



# HELLO DTNW FAMILIES

We are excited to be a part of your child's journey in dance this season!

We've prepared this letter to pull back the curtain and give you a peak at what we have planned for our recital performances this season. As always, we're happy to help with questions that may not already be answered here.

## What is the Recital?

The Recital is a professionally directed performance that allows our DTNW dancers to present to their families and friends the results of a season of hard work, dedication and progress. The recital is an annual rite of passage and a performance opportunity that all dancers look forward to.

A big part of the dance training process includes learning through performance. The experience helps build self-esteem and confidence in dancers. Participating in recitals and dress rehearsals also helps dancers develop retention skills, teamwork, and adaptability.

Beginning in the winter, each teacher creates customized, age-appropriate choreography for each class. After 5 months of practice during class time the year culminates as each class showcases their routine wearing a special costume, tights, dance shoes and make up on stage. Your attendance and applause at the end of each piece is the reward dancers receive for months of effort, and the dancers walk off the stage feeling satisfied about a job well done.



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**When is the Recital?**

Our recital date is currently set for June 7th, 2025, at the Schuler Auditorium at North Idaho College. Ballet students will perform in their own show - "The Enchanted Garden" - as part of our recital performances. (Tap & Ballet combo classes perform in "Let's Go On An Adventure" Shows.)

**How Many Recitals Are There?**

This season, we will be producing several "Let's Go On An Adventure" Shows, and one Ballet show - "The Enchanted Garden." All shows will be on June 7th.

Each performing class will only perform once. If your dancer is in multiple performing classes, they will get to perform a separate dance for each class!



## COSTUMES

**How do I order a costume?**

If you are enrolled in a performing class, we've got you covered! DTNW staff handles all costume sizing, ordering, and delivery. All recital students will be ordered a costume beginning late November. Once costumes arrive in the spring, DTNW staff will set aside class time to try on costumes and make any adjustments needed for sizing. When all of our costumes are ready, they'll be sent home with your dancer before dress rehearsal week.

**What are costume fees?**

Costume balances are collected and distributed to the costume manufacturers we work with to provide high quality performance costumes for your dancer. Each class is assigned a specific costume.

**What is included with my costume?**

Everything that your dancer needs, except for shoes, are included with their costume. All accessories, props and tights are included in the cost of your dancer's costume. Shoe requirements are the same as their weekly class shoes. (Tap & Ballet combo students will perform in their Tap shoes).

**How are costumes sized?**

We will be measuring dancers during their regular class mid-November. Please make sure your dancer is present. It generally takes less than two minutes per dancer.

Dance costumes come in general sizes, like small, medium, and large, and depending on fabrics, we often add 2 inches to allow for growth in our youngest dancers. Because costumes are not fully- custom made, sometimes small alterations are needed.

**What is my financial investment?**

Each class performing in the recital will order a costume. If your dancer is enrolled in 3 classes, you would order 3 costumes. There are exceptions which include Acro that do not perform in the recital. Costume prices are **\$90+tax**. A \$50 deposit is processed November 15. The Remainder (\$45.40) will be processed January 15.

On March 15th a Performance Fee in the amount of \$35 per dancer will be automatically debited. This performance fee covers the extra expenses of staff during recital, stage lighting and props, sound and light technicians and all of the extra costs that are associated with an amazing performance.



### Recital Tickets

All studios sell tickets to their recital to cover the cost of the venue and other expenses that come with producing a top-notch experience for children and their families. Tickets will be available through a ticketing service and range from 20-25 dollars. In order to be admitted to the recital, a ticket must be purchased.



### DTNW Recital Merchandise

**Plan for a gift! Recital gifts are a strong tradition in dance. Recital memory packages, flowers, teddy bears, and merchandise help them to remember their recital for a long time to come.**

