



Recital Participation Packet

We are thrilled to bring your dancer the ultimate performance experience this June! Our recital Q&A is designed to help our LDC families understand our policies/procedures that coincide with this end of season event.

Please take the time to read through the entirety of this packet to stay organized during our busiest time of the season!

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is a Recital?** The Recital is the biggest reward for our dancers to showcase their hard work and dedication they have put into classes throughout the year. Dancers perform a routine they've been rehearsing during the Winter/Spring months in full costume, stage makeup and hair. We welcome loved ones to this event to serve as an audience for our performances done on stage under the bright lights!

2. **When is the deadline to purchase a costume?** **The immediate deadline for costume payments will be December 1st. We will start collecting these payments November 1st.** This is to guarantee costume orders are made on time, arrive on time and are in stock for our picture week in May and big show come June! **Any payment made after December 1st will be based on availability from the costume company and a \$10 fee will be added to the total of each costume each month following this deadline (Ex: Payments after Dec. 1st \$10 fee/costume, Jan. 1st \$20 fee/costume, Feb 1st \$30 fee/costume).** We will invoice your accounts once your completed form is turned in for you to pay at your convenience. **The final deadline to purchase costumes is February 1st! ****Please note your child will be measured by LUX staff with**

the best size chosen to accommodate your child. Costumes may need small alterations, which are the responsibility the family. Ordering early allows for any major discrepancies to be fixed in time. Costume fees are non-refundable. Cash, check or portal payment methods will be accepted.

3. When is the deadline for our Recital Participation Fee? The initial deadline for this fee is December 1st. Any payments made after will result in a \$10 late fee each month it is prolonged. **If your payment is not made by February 1st your child will not be able to participate in the dress rehearsal and show on June 5th & 6th.** We will invoice your accounts once your completed form is turned in for you to pay at your convenience. This fee is non refundable. Cash, check or portal payment methods will be accepted.

4. Why do I pay a Recital Fee and for a costume? LDC charges a recital fee to cover the administrative costs of organizing and preparing the big show. Our basic recital fee of \$70/dancer *helps cover rent of the venue, your digital copy of the entire recital performance, t-shirt, recital booklet, sound and lighting crew, backdrops etc.* We offer additional recital fee packages including program ad space if preferred. **All families must pay a minimum of \$70/dancer to participate.**

5. Why are there options for a Recital Participation Fee? We offer several options for families who would like to purchase ad space or include short words of encouragement for their dancer in our recital booklet. Each family will receive a copy of this booklet on recital day.

All **Ads/Love Lines artwork or messages** must be emailed to **luxdancecoll@gmail.com** by **March 31st**. Please refer to the studio's "Recital Participation" email for examples. Love Lines should be **15 words or fewer**, and ads are available in **half-page or full-page sizes**.

6. **When can we purchase our Recital Tickets?** Recital tickets will be available for purchase starting in May via an online link. **Ticket pricing is \$25/ticket + service fees.**

7. **How do I purchase tickets?** Lux Dance Collective uses an online ticketing service as our ticket distributing company. All purchases for tickets will be made through this site. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your tickets please contact them directly. **Tickets are non-refundable.**

8. **Can I purchase tickets at the venue?** No. Tickets must be purchased via the online link which will remain live until one hour prior to showtime.

9. **If I am volunteering, do I need a ticket?** If you are volunteering backstage, you will not need a ticket. You will be required to stay backstage for the entire performance. Volunteers will watch their child on stage from the wings backstage.

10. **Who am I required to buy a ticket for?** You will be required to purchase a ticket for anyone watching from the audience. Children under 2 (sitting on lap only) are not required to have a ticket as well as the student that is performing for they will be backstage or onstage during the performance.

11. **Why can't I take photos or videos of my child's performance?** For the safety of our dancers we do not allow any sort of photography or videography (this does include social media platforms etc.). Bright flashes can cause brief confusion during performances. We also want to ensure everyone has a good view of their children on stage. **We do have a strict contract with the professional videographer who will provide the entire recital via a digital link included in your recital fee.** Those who do not abide by this rule will be kindly asked to exit the theater. Ushers will be at our show to ensure the safety of our dancers.

12. **Can I keep my costume after the recital?** Yes, your costumes are yours to keep for years to come!

13. **Am I responsible for recital tights/shoes/alterations?** Families are responsible for purchasing the correct shoes/tights for each style of class determined at a later date which will be communicated via email along with suggested make-up and hairstyles per each class.

14. **Why am I not allowed backstage to assist my child?** Lux Dance Collective's primary concern during recital is student safety. In order to ensure safety only registered volunteers will be permitted backstage after the check in process. To keep the show running in a timely manner, we have designated volunteers/ faculty to help in the dressing rooms, assisting kids backstage and checking in/checking out dancers. We have volunteers also assist with props, quick changes etc... Parents are welcome to sign up as a volunteer for our recital with the understanding they are responsible for assisting their child amongst others.

15. **How do I sign up to volunteer?** Please look for our sign up information that will be communicated in the Spring. Please keep in mind that when you choose to volunteer you will be helping ALL dancers and you will be required to attend our mandatory dress rehearsal as well. You will not be able to view the evening show from the audience however, you will be able to watch the performance from the front during their dress rehearsal.

16. **Why is my child required to participate in the finale?** This is the biggest reward your child can receive! At the end of our show, our kids come out on stage for a standing ovation followed by an award ceremony. It is such an amazing experience to have a theater full of people clapping for the successful event of every dancer on stage. This is a memorable experience not just for the kids but also for our faculty at Lux Dance Collective. We treasure this moment just as much as the kids!

17. Is dress rehearsal mandatory? Yes! All children must attend the mandatory dress rehearsal being held at the venue (not at LDC). This helps the dancers understand how they are getting backstage and where their spots are on stage. Dress Rehearsal is a closed event and only open to faculty/dancers/volunteers. We will communicate drop off/pick up times when closer to the event.

18. Where and When is dress rehearsal and recital?

Show 1 will be matinee performance on Saturday, June 6th. Classes and times TBD after the New Year.

Show 2 will be our evening performance on Saturday, June 6th. Classes and times TBD after the New Year.

- **Dress rehearsal for Show 1 is Friday, June 5th *TIMES TBD**
- **Dress rehearsal for Show 2 is Friday, June 5th *TIMES TBD**
- **Performance for Show 1 is Saturday, June 6th *TIMES TBD**
- **Performance for Show 2 is Saturday, June 6th *TIMES TBD**

The location of dress rehearsal and recital is as follows:

**Tarpon Springs High School
1411 Gulf Rd.
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689**

If you have any questions regarding the information above please contact us at Luxdancecoll@gmail.com. More information regarding our end of season recital will be communicated throughout the upcoming months. You can visit our website “important dates” page via our website for deadline reminders. Please use this Q&A as a reference for whats to come!