

Frequently Asked Questions

de•fine/ dance space is excited to announce our annual recital: A Decade of Define. **A Decade of Define** is our end of school year performance for all of our current students. Our philosophy at de•fine dance space is to provide an opportunity for all of our students to present to their families and friends the results of a year's hard work, dedication, and progress. All of our dancers, regardless of age or experience, are invited and encouraged to join us.

A large part of dance training is learning through performance, and this experience can build self-esteem & self confidence, resulting in better in-school presentations, improved social skills, and strong interview skills for future college or job opportunities. Our recital offers all of our students

General Information

When is the **A Decade of Dance**?

June 13th: Dress Rehearsal, 4pm-9pm (dancers are not required for the entire time)

June 14th: 2 Shows, 11am & 3pm (dancers perform in both shows)

Are dancers required to participate in recital?

Dance is a performance art; however, we understand that some students do not wish to participate in the performing aspect of dance. Participation is not required for our recreational dancers; however it is highly encouraged for the memories, benefits, and positive experience. Once your child has committed to the recital, we expect the dancer to attend class on a regular basis. Good classroom attendance is vital to prepare for their time on stage. Dancers who choose not to participate in the recital will still learn the dance with the entire class. Dancers will continue to progress in their technical development while learning choreography.

Performance Information

How much of the class time is dedicated to learning the performance piece?

All recital numbers will rehearse during regularly scheduled classes, usually in 15 minute increments at the beginning. All the dances will be made up of steps that the students have been working on in the classroom. We will continue to teach curriculum

throughout the season and will not spend the entire class period working on the recital dance until right before show time..

Are parents allowed backstage before or during the Performance?

No.

We are fully staffed backstage with our amazing group of instructors, and we've become experts at mitigating chaos, keeping our dancers entertained, and developing a clear check-in and check-out process. We do also take a limited number of Parent volunteers for each show. We understand that this policy can be intimidating for our newer families and younger dancers; however, as backstage space is limited, we have found that this policy is what works best for all involved.

What can my young child expect to happen backstage during the Performance?

Teachers, staff, and alumni will escort the dancers to their designated area. Your dancer will stay in the staging area with their class until their class performs. After the performance, your child will return to the same staging area for the rest of the show. Your child will be supervised at all times. We provide snacks, activities, and games for our youngest dancers to fill their time. We work hard to keep our shows at 2.5 hours max, so the time will fly by as they are making new friends or doing an art project to share with you.

Can I volunteer to help backstage during the Performance?

Yes.

We will open up spots to parents as dressing room volunteers for the duration of 1 show. These spots will be made available sometime in May. If you choose to volunteer, you will be attending to all students in a given dressing room. This allows parents of young dancers to opportunity to ease them into their first day show, while ensuring that teachers can focus on getting students on and off stage.

How long will each show be?

All performances are approximately 2½ hours long with at least a 45 minute break in between each show.

What if my child refuses to perform on the day of the show?

It happens! Do not be alarmed or embarrassed or insert any other emotion. While we encourage each child to perform, we will not force any child to go on stage. Some children can feel overwhelmed or scared by the setting and the audience. If your child does not go on stage for the performance, you will be notified immediately of the situation. In most cases, with a little help from teacher or class assistant, we can get them onto stage and they love it.

Where do I pick up my child after the show?

To ensure a calm and safe dismissal, you will be directed to a specific area of the theater to pick up your child. All dancers are color-coded, and our thorough check-in/check-out process ensures the safety of your child. Check-out will happen at the same location as check-in.

Can I retrieve my dancer at the end of their performance before the entire show is finished?

No*. We **CANNOT RELEASE** any student before the end of a show, for the safety of our students. ***Any exception must be addressed with the Director prior to the week of the performance.***

**any dancer enrolled in our "Tiny Dancers" class can be picked up at intermission and return to the audience with a Parent. These will all be arranged prior to the start of show.*

Can I take photographs/video of the performances?

No.

No photography of any kind is ever permitted - for the safety of your child (it can temporarily blind your child, disorienting your child, causing your child to trip or fall and get hurt). Also, the light emitted by these devices (screen, red lights, etc.) are ***extremely*** distracting to audience members. Photos may be taken outside the theater before or after the show or rehearsal.

Costume Information

What type of costume can I expect?

We believe in highlighting the dancer and providing as much value as possible. All dancers will need 1-2 costumes for the recital. We try to cap your cost at \$125. Costumes will be purchased from our square store between April 7th & April 19th. All details will be provided.

When will we receive the costume?

All costumes will be handed out at the studio in the 2 weeks prior to recital. Please stop by the desk between 4:00-7:00 p.m. to pick it up. All costumes must be picked up before dress rehearsal on June 13th. Please do not allow your dancer to play with the costume until after the recital.

Ticket Information

Do I Need a Ticket for Both Shows?

Yes.

Each show requires a separate ticket, and everyone sitting in a seat will require their own ticket.

Do I need to purchase a ticket for my 2-year old?

A child age 2 or younger may sit on your lap during the performance; therefore, you **will not** need to purchase a ticket. Please remember strollers and car seats cannot be in the aisles.

What are the procedures for the Ticket Sale?

Tickets will be available for purchase online beginning at 9 a.m. on June 1st. The link will be posted to our website, posted on our Instagram, and sent out via email. There is no limit of tickets per family. Tickets will be available up until showtime or until the show sells out.