

Recital Checklist 2024

West Roxbury School of Dance

Dedham High School

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, May 18th

Recital: Sunday, May 19th

1. Please arrive on time. See “2024 Dress Rehearsal & Recital Events Timeline” for show-specific arrival and start times.
2. Come to Dress Rehearsal and recital dressed in **costume, full hair, and make-up (in other words, SHOW READY!)**.
 - a. On Dress Rehearsal day, come with your finale t-shirt on over your costume. We will be performing the finale first, rather than at the end of both shows.
 - b. On Recital day, please bring your finale t-shirt inside your dance bag. Your dancer should wear a pair of street shoes and **carry their dance shoes in their dance bag. Please label all shoes, bags, and your finale t-shirt with first and last name.**
3. If dancers choose to wear a mask, we would prefer a white mask for uniformity on stage.
4. No underpants if possible. It makes for a better, cleaner line when wearing the costume. If you or your child has a problem with this, don't worry, please do whatever makes you and your dancer comfortable.
5. Please remove all jewelry, nail polish, and temporary tattoos.
6. For dancers who must change costumes backstage, please purchase a camisole to wear underneath as a base. **A camisole is a skin-colored leotard.** This will make the dancers more comfortable changing in front of their peers. We will have examples of a camisole shown during watch week.
7. For dancers with bows for their tap shoes, **please ensure tap bows are sewn securely onto the straps of their shoes.** There are tutorial videos on how to do this on our website, missemilysdance.com, under the “Recital” tab. If you are having trouble sewing, we are happy to help you.
8. TICKETS
 - a. Tickets will go on sale at **12 pm on Sunday, April 28th** (*Ticket Day!*). You will be able to purchase tickets until the day before Dress Rehearsal. This year you will be able to choose where you will be seated. We will be sending out information regarding the best location to purchase seats based on your dancer’s spot on stage. There is no limit to the amount of tickets you can purchase. They will be priced at \$20 each.

9. DAY OF PROCEDURES:

- a. For capacity purposes, we will only allow **up to two parents/guardians per dancer** to watch their dancer during the Dress Rehearsal. This is the only time we will allow photography or filming. All guests must remain seated the entire time except for restroom breaks.
 - b. When you arrive at the building, you will check in at the front table with your dancer. You will give them your dancer's name and class time for attendance purposes. A monitor will then escort your dancers to their designated backstage classroom, where they will be located for the entire show, except for their dance numbers. No parents/guardians will be allowed backstage.
 - c. **You and your guests will then be ushered to your seats.** Please note that on Dress Rehearsal day, you will not need to sit in your assigned seats, you may sit wherever you please.
 - d. Promptly at the show's start time (**12pm for Show 1, 4 pm for Show 2**), we will begin the performance according to our program. Please try your best to arrive according to the timeline. You can access a virtual copy of the program on your mobile device which will be emailed to you before the recital day. **QR codes** for the programs will also be posted around the auditorium.
 - e. On Dress Rehearsal Day Only: We will begin both shows with the Finale. This way, once your dancer's class has performed all of their numbers, they can be dismissed. After their last number, you may proceed to the check-in table and meet your child.
 - f. On Recital Day Only: After your dancer's show has concluded, all children will be filed back to their classrooms where they will gather their belongings and wait to be dismissed. Miss Emily will ask all guests to exit and for one parent/guardian to remain in the auditorium. Miss Emily will then dismiss **one student to one parent** by class from the front of the stage.
10. Please make sure to pack anything your child may need, such as bobby pins and safety pins, as well as all of the pairs of dance shoes your dancer needs. Besides these items, the only other belongings your dancer will need are **their dance bag with their labeled shoes inside and their water bottle with a pop-top cap** (this allows for fewer spills and less backstage chaos). For the sake of leaving them behind, we ask that you leave your personal reusable bottles at home. We will have activities like coloring books and games to play while the children are backstage to keep them occupied :)
11. No food or drink will be allowed in the auditorium.
12. Please try your best to have patience. Dress Rehearsal and Recital can be hectic times. We are looking forward to a wonderful weekend!

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Please call or email with any questions.

We wish you all good luck and thank you for your cooperation!