



Dear Parents, Dancers and Friends,

As we head into the recital, here is some general information that should help you navigate the few weeks. Hopefully, all the thought and planning that has gone into our year end recital will enable our events to run as smoothly as possible, building excitement and creating fun memories along the way. It has been a wonderful year, and we look forward to sharing accomplishments and progress with everyone. As always, important information is posted online, so please check our website for answers to questions about schedules, tickets, recital day expectations and pictures: www.virtuositypas.com. If you still find a question unanswered, please ask your instructor, or our wonderful office staff.

Tickets

Everyone occupying a seat in the auditorium must purchase a ticket. All tickets are reserved seating. If purchased online, tickets are \$10 each May 14th-20th, then \$12 each from May 21st –June 7th. Tickets purchased June 8th-10th are \$15 each. Other than infants who will not be occupying their own seat, everyone entering the auditorium will be required to have a ticket, either printed out or on their mobile device. Should there be any unsold tickets at the time of the show, they will be available at the door.

Order tickets here: <http://www.virtuositypas.eventbrite.com>

Be sure you are certain which show to purchase tickets for, as we are performing five shows this year. Refer to the recital information page online at <http://virtuositypas.com/year-end>

Costumes

Please confirm with your dancer's instructor what the expectations are for costumes. In most cases, dancers will be required to provide specific shoes which are not included in the costume, and legwear (tights), which may or may not be included in the costume. These items may be purchased in the pro shop on 10th Ave.

Please be sure your dancer is outfitted in full costume on picture day/dress rehearsal, and, of course, the recital. Costumes may be taken home once they've arrived, provided they have been paid for in full. In some cases they may need to be slightly altered, which is the responsibility of the parent. Until pictures, **costumes are to be worn only for pictures, rehearsal and the recital**. And, they should never be worn while eating! After your dancer's pictures, the week after the recital, they may be worn morning, noon and night, but until then should be kept as new.

Dress Rehearsal

Dress Rehearsal is June 6th and 7th at Washburn Auditorium. The time your dancer needs to be onstage is here: http://virtuositypas.com/uploads/main/2018_Recital_-_Recreational_Classes,_Prep_Teams,_ABT_Recital..pdf It is MANDATORY that all dancers attend dress rehearsal, and vital to the success of your dancer's class. **Dancers should plan to be at dress rehearsal, in full costume 15 minutes before their routine, and be sure to attend one of the schedule FINALE rehearsals that day.** Dancers participate in Dress Rehearsal in FULL COSTUME and HAIR. Make-up, however, is optional (unless otherwise directed by your instructor). Dress Rehearsal is CLOSED to spectators. Parents bringing students may stay, and are asked to be respectfully silent to facilitate all that needs to happen during rehearsal. Thank you.

Make-up

There is a difference between the make-up your dancer should wear for pictures and the make-up your dancer should wear for performances. As pictures are taken at close range with adequate lighting, **picture make-up** should be in natural tones and used to bring out the dancer's natural features. Eye shadow, blush and lipstick in shades of browns, plums, peaches and pinks work well. Mascara is appropriate. And, it is best to **not** use high gloss lip stick.

The purpose of **stage make-up**, however, is to enable your dancer's face to be seen well from a distance. Stage make-up is more prominent and begins with a good foundation so your dancer's face does not get washed out by the stage lights. Neutral tones are still good to use, but should be darker and more intentional, and should most likely include eyeliner. Bright blue eye-shadow and shocking red lipstick are **NOT** what we're looking for! Some individual classes may have make-up requirements specific to their dance or character. If you have any questions, please ask your instructor. Picture Make-up should be worn for picture day. Stage Make-up should be worn for performances.

Recital

As you know, our 14th annual recital, ****TV LAND****, is being held Friday, June 8th through Sunday, June 10th. Shows will be performed at Washburn Auditorium at Washougal High School. Directions to the venue are here:

<http://www.washougal.k12.wa.us/whs/schoolinformation/drivingdirections.htm>

Call for the majority of dancers is one hour before show time. This means your child needs to be at the venue **with hair styled** one hour before the show begins. Make-up and costumes may be finished in the dressing room and must be completed by 30 minutes before show time. This applies to every dancer in the show, regardless of where in the program his/her routine appears. Once dancers arrive, they will remain backstage and will not be allowed to enter the auditorium. Costumes should be carried in, and put on backstage. **Dancers MAY NOT wear their costumes in the front of the house, hallways or entryways before the show.** Call for advanced dancers is 1-1/2 hours before show time. **Call for preschoolers is 30 minutes before show time.**

Please pack a water bottle and (non-messy) snacks, if necessary, for your dancer backstage. We will have activities backstage and responsible people keeping younger ones busy and ensuring they get where they need to be, when they need to be there. **All dancers must remain through the entirety of the show. This is very important as each dancer will participate in the Finale.** Release for preschoolers is according to teachers' discretion, as they may be released to sit on laps, then return backstage for the finale .

We'll have flowers and goodies onsite to send back to your dancer, so plan accordingly and arrive early. Doors to the auditorium will open 30 minutes prior to show time. Some auditorium rules to keep in mind include: 1) No flash photography of any kind is allowed during performances. 2) Due to privacy issues and consideration of other attendees, no video recording is allowed. 3) Enter and exit between routines only. 4) No food and drink allowed in auditorium (water is okay).

Awards

At the performance, each dancer receives a recital gift/award. These gifts are typically recital tee shirts, illustrating this year's theme and featuring each dancer's name. After dancers perform their first piece onstage, they are handed their recital tee, which they take back to the dressing room, where they are encouraged to put the recital tee in their dance bag. Please be sure your dancer doesn't leave without her Recital Tee! Per the Virtuosity Rules & Policies, on May 15th, each dancer is assessed a \$15 award fee.

Video

Each recital is professionally recorded in full. This year, DVDs will be distributed, with each family receiving the show(s) in which their dancer performs. As stated in the Virtuosity Rules and Policies, the video fee is \$20 per family and is billed on May 15th.

Pictures

Pictures are being done by Darcie Elliot Photography. They are scheduled for June 12-14th, and will be arranged to coincide with normal class times, when possible. **There are no classes on Monday, June 11th**, as we will all be recovering from the weekend!

Pictures will be taken in Studio A of our main location (840 NW 10th Ave). **We follow a very tight schedule for pictures.** Each student should be present at the studio in **full costume** (including hair and make-up, and with any necessary alterations already made) at least **10 minutes prior** to her scheduled picture time. **To make our picture day run smoothly and enjoyably for everyone, it is crucial that dancers arrive prepared and on time.** On picture day, dancers will be able to use Studio B for costume changes.

In order to have a successful Picture Day, **all dancers must participate.** This gives everyone, including the families, dancers, instructors and staff, an accurate memento of our 2017-2018 Dance Program. Even if you choose to not purchase pictures, each dancer participates in picture day. It's a great way to wrap up the dance season and celebrate with your classmates. Darcie Elliot Photography offers extraordinary photos at very reasonable prices. And, she is a wonderful supporter of our dance program.

All pictures are ordered online. As picture day approaches, you will receive an email from Darcie with the website and ordering information. After picture day, you'll receive an email when your photos are ready to be viewed and ordered. You'll be able to go online and choose the photos you'd like. After you order, the photos are delivered right to your house.

The schedule for pictures is included in our recital information spreadsheet you can find here:

http://virtuositypas.com/uploads/main/2018_Recital_-_Recreational_Classes,_Prep_Teams,_ABT_Recital..pdf

Please mark your calendars with the following important dates:

Wednesday, June 6th: Dress Rehearsal, 3am-8pm @ Washburn Auditorium

Thursday, June 7th: Dress Rehearsal, 3am-8pm @ Washburn Auditorium

Friday, June 8th: Encore: The Beatles! Ballet; 6:30- 8:00 @ Washburn Auditorium

Saturday, June 9th: ****TV LAND**** 10:30-11:30 @ Washburn Auditorium

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Saturday, June 9th: ****TV LAND**** 3:30-4:30 @ Washburn Auditorium

Saturday, June 9th: ****TV LAND**** 6:30-8:30 @ Washburn Auditorium

Sunday, June 10th: ****TV LAND**** 1:30-3:30 @ Washburn Auditorium

Monday, June 11th: ABT® National Training Curriculum Evaluations (age 6+)

Tues-Thurs, June 12th-14th: Picture Week

Mon & Weds June 18th & 20th: Competitive Team Auditions Downtown

June 24th-29th: Virtuosity Dancers in Disney World & Universal Studios!

Monday, July 9th: Summer Classes begin

Wednesday, August 1st: Fall Registration Opens

Thursday, August 30th: End of Summer Showcase Downtown

Monday, September 17th: Fall Classes Begin!

**We're looking forward
to a fabulous show!**

