES. Anyone over the age of 2 must purchase a ticket to the recital. We do not charge a "recital fee" to our students to help offset the cost of our recital. Therefore, we rely solely on ticket purchases to cover recital expenses. To hold our annual recital, we must pay for 2 days of the theater rental (dress rehearsal and recital days), permit for fire marshal, lighting / sound tech, janitorial service, dressing room chaperones, backstage runners, etc. Recital weekend is a huge expense for the studio, so ticket sales are essential.

3. If my child is in more than 1 dance, who will help her change?

Our chaperones backstage, (they will all be wearing name tags) as well as teaching staff, will help your child change costumes, tights, shoes, and hair accessories. If parents leave the auditorium after their child is finished dancing, helps change them backstage, enters the auditorium again to watch their next dance, and this happens throughout the showcase, it will be VERY distracting to other audience members. Unless your child is very young and still needs parental help getting dressed, then please remain in the auditorium and allow our chaperones and teachers to smoothly run the backstage process. If you would like to remain backstage with your child during the entire show rather than watching from the audience, that is completely fine, just be sure to tell your child's teacher ahead of time so we are made aware.

4. How will my child get on and off the stage?

Our chaperones will walk them from the dressing rooms to the stage in a line. Your child's teacher will line them up on the stage in their beginning formation. The chaperone will take them back to the dressing room after they finish dancing. Your child will NEVER be alone.

5. Do female dancers wear underwear under her tights?

NO. Tights act like underwear, so there is no need to wear both. Wearing underwear under tights is like wearing underwear under a bathing suit. Due to the cut of many of the costumes, especially tutus, underwear will stick out and show. If your child MUST wear underwear, please make sure it is skin-colored and cannot be seen under the costume. (Exceptions are made for children age 3 and under). If your child does NOT wear tights with her costume, skin-colored underwear is a must.

6. Why does my child need to wear makeup???

When performing on stage, the dancers are under very bright, colored lights. Facial features (eyes, cheek bones, lips) become extremely washed out under those lights, making it difficult to see your child's beautiful face! Makeup enhances those features under the bright stage lights. **(SEE MAKEUP / HAIR INSTRUCTION SHEET)**

7. Can my child wear jewelry? Nail polish?

NO jewelry (Except competition team dancers will wear their rhinestone earrings) NO nail polish on fingernails (or toenails if your child is in a lyrical or acro dance).

8. Will the showcase be recorded?

**Yes**, you will be able to purchase a dvd or a youtube link to your child's recital dances. Please fill out an order form in order to purchase this! We will have extra order forms available at the concessions table.

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9. What should my child wear to the theater? Please arrive in a warm up and then immediately change into your first costume. If it is raining or your child sits in a car seat or booster seat, I highly recommend wearing a warmup in the car and then changing into your costume when you arrive in the dressing room to avoid damaging your costume! Please have a lightweight robe, zip-up jacket, or button down shirt for over your costume. (You don't want to put a t-shirt over top and have to pull it off your head and ruin your hair or makeup). Hair and makeup must be completely finished upon arrival.

10. Can I stay in the dressing room with my child? Yes, a female parent or guardian can stay in the dressing area with your child if you wish to do so or if your child has any special medical needs. If you and your child are comfortable without you back there, please rest assure that we will have chaperones who will make sure your child is safe and staying on task. We will also have crayons, coloring books, etc to keep them busy. We ask that if you are volunteering to stay backstage with your child, then you remain backstage during the duration of the recital. We are not permitting parents to go back and forth between the audience and the dressing rooms during the entire show unless your child has an emergency. It is extremely distracting to the audience members who purchased tickets when people are standing up and walking in front of them during the entire show.

## **Helping to Stay Organized:**

- \* Make sure that you go through all your belongings before you leave the house to be assured that you have everything you need.
- \* Get your copy of the program and highlight the dances you are in. Keep this with you at all times. This will help you pace yourself and know what costume you need to change into during the show.
- \* For students in more than one dance, hang or put your costumes in order with shoes, tights, headpieces, etc so that everything is together.

**Now that we are in the last few weeks of classes leading up to our showcase, attendance is more important than ever! Teachers will be making sure your children are prepared and know their dances. If a dancer misses a lot of classes, he/she will feel under-prepared and then nervous about performing on stage. We want the dancers to be excited, not nervous! If your child is present for class each week, he/she will feel much more confident. Ask your child to practice at home! If your child never practices at home, he/she may not know the dance! We teachers do not expect perfection; however, we do want to put on a professional quality performance and showcase everything your children have learned during the year! They, as well as their teachers, have been working very hard! Please arrive to class on time, and please be at the studio 5 min early to pick your child up from class in case a teacher needs to hand out any information or have a brief, informative meeting with parents.**

Use this packet as a guide to help you stay organized the day of the recital. All parents please make sure that the dancers are healthy and well rested for the show. All students make sure to have fun and enjoy your special day. You have all worked very hard all year and should be so proud of your accomplishments!

**\* A RECITAL INFORMATION VIDEO WILL BE EMAILED TO PARENTS SO YOU CAN BE AS ORGANIZED AND PREPARED AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AFTER READING THROUGH THIS PACKET AND WATCHING THE VIDEO, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO EMAIL [SPOTLIGHTPAC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SPOTLIGHTPAC@GMAIL.COM) \***