



Student Showcase Information Packet

Dear Parents:

This information packet will help you prepare for what to expect both prior to and on the day of our performance. Please review this information VERY carefully, as it contains all the information you will need to know about your dancer's 2023 recital experience. Please direct any questions to the front desk team, and please remember that all the policies are stated in the interest of creating a professional, stress-free show for all ADC dancers and families to enjoy.

LOCATION: ADC'S SEASON 8 STUDENT SHOWCASE will be held on June 10, 2023, at Orange Coast College- Robert B Moore Theater located at **2701 Fairview Rd, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.**

Show Times are 10:30 am, 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm

ONLINE TICKET SALES started May 10, 2023 and will continue to be sold online up to each show's intermission. We are "paperless" so be sure to have your ticket confirmation for you and/or your family/guests attending out and ready at the door. Children ages 2 and under sitting on the lap of an adult do not need a ticket.

VOLUNTEERS: We are always in need of volunteers to help before and during recital. Volunteers will receive a ticket code for two additional complimentary show tickets for their assistance. If interested, please see the volunteer Sign Up Genius located on our Performances webpage here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044ea8a62da7f94-adcrecital>

DRESS REHEARSAL: There is a mandatory dress rehearsal for all recreational dance students held at AVANTI DANCE COMPANY during the dancer's scheduled class time as follows: June 5th, June 6th, June 7th, June 8th, June 9th. Please plan to arrive fifteen minutes early fully dressed in costume, with hair, make-up etc. Parents will be allowed to watch, video record and take photos during dress rehearsal.

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS: Professional photography by Take Creative is available by appointment June 7th and June 8th at AVANTI. This is for individual photos of your dancer (no groups). To book a session for your dancer please click here <https://www.takecreative.com/avanti> or see direct schedule link on our Performance webpage.

RECITAL T-SHIRTS: Each registered dancer will receive a complimentary Recital T-Shirt as a memory of their performance and will be passed out the day of the dancer's last class. Dancers will wear their t-shirt in the finale of the show so be sure to bring your shirt with you to the theater along with black or red shorts or leggings for dancer to change into for the final bow.

FLOWERS will be available for pre-order and purchase at the theater on a first come first serve basis. Come support our lovely local flower vendor!

PROFESSIONAL VIDEOGRAPHY is included for all dancers/performances. Once editing has been completed parents will receive their link to download and share video of performances.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS must be paid by June 9th, no exceptions.

If you have an outstanding balance for tuition or costumes, this must be paid no later than June 9th for the dancer to participate.

PREPARATIONS PRIOR TO THE PERFORMANCE

PREPARING FOR PERFORMANCE DAY: It is recommended that you discuss with your dancer all that she/he should expect for his/her performance day. Practicing dance routines regularly at home will help dancers feel confident in their performance. It is an exciting experience to perform on a big stage in front of an audience, but it can be nerve racking as well. If dancers understand what to expect and how to prepare ahead of time, it can help reduce performance anxiety.

HAIR AND MAKEUP must be done for a stream-lined, professional look under the stage lights. Girls (all ages) should wear a bright red or pink lipstick, bright pink blush, a neutral eye shadow, and mascara, no nail polish please. Specific instructions for hair, shoes etc. is posted on our Performance webpage. Girls' hair whether wearing it in a bun or ponytail should be slick down with hair gel or heavy hairspray. Boys should wear ChapStick and "style" their hair with hairspray or gel, so it does not fall into their eyes. Hair and makeup should be done for Dress Rehearsal and pictures as it would be done for the performance.

JEWELRY should be minimal such as a small gold, silver or diamond post earrings for girls. Performance Company Dances will wear competition related jewelry.

COSTUMES: Most costumes have already arrived and must be checked out at the front desk. Your dancer should immediately try on their costume to ensure a proper fit, there is a very limited window to exchange a costume for an alternative size. If you do not have your dancer's costume or ordered the costume late, please be sure to communicate with the front desk staff regarding your child costume order. Parents shall be responsible for any necessary alterations if needed as well as proper costume care and maintenance. Do not allow dancers to "dress up or play" in costume prior to the performance to avoid loss or damage. Lost, stolen, or damaged costumes are not the responsibility of Avanti. We cannot guarantee the arrival of late ordered or replacement costumes.

CARING FOR YOUR COSTUME:

- Hang costumes in a dry, cool place or keep covered with a garment bag or garbage bag.
- Keep all pieces together.
- Do not wash or wear costumes prior to photo day.
- Prior to rehearsal/photo week, place costumes in the bathroom and let shower steam run to release wrinkles or use a hand steamer.
- DO NOT iron costumes.

SHOES, SOCKS, TIGHTS, UNDERGARMENTS: Please locate your child's class on our Performances Webpage to see the list required for shoes, tights, etc. needed for their performance. We do not require any specific brand of dance shoe or tights, but both must be the appropriate color and tights must be footed or convertible. We strongly advise purchasing shoes at least two weeks in advance so dancers can break them in prior. We also highly suggest purchasing two pairs of dance tights to use one as a backup. If costume requires wearing socks, these should match the color of the shoes

unless otherwise specified.

Undergarments: If the costume requires tights to be worn underneath the dancer does not need underwear. For costumes that do not have tights worn underneath, please ensure underwear is not visible when wearing costumes. We recommend purchasing nude briefs or nude leotard (available through Amazon, Discount Dance Supply online or check locally through Atomic Dancewear or Kathy's Paradise Dancewear) to wear underneath dance costumes in lieu of regular undergarments.

PREPARATIONS DAY OF THE PERFORMANCE

ARRIVAL AT ORANGE COAST COLLEGE-ROBERT B. MOORE THEATER

ARRIVAL TIME: Dancers should plan to arrive at the theater approximately 45 minutes before their scheduled show. Directly out front of the theater entrance doors will be tables set up for raffles, bake sale, a professional florist, photo backdrop area and live entertainment between shows in the courtyard!

CHECKING IN BACKSTAGE:



BACKSTAGE CHECK-IN TIME: ONE parent will escort dancer to the backstage area through the marked side entrance no less than 30 minutes prior to show start time. Dancers should be fully dressed and ready to perform. All DANCERS must be checked in with backstage staff. Parents of young dancers will be provided with a dancer pick-up ticket which will be used to check out your dancer at dismissal. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR PICK-UP TICKET.** This system is in place to ensure the safety and security of our dancers. Parents will not be permitted to remain backstage unless they have signed up for a volunteer position. Parents may quickly assist their dancer with getting organized/set up in their child's dressing area. Be sure if your dancer has multiple costumes that all costumes are fully labeled to include the child's name and name of the dance/class and that any costume changes are communicated to the dressing room attendant when checking in.

NO PARENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN BACKSAGE DUE TO LIMITED SPACE. Parent may not linger in the dressing room area and are encouraged to go find their seat in the theater approximately twenty minutes before the show begins.

We ask that parents remain in the theater until the conclusion of the show and allow volunteer parents to help your child(ren) with anything they might need backstage. If there is an urgent situation that requires your attention, volunteers will send you a text message to come to the dressing room.

For the safety of your children, all students must remain in their assigned dressing room/designated waiting area during the performance. Only assigned parent volunteers will remain backstage in each dressing room to assist dancers with wardrobe changes. Be sure to have your dancer completely ready at the time of check-in. For those with younger children (under the age of 5) a parent may check out their child after he/she has performed during intermission only, otherwise dancers remain backstage until the show is over.

Students (6 and up) are not allowed to leave before the conclusion of the performance. Please send your dancer with activities, coloring books, etc. and snacks and drinks that won't stain his or her costume, i.e., pretzels, crackers, water, etc.

FINALE OF BOWS: To minimize the amount of time between routines and conclude the performance as a studio community, there will be a final parade of bows by class, and an entire ensemble bow at the end of the performance. If time permits, older dancers will change into black shorts, leggings/sweats and their recital t-shirt (only older independent children) or dressing room attendants will help younger dancers put their recital t-shirt on over their costume after they finish performing to participate in the final bow or dancer will wear costume for final bows.

DANCER DISMISSAL: Following final bows, dancers will return to their dressing room to gather their belongings. Send ONE adult with your dancer's pick-up ticket to their room to collect your dancer. Pick-up tickets will have the dancer's assigned dressing room number and must be presented to a staff member before entering the backstage area. Staff members will assist you if you cannot find the correct dressing room. Please make sure that your dancer has gathered all belongings before leaving the venue. Again, space is extremely limited in the backstage area, ONLY ONE parent should be present to pick up their child to ensure dismissal moves efficiently, please do not congregate outside dressing room doors or linger in the dressing rooms, as many parents will be trying to pick up their dancers at the same time.

THEATER ETTIQUETE: PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO FAMILY AND GUESTS COMING TO WATCH YOUR DANCER.

NO VIDEOTAPING OR FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY will be permitted during the performance for the safety dancers and courtesy of fellow of audience members. We want parents, grandparents, and friends to enjoy the show fully and therefore the performance will be professionally video recorded, and entire performance will be provided to parents via download link approximately eight (8) weeks post performance.

In effort to avoid audience members being accidentally filmed while moving about the theater during a performance, please stay seated and wait for intermission to get up. If you must get up, please do so only between dancer's performances.

To avoid disrupting those performing on stage and those watching the show, there will be no entering or exiting the theater while the performance is underway unless it is urgent. If you must leave the theater, please only do so between dancer's performing on stage.

Have any questions or concerns, please call us or visit our front desk staff for assistance.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, we look forward to great show!