



HELLO EDC FAMILIES!

Now that Halloween is around the corner, we know the next questions on your mind have to do with RECITAL! We prepared this email to “pull back the curtain” on our plans for our 15th Annual Recital in 2021. 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 EDC dancers to present to their families and friends the results of a year 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 a recital helps dancers develop retention skills, teamwork, and adaptability.

Beginning shortly, each teacher will create customized age-appropriate choreography for each class. After months of practice during class time, the year culminates as each class showcases their routine wearing a special costume 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.

**The
Show
Must
Go
On!**

When is the Recital?

We plan on hosting an in-person recital at the Centennial Concert Hall May 9th and 10th, 2021. This will most likely be a series of smaller shows. If we are unable to host a recital at an indoor theatre venue, we will look at many options such as outdoor venues, live streamed performances, or hosting a Red Carpet Recital Experience (the successful performance event we held at the end of June).

What will it look like?

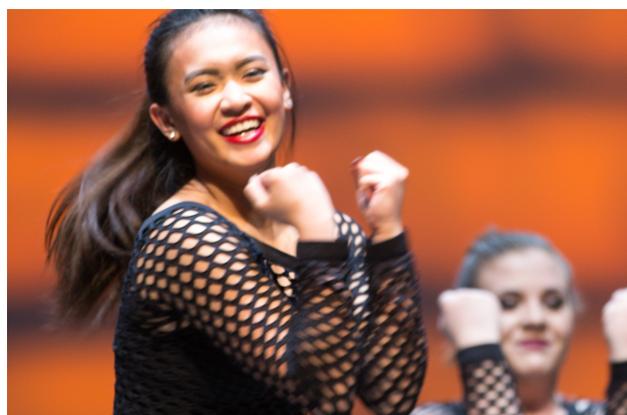
Well, the answer is that we don't quite know yet—and we sure wish we had a crystal ball to tell us! It might look somewhat normal, it might look like small group performances throughout the two days, or might be individual experiences where every dancer is a star! We are planning for options at every safety level!

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. In order to be admitted to the recital, a ticket must be purchased. Infants and children who have a hard time remaining seated during the entire performance should not attend. If we are unable to host an in-person performance, ticket and pricing will be adjusted and information will be given at that time.

Thank You!

No matter what, we are committed to producing a special, memorable performance! Thank you for walking beside us in this year's recital planning, and please be assured that we are moving forward methodically, with safety as a top priority. We appreciate your patience while we get strategic with every possible performance version!



COSTUMES & COSTUME FEES

Costumes fees are fees collected and distributed to the costume manufacturers who make our recital costumes. At the time of registration, you paid a \$50 costume deposit per class. You will be invoiced for the balance of the costume once they arrive and we know the final customs fees.

Dance Studios across the world place their costume orders around the same time. Costumes are made to order, which typically requires a 12-16 week lead time to cut patterns, sew, adorn and ship. As the costumes come from the USA, Canadian studios need to order early to allow time for customs and shipping.

In an effort to ensure that our costumes are delivered in time for Portrait Week and an organized distribution to our students, costume orders are placed in December. Costumes arrive January-March and are tried on during class time to ensure a proper fit. Costume manufacturers do not accept cancellations or offer refunds; therefore the studio does not refund costume fees.

How are costumes sized?

We will be measuring dancers during their regular class time November 1st to 7th. Please make sure your dancer is present. Staff will wear gloves and a mask when measuring, which 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 custom made, sometimes small alterations are needed.

If you would prefer to measure your dancer yourself, you may do so by completing this [Google Form](#) by October 31st. Please note: if you choose to measure your dancer on your own, Evolution Dance Company is not responsible for fit.



"We're so proud of the challenges we've overcome since COVID and we know we will continue to create, innovate and do old things in a new way. We're all in this together!"
-Ms.Andrea & Ms. Sonja