



DANCE CENTER EVANSTON

Recital 2024: Primary Division

Sunday, June 2 at 1:30pm

Information for Pre-Ballet 1, Pre-Ballet 2, Ballet 1, Intro Modern, Modern 1, Primary Tap, Intro Tap, Boys Dance, and Everybody Dance 5-11.

See separate handouts for all other classes (Tippy Toes, Student Division, and Academy Program).

Welcome to Recital 2024! We are very excited to wrap up our 30th anniversary season with our annual performances, and we know you are too. With a production of this scale, it's our job to keep you informed and prepared so everyone has a positive performance experience. Please take a moment to thoroughly read all of the information and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. We're looking forward to seeing you on the stage!

DRESS REHEARSALS

Each class has a **mandatory** dress rehearsal at **North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie (NSCPAS)** at 9501 Skokie Blvd on SATURDAY, JUNE 1. See **ONSTAGE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE** for the exact time. **If a dancer is not on stage for the mandatory dress rehearsal, they will not be able to participate in the performance of that piece.**

- Dancers should arrive with their families through the **FRONT MAIN LOBBY ENTRANCE** at least 15 minutes early in costume and ready for rehearsal.
- Due to updates in NSCPAS security policy, *please try to limit the number of family members* there to observe/assist the dancers on the rehearsal day. See **AUDIENCE ENTRY & SAFETY** for more information.
- For rehearsal, dancers and their accompanying family member(s) should enter the theater and take a seat until it's time to begin. Please find a seat quietly so as not to distract from any ongoing rehearsal.
- Each dress rehearsal slot begins with dancers being called to the stage; then each class will have an opportunity to rehearse their dance. Parents/family members are welcome to watch, take pictures (no flash), and/or record the rehearsal. Cameras and recording devices are not allowed during the actual performance. See VIDEOS & PHOTOS for video details.
- We conclude the rehearsal by practicing how the dancers will be dismissed. Dancers are to be picked up in the lobby at the end of their rehearsal slot.

PERFORMANCES

Each class performs in the **SUNDAY, JUNE 2** performance at **1:30pm**. The show runs about one hour with no intermission.

- Dancers arrive at **1:00pm** at the **FRONT MAIN LOBBY ENTRANCE**.
- Bring your dancer completely dressed and ready to perform (no outer layers or street shoes) to the roped-off area located by the doors nearest to the front entry. Older dancers serving as helpers will greet the younger dancers and escort them to the stage while audience members take their seats.
- **All dancers remain onstage with their teachers and helpers for the full performance.** Staff will be on hand to assist them if they need to use the bathroom, change costumes, etc. At the end of the show, the audience remains in their seats while dancers are escorted to the lobby. Dancers stay in the lobby with their class and helper until picked up by their family. Classes can be located in the lobby by means of colored balloons which will be explained and practiced at dress rehearsal.

TICKETS

Tickets go on sale **Sunday, April 28 at 10:00am** through the NSCPAS Box Office. Tickets are \$21.00 for adults and \$16.00 for children ages 3-12. Attendees ages 2 and under are free but still need to arrange for a ticket through the NSCPAS box office. Regular box office hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11:00am-5:00pm, closed Sundays & Mondays. The box office phone number is **847-673-6300**.

There are three ways to buy tickets:

1. **In-Person at the NSCPAS Box Office (RECOMMENDED):** There is no surcharge for tickets purchased in-person at the NSCPAS box office, so you pay only the base ticket price listed above. DCE staff will be present on Sunday, April 28 at 10:00am when tickets first go on sale to assist families with any questions.
2. **Phone:** NSCPAS applies a **\$4.00 surcharge per ticket** on tickets bought over the phone. Call 847-673-6300 to place an order.
3. **Online:** NSCPAS applies a **\$4.00 surcharge per ticket** plus an additional **\$4.50 surcharge per order** for tickets purchased online. A link for online ticket purchases will be available on the DCE website and emailed out to families.

Please note: the surcharges applied to ticket orders placed online and over the phone go to NSCPAS directly. DCE does not receive any funds from the additional surcharges; they are instated by the theater and the theater's ticketing service.

All seats are reserved. Please buy only the number of tickets needed, and buy them early, because the shows are very well attended. NSCPAS does not allow ticket returns or exchanges.

AUDIENCE ENTRY & SAFETY

North Shore Center now provides guests, performers, and employees with enhanced safety procedures including the screening of all guests and their carry-in bags or purses for any prohibited items. They ask all guests to arrive early and travel light. **Each guest must have a ticket to gain entrance to the venue for performances.** Upon arrival for both the performance and the rehearsals, all guests are subject to visual inspections of all purses or bags as well as hand-held metal detection screenings. Purses or bags larger than 12" x 6" x 12" are not permitted. Diaper bags and medical bags will be permitted and subject to search. Clear bags are encouraged to keep the entry process moving quickly. No re-entry is permitted once a guest's ticket is scanned. For additional information about the NSCPAS security policy and procedure, please visit <https://northshorecenter.org/plan-your-visit/safety-entry-procedures/>.

COSTUMES & APPEARANCE

Dancers wear their dress code base plus one costume item that has been ordered through the DCE office. Most costume invoices were emailed in March and payment is due now.

- Dancers who dance in more than one class should come dressed in their first costume with their other costume pieces and dress code items in a bag clearly marked with their name. They will be assisted by DCE staff with costume changes backstage. See **MANDATORY ONSTAGE REHEARSALS** below for performance order.
- Hair for all dancers should be styled neatly off of the face and neck so that it is secure and stays in place while dancing. Suggested styles include buns, puffs, cornrows, braids, French twists, etc.
- No glitter, no watches/jewelry (small stud earrings okay), and no nail polish (skin-tone/clear okay) are allowed on stage.
- Costume pieces will begin to be distributed in classes mid-May. Please label all costume pieces and items brought to the theater with the dancer's name or initials.

VIDEOS & PHOTOS

Filming and photography are not permitted in the theater during performances.

- NSCPAS staff will take away cameras if seen in the theater during performances. At dress rehearsals, you may film or take photographs (no flash), as long as it is not distracting to the dancers or staff.
- Performances will be recorded and edited by HMS Media, an Emmy award-winning production company. HMS provides a two-camera shoot allowing for both close-up and wide shots. Each dancer will receive a code-protected digital link to all three recitals for download or streaming free of charge. These links are typically made available by the end of July.
- DCE Photographer Matt Glavin will be taking photos during some rehearsals of students and staff. These photos are informal and used for DCE archival and promotional purposes. Not every dancer will have their photo taken.

SHOUT OUTS & FLOWERS

- A personal note for your dancer(s) makes the program a special keepsake. For \$5.00, you can have a small block of up to 15 words included in the program to express your pride or offer congratulations. To purchase a Shout Out, please fill out the digital form through the QR code, provided on the DCE website, or sent out via email, or you can stop by the office for a printed form.
- **NEW THIS YEAR: Flowers can be pre-ordered or purchased day-of!** Dancing Flowers will be selling fresh flowers in the lobby before and after each performance. Pre-order half-dozen or full-dozen bouquets through the QR code and pick up your order at the kiosk on the day of the event, or stop by their display at the lobby to purchase on the day.

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ATTENDANCE

Excellent attendance in classes is crucial leading up to recital performances for all students' safety, confidence, and enjoyment of the process. Students with excessive absences this session may not be able to participate in the recital performance for their class(es). Please make every effort to attend class if it is safe to do so. If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms or test positive for COVID-19, please stay home and inform us of your situation. Please note that there are no make-up classes after Spring Break as we prepare for recital performances.

Saturday, June 1, 2024 - MANDATORY Onstage Rehearsals

at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

This list is in performance order for the **Sunday, June 2 1:30pm** show.

Saturday, June 1

1:00-2:15pm

Dancers arrive at 12:45pm.

Ballet 1 WED / Shelby
Pre-Ballet 1 MON / Calyn
Intro Modern TUE / Olivia
Pre-Ballet 2 MON / Calyn
Ballet 1 THU / Genie
Pre-Ballet 1 SAT 10:00 / Olivia
Primary Tap WED / Lindsay
Ballet 1 SAT / Trish
Boys Dance MON / Mike

Saturday, June 1

2:45-4:00pm

Dancers arrive at 2:30pm.

Pre-Ballet 1 THU / Calyn
Pre-Ballet 2 SAT / Olivia
Intro Tap WED / Lindsay
Ballet 1 TUE / Wendy
Pre-Ballet 1 SAT 11:45 / Olivia
Pre-Ballet 2 TUE / Wendy
Everybody Dance SAT / Trish
Modern 1 MON / Enid