



DOXA ARTS ACADEMY DANCE AND ACRO RECITAL HANDBOOK

*A go-to guide for recital information
2026 Spring Recital*

Recital Day

May 30th, 10am & 3pm

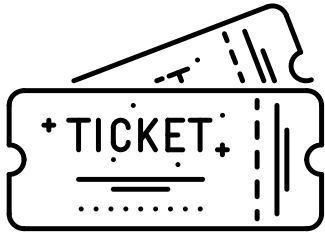
Love Auditorium, Bryant, AR



As a former dance student and now dance mom I understand your position on how stressful and confusing recital weekends can be when you are a new dance parent. My hope is that with this handbook I can answer some of your questions and ease your mind about what the recital will look like.

Anna Bowman, director

TICKETING



For the first time we will be selling recital tickets, to help offset facility rental and production costs; tickets will be available for easy online purchase beginning in early April.

A FEW THINGS TO NOTE:

- Tickets will be available for sell online through our website early April.
- If your child is dancing in both shows there is no need to attend both performances. You can attend one and drop off your dancer for the other show. However, if you would like to attend both, a 2-Show ticket bundle will be available to purchase.
- Recitals goods, (bouquets, candy boxes etc) will be available for easy purchase alongside your tickets.
- We will send out more details about when and where and how to purchase tickets.



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Important Dates

Recital Photos

Photo orders must be placed online through our website store. Please bring your child during their designated photo week to their normal class time dressed in their complete costume (shoes, hair, accessories, tights, etc.). We will not dance during the day of your child's class photo and Dress Rehearsal on June 6th will be counted as a make-up class. Mrs. Anna has many hats, one being a professional photographer! She takes the photos and then processes and edits over 200 dance, acro and co-op student photos. Processing that many photos is a time consuming process and we ask for your patience. All photos will be delivered digitally via email.

In-Studio Required Rehearsals

Ballet students only

Saturday, May 2nd at Doxa Arts Academy time TBD

Saturday, May 16th at Doxa Arts Academy time TBD

On-Stage Dress Rehearsal

Friday, May 29th at Bryant Highschool Love Auditorium

Recital Day

Saturday, May 30th at Bryant Highschool Love Auditorium,

Recital A - 10am & Recital B - 3pm

Photo Weeks/Dates

April 13-18th

April 20-24th

May 1st

Refer to the back of this booklet for detailed photo scheduled information.



Recital Flowers and Gifts

Doxa provides the service of personalized Doxa bunnies, small bouquets, and candy boxes (a great option for boys) on recital day.

We offer these as a fundraiser to help defer recital costs associated with the professional facility rental without the need to pass on more costs to our families. In all things, we strive to keep costs as low as possible, in many cases passing on wholesale prices without adding a percentage for profit. Again, it's our mission to make dance accessible to all.

Place orders online at DoxaArtsAcademy.com/shop. Please order promptly!

The deadline for orders is FRIDAY, MAY 15th.

Dance Recital Etiquette

Is this your first dance recital as a performer? Your first time attending a dance recital?

Welcome to our recital! To ensure everyone enjoys the performance, please keep the following in mind:

- **Seating:** Fill seats efficiently and avoid leaving single empty seats. Small seat-saving is fine, but large groups should wait to be seated together or be prepared to split up. Children must remain seated.
 - **Devices:** Turn off all phones and electronics. No texting, talking, or screen use during the performance.
 - **Entering/Exiting:** Please do not enter or leave during performances unless it's an emergency. Use intermission for breaks.
 - **Photos & Videos:** Allowed, but no flash. Be mindful not to block the view of others.
 - **Applause:** Cheer and applaud to support our dancers, but please avoid shouting or screaming.
 - **Stay Until the End:** Remain seated until the curtain call is complete and house lights come up.
 - **Backstage:** Only dancers, instructors, and volunteers are permitted backstage.
 - **Flowers & Gifts:** Giving flowers is a lovely tradition but not required. Pre-orders are available through our website.
- Most importantly—relax and enjoy the show! Our dancers have worked hard and appreciate your support.

Program Ads

Spring Recital
PROGRAM ADS

DEADLINE: APRIL 17TH

**ADVERTISE
YOUR BUSINESS
OR HIGHLIGHT
YOUR DANCER
IN OUR SPRING
RECITAL
PROGRAM!**

AD PRICES

¼ PAGE AD=\$25

½ PAGE AD=\$50

FULL PAGE=\$100



SCAN TO SUBMIT YOUR AD
THROUGH THE GOOGLE
FORM LINK

Backstage

Each class is supervised by assigned volunteers. Please note that no snacks are allowed backstage, so be sure your child has a snack beforehand.

We will provide coloring supplies for younger students and may play a movie while they wait to perform.

Please do not send valuables, electronics, or loud toys. Quiet toys are welcome.

Volunteer Coordinator

We are excited to announce the return of Samantha Moores, one of our very own Doxa Moms. Samantha will be the Volunteer Coordinator and will be managing all volunteer teams. If you are interested in volunteering we have several teams with various time commitments.

Doxa has grown year after year and we would love to have you join us in making our production better than ever!

In-Studio Rehearsal Signup

During the two In-Studio Rehearsals, we need parents to assist with coordinating the groups for each recital session. Please go to the QR Code to let us know your availability to assist.



Recital Volunteer Teams

- 1. Pre-Show Set Up Front of House
Photobooth Team
Pre-Show Sep Up Back of House
Stage Setup Team, Prop Setup Team
- 2. During Recital (Pre-Show) Front of House
Programs & Tickets Team
During Recital Back of House
Check-In Team (Pre-Show), Room Leader Team, Class Parent Team (Think Room Mom), Props Manager, Stage Runners, Design Crew (Stage Hands)
- 3. After Recital Front of House
Check Out Team, Photobooth Take Down Team, Stage Design Take Down Team, Room Sweep Team

We want to respect your time as your volunteer. Teams have various time commitments from 30 minutes to the full recital. Volunteer where you can commit a short amount of time or the full recital!

To sign up for any slot, please scan the QR code.



Class Parents

We have opportunities for parents to volunteer backstage during the recital as a class parent. For this position, parents will arrive early to the theater to receive students. Parents will be able to see their child dance on stage either from the audience or from the wings. After a class has been dismissed the Class Parents can be let go to sit in the audience for the remainder of the show.



Hair and Make Up

Tights

Each costume comes with a pair of tights provided for the stage.

These tights are meant for the stage only. Do not wear performance tights to class prior to the show or to the dress rehearsal.

Shoes

All shoes, even company students, need to have their shoes labeled with their names.

Shoes should be clean and ready to be danced in on stage.

Hair

All girls need to wear their hair in a slicked-back LOW bun unless otherwise specified. There are many YouTube bun tutorials if you need help. QR codes are provided that are approved by staff.

Use plenty of bobby pins and hair spray so that a bun doesn't need to be put up again backstage.

Makeup

Preschool students are not required to wear makeup but can wear light makeup at the parent's discretion.

For older students, some pink blush, mascara, and red lip stick can help to prevent a washed out look under stage lights.



low ballet bun tutorial



short hair ballet bun tutorial

Open your camera app and point at the code. Click the link that pops up.

Costuming

We spend many hours curating the best costume for each student. We strive for modesty in each style. Also, as parents, we are mindful of the costs associated with costumes and make all efforts to find affordable pieces that work for the dances.

Each class will need to have all shoes, costume pieces, and tights for their dances. Please put your child's name inside their shoes easily visible in black or silver Sharpie. Label all items such as costumes, skirts, etc. Accessories can be put in a ziploc bag labeled with their name. DAA is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Costume Fees

Costume fees are due listed in your parent portal. Until the fee is paid and tuition is up to date, costumes cannot be released to the student.

Once costumes are ordered there are no refunds. Any shipping fees incurred to exchange costumes will be billed to the parent.

Distribution

Costume orders will be placed after students are measured in class. Depending on the costume house, orders will arrive at various times.

Costumes will be tried on in class to ensure proper fit and inspect the quality. Several companies are trending small this year so be aware we may need to exchange a costume. Costumes will be allowed to be taken home if tuition balances are paid in full on the student's account.

Once at home, the costumes should not be worn until photo week and recital weekend. If the costume has a tulle skirt or fabrics that wrinkle, consider hanging the costume in a garment bag to release the wrinkles. Often, if a costume is destroyed the likelihood of getting a replacement is slim due to the recital season for studios across the country placing orders.

Recital Videography

We will video the performances on stage and upload to our YouTube account so that you can share with family members who may not be able to attend.

Theater Opening/Recital Day

Drop Off



Pick Up



Upon arrival at the theater on recital day, follow the signs to the backstage area drop-off point. You will be given a lanyard with your child's name on it. To pick up your child return the lanyard to the check in desk.

Once the student has been dropped off we ask that no parents go backstage after that. For our youngest dancers seeing parents again can upset them. We have loving capable staff and volunteers that are excited to take care of your children.

We will dismiss the students to their dressing rooms after the final bow. Parents can pick up their child at the checkout desk. Please be patient during the pickup process. We know you will be excited to see your child after their performance so please extend grace as we ensure each child is safely picked up.

If a student must be picked up early out of necessity, arrangements must be made before the day of rehearsal. This is for everyone's safety.

On recital day feel free to take photos in the lobby at the photo booth. Take time to commemorate the special day and tag us on social media!

The theater opens one hour before showtime. Seating is first-come, first-served. The recital runs about 2.5 hours with a 15-minute intermission.

Flower and gift orders can be picked up in the lobby before the end of the show.

Our preschool and kindergarten dancers perform in the first two sections and remain backstage with staff and volunteers before and after they dance. During intermission, please deliver any messages for dancers to the drop-off desk so volunteers can assist.

We encourage families to stay for the entire performance. Supporting all dancers ensures a full audience for every performer and allows younger students to be inspired by the older dancers.

Another aspect of this is if families leave at intermission, dancers in the final section have an empty audience to perform for, which is quite disheartening after working 6 months on dances.

MANDATORY Dress Rehearsal

Dress rehearsal will be the day before recital day. We encourage everyone to attend so that instructors can set staging and students can be familiar with their spots on the stage, as well as setting lighting and cues. This is especially important for the little ones to become familiar with their new surroundings and feel confident. We strive to keep a timely dress rehearsal so **please arrive 15-20 minutes before your classes assigned start time to allow for check-in.**

Parents of 2-15 year olds (non-drivers):

PARENTS MUST STAY IN THE AUDIENCE THE DURATION OF THEIR CLASS REHEARSAL.

Under no circumstances will a child be allowed to be dropped off. We cannot be responsible for unattended children.

All Students:

Students will be dismissed by Mrs. Anna once they are finished with their class rehearsal.

Dress Rehearsal Schedule

Bryant Highschool Love Auditorium - Friday, May 29th

Time	Class(es)
10-10:30am	Advanced Lyrical Acro
10:30-11am	Toddler C+D/Diamond
11-11:30am	Toddler A+B/Pearl
11:30-12pm	Sapphire/Opal
12-12:30pm	Emerald MT/Onyx MT
12:30-1pm	Jr Hip Hop/Amber
1-1:30pm	Turquoise/Amethyst
1:30-2pm	Onyx Lyrical/Emerald Lyrical
2-2:30pm	Fri Elem 1/Fri Elem 2
2:30-3pm	Fri Middle/Fri Jr-Sr
3-3:30pm	Topaz/Garnet

Time	Class(es) continued
3:30-4pm	Wed Prek/Wed Elem
4-4:30pm	Wed Middle
4:30-5pm	Wed Jr/Wed Sr
5-5:30pm	Wed Sr/PP/Pointe/Main Characters
5:30-6pm	Redeemers Promise Celebration
6-6:30pm	PrePointe
6:30-7pm	Pointe 1-3
7-7:30pm	New Beginnings/Noami's Joy
7:30-8pm	Beg-Int and Int-Adv Acro
8-8:30pm	
8:30-9pm	

Recital Casting

This is not the show order

Recital A - 10am	Recital B - 3pm
Toddler C & D	Toddler A & B
Turquoise	Pearl
Diamond	Amethyst
Sapphire	Opal
Amber	Garnet
Topaz	Pre-Pointe 1 & 2
Pre-Pointe 1 & 2	Pointe 1, 2, & 3
Pointe 1, 2 & 3	All Friday Co-op Classes
All Wednesday Co-op Classes	Advanced Lyrical Acro
Advanced Lyrical Acro	Emerald Lyrical Modern
Emerald Musical Theater	Onyx Lyrical Modern
Onyx Musical Theater	Beginning-Advanced Acro
Junior Hip Hop	Senior Solos

Class Photo Info

Look below to find your child's class photo time. If you are unsure of which class your child is in please log into your parent portal to find the class name.

1. Photo orders are due April 10th. Order online at doxaartsacademy.com/shop.
2. Photo packages are based on the number of costumes you want your child to be photographed in. A la carte options are also available.
 - a. For our younger combo classes with 2 in 1 costumes, typically 1 ballet and 1 tap or jazz, are considered 2 separate costumes and a 2 costume photo package needs to be purchased for both costumes to be photographed.
3. Students should arrive in costume with all shoes and costume pieces with them.
4. Students should have hair and makeup done (if applicable) according to the information in this handbook.
5. Individual photos will be taken until all students are present and we will do a group photo then. Once the group photo is taken, students may leave as they finish photos.

Photo Week 1: April 13-18th		
Monday 4/13	Tuesday 4/14	Wednesday 4/15
4pm Turquoise	2pm Garnet Dance 2	Co-Op Grades:
5pm Amber Dance 2	3:15 Toddler A	PreK
6pm Pointe 1	4pm Emerald MT	Elementary
	5pm Opal	Middle
	6pm Toddler B/D	
	6:30pm PrePointe 1 & 2	

Thursday 4/16	Friday 4/17	Saturday 4/18
3:15pm Toddler C	Co-Op Grades: Elementary	9am Beginning Acro
4pm Topaz		10am Int/Adv Acro
5pm Emerald Lyrical/Modern		10am Adv Lyrical Acro
6pm Amethyst		11am Onyx Musical Theater
		11am Onyx Lyrical Modern

Photo Week 2: April 20-21, 29 & May 1st		
Monday 4/20	Tuesday 4/21	Wednesday 4/29
4pm Jr. Hip Hop	4pm Sapphire	Co-Op Grades:
5pm Diamond		Junior and Senior

Friday 5/1
Co-Op Grades:
Middle
Junior
Senior



ORDERS MUST BE PLACED ONLINE BY APRIL 10TH. SCAN TO ORDER NOW!

Checklist

Refer to this in the weeks before the recital to start prepping items for the stage.



Before Recital

- Name on all shoes, costume bags, etc
- Pack accessories in ziplock bag with name
- Check costume for wrinkles
- Pack all shoes in costume/dance bag
- Purchase bobby pins, hairnets, hairspray

Recital isn't a one day event. It will take several days of thorough preparation to ensure a smooth, stress free day. Gather items needed the week prior. Make checklists to help keep in order!



Recital Day

- Bring costume bag with all costumes, accessories, and shoes
- Have hair and makeup done before arrival
- Pack a well sealed water bottle with name, no snacks backstage
- Double check costumes and accessories
- Arrive in costume with street shoes (elementary students)

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