



SHOOTING STARS 2017 RECITAL INFORMATION "On the Move"



**TO ALL SHOOTING STARS FAMILIES:
THIS PACKET CONTAINS VERY IMPORTANT AND TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL. PLEASE
MAKE SURE TO LOOK IT OVER CAREFULLY TO AVOID MISSING ANY DEADLINES.**

**In this packet you will find:
General Information**

**Participation & Costume Order Form (due by 6pm on March 31st)
Schedule with Show Assignments is posted at the front desk and on our website
Program Advertising Information is available at the front desk and on our website**

**IF YOU HAVE PERFORMED WITH US IN YEARS PAST, YOU CAN SKIP TO PAGE 2 ☺.
IF THIS WILL BE YOUR FIRST SHOOTING STARS JUNE RECITAL,
WELCOME AND PLEASE READ THIS IN ITS ENTIRETY**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Participation in our recital is optional, but we certainly hope that you are making plans to join us for this exciting annual event! Each year gets better and better and we expect that to hold true again this year.

We feel it is important to inform you of the non-stressful and casual environment we try to establish for our recitals. During the performance your child will sit with you in the audience. We will announce when he or she will need to move to the "on deck area". When it is their turn to perform, a Shooting Stars staff member will escort them to the backstage area where they will wait with them in the "wings", and then help them onto the stage. You (the parents) get to move to the front & center reserved rows for a better view. Upon completion of their number you will meet them at the stage stairs and return to your seats. While this system of rotating seats can sound a little chaotic, we have it down to a science, and after all of these years, we still feel it is more beneficial than not. This keeps our audience from fighting over "reserved" seating, feeling the need to camp out all day to get a good seat, or charging more money for premium seats up front. It also allows all of our dance students to enjoy the show from the audience! However, in doing so (and not sequestering your children backstage), we are running the risk of you leaving immediately after your child dances. **If you might like to leave, I'd ask you to reconsider.** Please be courteous and plan on staying to support the dancers that are towards the end of the program. We are proud of all of our talented students and they deserve to have the opportunity to perform to a packed house! In addition, all performers will have the opportunity to return to the stage at the conclusion of the recital, for a finale number or two, raffle drawing and recognition!

When & Where Is the Recital? The Shows are scheduled for Saturday June 10th @ 11:00, 2:30 & 5:30 at the Hart High School Auditorium (Newhall & Lyons Ave.)

Which Show Will My Child Be In? The studio will be divided into three shows; each expected to last approximately 1.5 - 2 hours. Please note that although we try our very best; it is impossible to schedule students taking multiple classes and families with dancing siblings all in the same shows. In the event that you are scheduled for multiple shows, you will only need to purchase tickets to one, and the other will be complimentary for your immediate family members. Please check the color coded schedule, posted at the front desk and on our website, to locate your class and find the assigned recital show. If your class has a strikethrough, this means that you are currently enrolled in a “non-performing” class. If you would like to change to a performing class, please see the front desk immediately! If your dancer is in a “combo” class your teacher will let you know if your dancer will be performing ballet or tap.

What About Costumes? Costume assignments are still being made, so stay tuned for the information regarding pricing, sizing, etc. Some classes, with a majority of dancers that are enrolled in 3 or more classes, may not be ordering a costume from a costume company, but will either be re-using an existing costume or dancewear items or ordering from another vendor. We’ve made this consideration to help cut down on costume costs.

How Do I Order My Child’s Costume? Included in this packet is a participation and costume order form. Each dancer will need to fill one out completely! During the week of March 20th – 25th, your child will be measured for their costume. We will have a picture of the costume along with the Costume Companies sizing chart and with your child’s measurements available, you will be responsible for choosing your child’s size - **NO COSTUME WILL BE ORDERED FOR YOUR CHILD IF YOU FAIL TO SELECT A SIZE – PLEASE DON’T LEAVE IT BLANK!!!** When in doubt we recommend ordering a size larger as it is much easier to make a costume smaller than bigger. Any alterations if needed will be at your expense. If you are absent at your regular class time, you will need to bring in your form at another time during that week to ensure your order is processed. **All costume orders must be received by 6pm on Friday, March 31st.** After this deadline, we cannot guarantee that the costume will be available, and if it is, an additional fee will be required to expedite the order and rush shipping. **Costumes are non-refundable.**

How Much Is My Costume? Costumes will range in price from approximately \$50 - \$85. Each class will be individually priced by costume style and then again individually by the size you are ordering, according to the Costume Manufacturer.

What About Tickets to the Show? Each student will pay a \$5 participation fee and receive a special “performers ticket” that allows them to have a discounted seat for the show. Ticket prices are: Children 2 -7 yrs. that will occupy a seat \$8.00, Children 8 yrs. and older and all adults \$13.00. Again, if your child is assigned to multiple shows you will receive complimentary tickets to any additional show for your immediate family members.

Tickets will be available for purchase at Shooting Stars beginning May 22nd. Tickets will be available at the auditorium on the day of the show as well, but we encourage you to plan in advance and pre-purchase your tickets to avoid the lines on Recital Day. There is no limit as to the number you may purchase, and there is no reserved seating. The ticket revenue helps to offset the expenses associated with producing a show of this magnitude, including auditorium rental, sound, lighting, stage technicians, janitorial, insurance, production costs, etc. **Ticket sales are non-refundable.**

Do We Have Extra Rehearsals? The week of June 5th – 10th we will be having an altered class schedule to run dress rehearsals and take recital photos at the dance studio. This schedule will be released at a later date. We will run a short technical rehearsal at Hart High School for each show. Please save these important dates, and we will let you know the final schedule and times as the date is closer. A parent should also make a point to attend during this last class to receive any last minute instructions and to make sure you have the appropriate tights, shoes, and accessories.

What if I'm absent? We will be working on their dances every week during the next few months, so it is important that you try to be present for all of your classes... we want our performers to feel prepared and ready. Each student's attendance for practice affects the entire class. If your child is not participating in the recital, attending class is still very worthwhile, but please make sure that your instructor and the front desk staff are aware so they can plan accordingly. Make-up classes will not be allowed after April 30th, and can only be carried over if you are continuing into the Summer Session of classes.

What about Videography & Pictures? Each Recital Show will be professionally videotaped and photographed. There will be a new system for purchasing photos and video of the performances. More information and order forms to follow. On recital day, you are welcome to bring your cameras, but there are absolutely NO tripods allowed as this can block someone's view as well as present a safety hazard. We suggest sitting back, enjoying the show, and allowing the professionals do the work. You'll be able to purchase pictures and video at a very reasonable price!

What else? We are also printing a high-quality recital program with limited space available for advertising and/or to send your performer a good luck note by purchasing a "love line". Commemorative Recital t-shirts with our cast list on the back will also be available for purchase. Order forms for these items will be available closer to the show date.

It's Recital Day, Now What? The doors will open 30 minutes before showtime and your dancer should come dressed and ready for their first number. Any costume changes should take place in the backstage bathroom areas. The dressing rooms are reserved for dance company members who are there for the entire day. Dancers must be supervised by their parents at all times, other than when they are "on deck", "backstage" or "on stage".

The Shooting Stars Dance Company Booster Club will be sponsoring our flower bouquet sale and concession stand on the day of the performance. We hope you will support their efforts.

Please don't be overwhelmed by all of this information.... But do keep this memo handy, put the dates in your calendars and let us do the rest! We hope that you will allow your dancer to participate and have the opportunity to "show off" what they've been working on and shine on the BIG stage! We want this to be a positive experience for everyone, so stay informed!

Please address any questions or concerns to the front desk staff or send an email to info@shootingstarscenter.com. We are so excited to get to work on another great show!

****See back for a list of important dates****

Recap of important dates:

- March 18th – Enrollment deadline to participate in recital
- March 20th – 25th – dancers will be measured for costumes during class time
- **March 31st – Deadline to order costumes at 6pm**
- Mon, April 3rd – Sat, April 8th – NO classes this week ***Spring Break***
- May 5th – Program Advertising deadline
- May 5th – Pre-Order Forms for T-shirts and Love Lines is due
- May 12th - Artwork for program is due
- May 22nd – Show tickets on sale
- May 29th – No classes ***Memorial Day***
- June 5th – Regular class schedule as a make-up for Memorial Day holiday closure
- June 6th – 9th – Altered class schedule for dress rehearsal, recital photos, and technical rehearsal (info to follow)
- June 10th – 11:00, 2:30 and 5:30 Recitals!
- June 19th – Summer Classes Begin