



DANCE CENTER EVANSTON

Recital 2025: Upper Primary Division

Sunday, June 1 at 2:00pm

Information for Pre-Ballet 2, Ballet 1, Intro Modern, Modern 1, Intro Tap, Beginning Boys, Primary 3

See separate handouts for all other classes (Tippy Toes, Pre-Ballet 1, Student Division, and Academy Program.)

Welcome to Recital 2025! We are very excited to wrap up our 31st 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!

ARRIVAL AT THE THEATER

Rehearsals and performances are held at the beautiful **North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie (NSCPAS) at 9501 Skokie Blvd**, just south and east of Old Orchard Mall.

- **NEW THIS YEAR: All dancers are to be dropped off at the BACKSTAGE DOOR for both rehearsals and performances.** To find this entrance, go to the BACK PARKING LOT on the east side of the building (the opposite side from Skokie Blvd), and go all the way into the parking lot. The backstage door is at the top of the ramp next to the loading dock. Look for the DCE sign marking the entrance. Dancers will check in with a DCE staff member and be lead to their spot on the stage by a helper.
- **IMPORTANT UPDATE for 2025: Due to changes in security policy from NSCPAS, no parents/guardians/family will be permitted to observe rehearsals.** Dancers will be dropped off and picked up from the backstage door. The lobby will be closed and only dancers and teachers/staff will be permitted in the theater during rehearsals.
- For performances, dancers will be dropped off at the backstage door and family/audience members will come in through the main lobby doors, see **TICKETS & AUDIENCE ENTRY** for additional information.

DRESS REHEARSALS

Each class has a **mandatory** dress rehearsal at the theater in the afternoon on **SATURDAY, MAY 31**. See **REHEARSAL SCHEDULE** for detailed information. **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 grown-up through the **BACKSTAGE DOOR** at least 15 minutes early in costume and ready for rehearsal.
- Dancers will leave their street shoes and outerwear with their grown-up before being escorted backstage by a DCE staff member or helper.
- If a dancer is rehearsing multiple dances, please arrive wearing the first costume listed for that rehearsal block. There will be 'quick change' rooms backstage for dancers needing to change costumes, assisted by DCE staff. Please bring your second (and third) costumes and dance shoes in a bag labeled with your name to place backstage.

PERFORMANCE

Each class performs in the **SUNDAY, JUNE 1** performance at **2:00pm**. The show runs about one hour with no intermission.

- Dancers arrive by **1:30pm** at the **BACKSTAGE DOOR** for the 2:00pm show, so 30 minutes before the start of the show.
- **All dancers for these performances remain onstage when they are not dancing. Dancers are not dismissed until the entire performance has finished.** They will go to the lobby as a group and meet family members after the show. No parents/family members are allowed backstage during the performance.
- **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 assigned to their class and visible from stage during the performance.

COSTUMES & APPEARANCE

Dancers wear their dress code base plus one costume item that has been ordered through the DCE office. Most costume invoices have already been sent out and payment is due now.

- Students 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 marked with their name. They will be assisted by DCE staff with costume changes backstage.
- 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. Simple stage make-up is permitted but not required.
- 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.

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 (March 24-30) as we prepare for recital performances.

Saturday, May 31, 2025 - MANDATORY Onstage Rehearsal Schedule

at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

This list is in performance order for the **Sunday, June 1, 2:00pm** show.

Saturday, May 31

2:15-3:15pm

Dancers arrive by **2:00pm**.

Modern 1 TUE / Lindsay
 Ballet 1 MON / Anaya
 Pre-Ballet 2 SAT / Jill
 Intro Tap WED / Lindsay
 Ballet 1 SAT / Jill
 Pre-Ballet 2 WED / Julie Chapnick
 Ballet 1 TUE / Wendy

Saturday, May 31

3:45-4:45pm

Dancers arrive by **3:30pm**.

Ballet 1 WED / Shelby
 Pre-Ballet 2 TUE / Olivia
 Beginning Boys MON / Mike
 Ballet 1 THU / Calyn
 Intro Modern THU / Rae
 Primary 3 THU / Béa

TICKETS

Tickets go on sale **Sunday, May 4 at 11:00am** through the NSCPAS Box Office. Please see the ticket price breakdown below:

Orchestra Rows A-J: \$29	Orchestra Boxes: \$29	All Other Orchestra Rows: \$25
Balcony: \$22	Balcony Boxes: \$25	Children Ages 3-12: \$18
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:

- 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, May 4 at 11:00am when tickets first go on sale to assist families with any questions.
- Phone:** NSCPAS applies a \$4.25 surcharge per ticket on tickets bought over the phone. Call 847-673-6300 to place an order.
- Online:** NSCPAS applies a \$4.25 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 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.** Upon arrival for performances through the main lobby doors, 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/>.

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.
- 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 code-protected digital links to all four 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:



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, the link on the DCE website, or sent out via email, or you can stop by the office for a printed form. Shout Outs are due by **Saturday, May 10**.
- **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.

Questions? Call us at 847-328-6683, email us at dce@dancecenterevanston.com, or stop by the office. We're happy to help!