



21ST ANNUAL RECITAL

HANDBOOK

THEATER ADDRESS

*David Brearley High School
401 Monroe Ave, Kenilworth, NJ*

DRESS REHEARSAL

*May 16th & 17th,
May 19th-22nd, &
May 27th & 28th*

RECITAL WEEKEND

*Saturday, May 31, 2025 &
Sunday, June 1, 2025*

Questions?

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*Find Your Dancer's
Dress Rehearsal &
Recital Information
In One Place!*

See Back Cover For Details!

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Hello, Fusion Families!

We are so excited for our 21st Annual Recital this Spring! Please take time to read through this handbook and familiarize yourself with our Recital policies.

For your convenience, Dress Rehearsal times and Recital show assignments can now be found in your Fusion Parent Portal online, on our website, and in the NEW Parent Portal App! (See the back cover of this handbook for details.)

Please visit, call, or email the office if you have any questions. We are happy to help guide you through our stress-free Recital experience!

— Fusion Dance Centre

IMPORTANT RECITAL DATES



Hang this packet on your fridge & save these dates in your phone! Trust us, Recital will be here before you know it!

APRIL 2025							MAY 2025							JUNE 2025						
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APRIL 5TH ●

Recital T-Shirt & Recital Program Ad orders are due online.

APRIL 30TH ●

Congratulatory Gifts & Treats pre-orders are due online.

MAY 18TH ●

Recital Tickets go on sale online. All account balances must be paid to purchase.

MAY 16TH & 17TH, ●
MAY 19TH - 22ND, &
MAY 27TH & 28TH

Dress Rehearsals onstage and Photos at David Brearley High School in Kenilworth, NJ.*

MAY 31ST ●
& JUNE 1ST

21st Annual Recital Weekend at David Brearley High School in Kenilworth, NJ.*

**Find your dancer's assigned Dress Rehearsal & Recital performance dates and times in your Parent Portal online or in the NEW Parent Portal App! See back cover for details.*

STUDIO CLOSING REMINDER:

The studio will be closed and there will be NO Dress Rehearsals on Memorial Day - Monday, May 26th!

Scan here to view our full 21st Season Calendar:



DUE APRIL 5TH

PROGRAM ADS

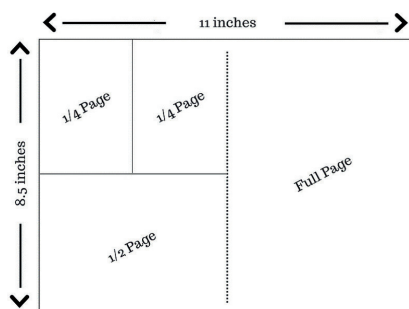
RECITAL PROGRAMS ARE COMPLIMENTARY BOUND BOOKLETS AND MAKE A FANTASTIC KEEPSAKE!

Send a message to your dancer on their special day or promote your business to an audience of THOUSANDS!

DANCER MESSAGES

Submit your Program Ad online at www.fdc.dance/recital-2025 by

April 5th. No ads will be accepted in person or via email.



These rates are ONLY for congratulatory Program Ads & Messages sent to dancers. Business Ads of any type must be done through our Business Sponsorship program.

ONE LINE **\$25** (10 words)

1/4 PAGE AD **\$60** (2.5" w x 4" h)

1/2 PAGE AD **\$100** (5" w x 4" h)

FULL PAGE AD **\$175** (5" w x 8" h)

- All ads will be printed in black and white.
- If you are including a photo of your dancer, please select a 1/2 page or full page ad.
- There is a \$15 fee to have your Program Ad designed by Fusion.

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS

Interested in learning more about being one of our Recital sponsors? Contact us at office@fdc.dance. Packages begin at \$150 and ALSO include social media posts!

MAKE THEIR BIG DAY UNFORGETTABLE!

RECITAL ORDERS

RECITAL T-SHIRTS

T-shirts \$25Online Orders Due 4/5

All shirts have the Recital artwork on the front and "cast member" on the back. A great way for your dancer to remember their big moment!

PROGRAM ADS

Various SizesOnline Orders Due 4/5

Send a special message to your dancer on their big day! See page 2 for more details.

CONGRATULATORY GIFTS & TREATS

Various PricesOnline Pre-orders Due 4/30

Celebrate your dancer's achievements with adorable stuffed animals, candy bouquets, and keepsakes! **Pre-ordering is highly recommended to ensure availability, as limited quantities and styles will be offered at the theater during Recital Weekend.** Please note, flower bouquets will only be available for purchase on Recital Days at the theater.

BUN KITS

Various Colors.....Purchase Online or In-studio While Supplies Last

Simplify your recital prep with one convenient Bun Kit! Each kit includes ponytail holders, a hair net, bobby pins, and a link to our bun video!

Make it their BEST. WEEKEND. EVER!
Order Recital Shirts, Program Ads, Bun Kits & Gifts here →



PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS

Package \$35Purchase Only at Dress Rehearsal

Digital photo packages of your Dancer in costume will be available for purchase at Dress Rehearsal ONLY. *See page 7 for more details.*

MAY 18TH

RECITAL TICKETS

RECITAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ONLINE BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 18TH

ONLINE PRICE PER TICKET: \$23

Customary online fees may apply

DOOR PRICE PER TICKET: \$28

If there are tickets remaining

You will be able to choose your individual, assigned seats on the ticket buying site. Tickets are first come, first served and will be sold online only until **Thursday, May 29th**, after which they may be purchased at the door, if available.

Each family will be assigned a unique code to gain access to the ticket purchasing site. To receive your code, all account balances, including May & June tuition, must be paid. **Codes will be emailed to you the week of May 5th.**

TO ELIMINATE POTENTIAL SITE CONGESTION, SALE TIMES WILL BE STAGGERED ON SUNDAY, MAY 18TH.

May 31st 9:00am show time - 10:00am sale time

May 31st 11:00am show time - 10:15am sale time

May 31st 1:00pm show time - 10:30am sale time

May 31st 3:00pm show time - 10:45am sale time

May 31st 5:00pm show time - 11:00am sale time

May 31st 7:00pm show time - 11:15am sale time

June 1st 9:15am show time - 11:30am sale time

June 1st 11:15am show time - 11:45am sale time

June 1st 1:15pm show time - 12:00pm sale time

June 1st 3:15pm show time - 12:15pm sale time

June 1st 5:30pm show time - 12:30pm sale time

- All ticket purchases to our 21st Annual Recital include a **complimentary Digital Download of the performance**. **Please note: This is NOT a livestream of the event. You will receive a download link via email AFTER recital weekend at a later date.*
- You must purchase a ticket for **each show** that you wish to attend.
- There are no limits to the number of tickets you may purchase. We have many Recitals so that there are plenty of seats for everyone and your dancer's entire fan club can attend!
- Ticket pricing is the same for children, adults, and seniors. Every child will need a ticket unless an infant can sit comfortably on your lap.



**Scan this QR code
on May 18th to
access ticket site**

FOR DRESS REHEARSAL & RECITAL STAGE-READY 101

HAIR & MAKEUP

Scan to
view our
Bun
Tutorial!



For both Dress Rehearsal and Recital, girls should have their hair in a low bun with NO BANGS. Bun Kits can be purchased on our website or at our office. **Please practice prior to Dress Rehearsal using the bun tutorial video on our website and our socials.**

Makeup is optional but **highly** recommended for both photos and the stage so your dancer's features are not washed out by the lights. Dancers should use neutral eyeshadows, blush, red or pink lipstick, and mascara.

Boys should wear chapstick and "do" their hair with gel or hairspray so that it does not fall in their eyes.

COSTUMES

Costumes will be sent home in the Spring after being tried on in class for proper fit. Please put your dancer's costume(s) in a safe place and only wear it on Dress Rehearsal and Recital Days! **We cannot guarantee a replacement if lost or damaged.** Instructions for how to wear any included accessories will be put on the garment bag for the costume.

Undergarments should NOT be seen onstage. Just like a bathing suit, girls should not wear underwear under the tights included with their costume. We highly recommend purchasing a back-up pair of tights from the office. Bras should have clear or skin-tone straps only.

Boys should wear socks that match their shoe color.

Colored nail polish or toe nail polish is not permitted onstage.



NO bracelets, necklaces, or dangling earrings are permitted; post earrings only. Please do NOT send your dancer to Dress Rehearsal or Recital with expensive jewelry, family heirlooms, or other valuables!

MAY 16TH & 17TH, MAY 19TH-22ND, & MAY 27TH & 28TH

DRESS REHEARSAL

DRESS REHEARSALS AND PHOTOS WILL BE
HELD AT DAVID BREARLEY HIGH SCHOOL
IN KENILWORTH, NJ.

Each class will have one assigned Dress Rehearsal / Photo time. Photos will be taken just before dancers rehearse. A detailed schedule can be found on our website, in your online Parent Portal, on the Parent Portal App, or at the Fusion office.

Please plan accordingly to have your dancer ready (costume, tights, shoes, hair, and makeup) prior to their assigned time so that Dress Rehearsal can remain on schedule.

- All dancers must attend their scheduled Dress Rehearsal in order to participate in the show.
- **Only one parent or guardian may accompany each dancer to Dress Rehearsal.** Dress Rehearsal is not open to additional family members.
- There will be a row in the auditorium labeled with your dancer's class. Upon arrival, please go to your row and put your dancer's shoes on so they are ready to go!
- Parents will remain in the auditorium while dancers are taking photos and rehearsing. **No Parents will be allowed backstage or in the photo area.** Dancers will be supervised by Fusion staff members at all times and escorted back to the auditorium at the conclusion of their rehearsal.
- Videotaping during Dress Rehearsal is allowed. Flash photography is prohibited.



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION!**

**SEE YOUR DANCER'S DRESS REHEARSAL DAY & TIME
ONLINE IN YOUR PARENT PORTAL:**

Set a calendar reminder because
rehearsal times may differ from
your dancer's class start time!



PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS

Photo packages of your dancer in costume will be available for purchase upon arrival at Dress Rehearsal.

Packages are \$35 for TWO full-resolution digital images, for download only. Links to download photos will be delivered by email in June.

PHOTO FAQ

Can I purchase a photo of my siblings together?

Siblings may take photos together. If their rehearsal times are not on the same day, both siblings may come dressed during one rehearsal time. Let Fusion Staff know upon arrival.

Can I preview the photos before purchasing? Will retakes be available?

To receive professional recital photos, a photo package must be purchased at Dress Rehearsal. Only dancers with a photo order will be photographed. Due to the volume of classes, photos cannot be previewed before purchase, and retakes are not available.

What if my dancer takes more than one class?

Each class/costume requires its own photo package. Packages cannot be split between two costumes.



MAY 31ST & JUNE 1ST

RECITAL WEEKEND

DROPPING YOUR DANCER OFF IN THE DRESSING ROOM

Fusion's dressing rooms are highly supervised and organized.

To keep the Recital experience **stress-free** for parents and **FUN** for dancers, we have some tried-and-true guidelines to follow!

BACKSTAGE GROUPS

To maintain organization in our Dressing Rooms, each dancer will be assigned to a group with other members of their class. Your dancer's group number will be emailed prior to the show. Fusion Staff will be on hand to assist you at all times.

CHECK-IN TIME



Dancers must be signed in **30 minutes** before showtime by **one chaperone**.

The **SAME chaperone** must sign them out at the end of the show.

*There are Assistant Teachers & FDC Event Staff backstage to assist with costume changes and bathroom breaks, so we **encourage you to relax and enjoy the show!***

CHAPERONE WRISTBANDS

For safety purposes, each chaperone will receive a wristband when their dancer is signed in to the Dressing Room. The wristband **MUST** be worn to enter the Dressing Room after the show begins and at pick-up. There are no exceptions.

- Water and snacks that are not sticky/won't stain costumes are permitted. Products with common allergens are not allowed in the dressing rooms.
- Please do not forget to remove your dancer's jewelry and to take it and other valuables with you.
- **For safety reasons, dancers must remain under the supervision of FDC Staff in the Dressing Room and backstage for the entire show. No exceptions.** Our shows are very short in duration and every dancer is brought back onstage to take a final bow and receive a medal! Siblings performing in the same show will be able to watch the livestream that our videographer sets up in the Dressing Room.

AUDIENCE ETIQUETTE

Recital Weekend is the highlight of our Fusion Dance Year! We want dancers to feel supported and encouraged for their big moment, but please note that this is NOT a sporting event. To remain respectful of the students onstage and their families in the audience, appropriate guidelines of theater etiquette will be followed and strictly enforced.

Audience members who do not comply with the following rules will be removed at the discretion of Fusion Staff & the Kenilworth Police Department.



Clapping, cheering, and dancing in your seat is always welcome! **Screaming or creating distractions of any kind while dancers are performing is not permitted.**



NO flash photography, videotaping, tablet or cellphone use during a performance. Flashes are dangerous for dancers onstage and screen light is distracting for audience members. Recording other people's children or the intellectual property of professional choreographers is illegal.



For your enjoyment, our shows are short with very little time between dance numbers! Therefore, everyone **MUST REMAIN SEATED DURING EACH DANCE.** Please do not stand up and block the view of other audience members and our videographer. **Doors will not be opened while a dance is onstage, no exceptions.**

WHEN EVERYONE PUTS THE DANCERS FIRST, RECITAL IS A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL!



RECITAL WEEKEND PARKING

Don't forget...every show starts ON TIME!

Please allow yourself extra time to park, and please remind members of your party that are arriving separately to do the same. All vehicles must be parked legally. Cars blocking fire lanes may receive a ticket from Kenilworth Police.

****Additional parking is available behind Harding Elementary School. Access from N 18th St.***

YOUR KEY TO RECITAL SUCCESS!

The Fusion Parent Portal has everything you need to know for a relaxed and organized recital season — all at your fingertips! **Access the Fusion Parent Portal from any web browser on computer, tablet, or phone - OR from our NEW Parent Portal APP!**

Login and find your dancer's:

- Dress Rehearsal Day & Time
- Recital Show Day & Time
- Stay tuned for exciting reveals of Recital costumes, choreography videos and music MP3s!



WANT ACCESS ON THE GO? DOWNLOAD THE FUSION PARENT PORTAL APP

Once you download the app, input the same username and password used for accessing your Fusion Parent account online. For password help, use "Forgot Password" in the app. *Be sure to check Spam for the reset password email.*

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