

2024 Final Recital Week Newsletter

Greetings! As our season is coming to an end, I'd like to thank you for giving my staff and me the opportunity to work with your children. It has been a wonderful year and we are all very excited for the show!! We have seen a great deal of progress and are anxious for you to see your children's accomplishments. They are very excited to perform for you and to hear your applause! The children will perform on **both Friday evening AND Saturday afternoon**. As stated before, in order to participate, both shows are **mandatory**. This allows for no ticket limitation, stage moms to be able to watch the show one night, and not to mention the wonderful and exciting experience for the children to dance TWO TIMES for you after all that work this year. If you do not wish to watch the show for 2 nights please consider volunteering backstage, as we do still need the help!

Our Recital, Dry Run, and Dress Rehearsal are all held at St Mark's High School located at 2501 Pike Creek Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808. The theme of the recital is "On Our Bookshelf" and the order of the show is hanging at the studio on the board and can also be found on the News page of our website.

Tickets are currently on sale through www.tututix.com (follow link on top that says "buy tickets") or find the direct link to our tickets also on the News page of our website: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/o/7193/AmericanDanceAcademy> Seats are assigned and NOT general admission. Ticket price is for the production of the show (facility rental, salaries, lighting and sound costs, maintenance costs, curtains, flooring, theater staff, etc). Prices range from \$18-\$22 with processing fees. Any child who will be taking a seat needs a ticket (including those students who wish to take their own seat in the second half). Young dancers who finished in the first half can sit on your lap in the second half if they wish to watch more.

"Stage Moms" are to report to a zoom meeting on April 30th from 7:30 PM- 8:30 PM. **DUE TO LIMITED SPACE IN THE DRESSING ROOMS AND FOR SAFETY REASONS, NO OTHER MOMS WILL BE ALLOWED BACKSTAGE DURING THE SHOW.** This rule is made to keep your children safe and to keep backstage running smoothly. Stage moms will be given a backstage badge to distinguish them from others. There will be people regulating this and badges will be needed so that congestion is kept to a minimum. At the last class of the season, Stage Moms will be given your backstage pass and final notes. If your child's class (or another class) still needs stage moms, please consider signing up for them. We can help you choose the best class for you to help. You can go to the following link to sign up through Sign Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084DA8AA2DAB9-48531980-recital#>. This link is also located on the Studio News section of our website.

Please Note: Dancers who need to change costumes are permitted (but not required) to wear the Motionwear Style 2492 camisole leotard (or something similar with a low back), which is sold at dancewear shops, or online. Older girls may want to wear two piece undergarments. We recommend the following found online or in dancewear shops. We do not stock these two piece items:

Bottoms (2 choices) Body Wrappers Bikini Cut Panty, Style #264 OR Capezio Adult Low Rise Thong, Style #3678
Bra Top Capezio Camisole Double Layer Bra, Style #3683 OR Body Wrappers V Neck Bra, Style #287

Please read through the following information carefully. It is very important that you understand as the show will then run much smoother. Your cooperation will help make this show a fun experience for all!

Please be sure to check the spelling of your child's name, as this is how it will appear in the program book.

(This will be on the handout copy distributed in class)

On Monday, May 6th & Thursday, May 9th there will NOT be any classes or rehearsals. Rest up for the busy week!

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: All will be held at the St. Mark's High School

Tuesday, May 7th - DRY RUN TIMES BETWEEN 4:30 PM- 8:00 PM

Junior, Teen & Senior Dance Companies will rehearse their pieces between 8:00 PM-8:30 PM

Please understand that this rehearsal can be time consuming and your patience will be greatly appreciated.

I have broken this rehearsal into ½ hr start time intervals and will do my best to run accordingly. Please be on time!

Please note, this is NOT the actual show order. This can be found on the studio bulletin board and on our website.

Report to St. Mark's Theater at the following times Tuesday, May 7th:

	Name of Dance (Book Title)	Class	Choreographer
4:30-	My Recital Day	Company (Latin Jazz)	Manny Castro
	Cheerful Chick	Hip Hop Ages 5-7 (Wed 4:15)	Gabi Papa
5:00	Junie B. Jones	Elementary 1 Ballet (Tues 5:00)	Kelly McAndrew
	The Rainbow Fish	Preschool 1/2 (Mon 3:30)	Margherita Carrieri-Russo
	Good Awkward	Elementary 2 Tap (Wed 5:00)	Kelly McAndrew
5:00-	Slow Apocalypse	Level 5 Contemporary (Tues 6:30)	Dana Liguori
	Pippi Longstocking	Elementary 1 Jazz (Tues 6:00)	Kelly McAndrew
5:30	The Little Engine That Could	Preschool 2 (Sat 10:00)	Michelle Swift
	The Berenstain Bears: The Big Honey Hunt	Hip Hop Ages 5-7 (Tues 4:15)	Danielle Scalia
	A Space Odyssey	Adv Teen Hip Hop (Mon 6:15)	Jen Jordan
5:30-	The Devil Wears Prada	Level 2 Jazz (Tues 5:30)	Danielle Scalia
	Sleeping Beauty	Preschool 1/2 (Tues 4:00)	Darlene Cummings
6:00	The Mysterious Benedict Society	Level 3 Tap (Wed 6:30)	Tweety Klevence
	Matilda	Kinderdance (Monday 4:30)	Margherita Carrieri-Russo
	The Hardy Boys: The Voodoo Plot	Elementary 2 Jazz (Wed 6:00)	Kelly McAndrew
6:00-	Mary Poppins	Level 2 Tap (Tues 5:00)	Darlene Cummings
	Don Quixote	Level 4 Ballet (Thurs 5:30)	Jerzy Golek
6:30	Girl Scout Handbook	Level 1 Jazz (Thurs 5:45)	Danielle Scalia
	Fly!	Kinderdance (Sat 11:00)	Michelle Swift
	Where's Waldo	Intermediate Pom (Mon 7:45)	Jen Jordan
	Twinkle Twinkle Little Star	Preschool 1 (Sat 9:00)	Michelle Swift
6:30-	The Great Gatsby	Level 4 Jazz (Wed 6:30)	Gabi Papa
	Super Mario Adventures	Hip Hop Ages 5-7 (Mon 5:30)	Margherita Carrieri-Russo
7:00	Mr. Bojangles	Level 5 Tap (Wed 7:15)	Tweety Klevence
	Eat Mor Chikin	Mini Company	Danielle Scalia
	The Cellist	Level 3 Ballet (Thurs 4:30)	Jerzy Golek
	The Hunger Games	Intermediate Hip Hop (Mon 7:00)	Jen Jordan
7:00-	Twilight	Level 4 Contemporary (Thurs 7:30)	Dana Liguori
	Moulin Rouge	Level 5 Jazz (Wed 8:00)	Gabi Papa
7:30	Venus & Aphrodite: History of a Goddess	Level 2 Contemporary (Thurs 6:30)	Dana Liguori
	Diary of a Young Girl	Level 1 Ballet (Thurs 5:00)	Danielle Scalia
	Nancy Drew	Level 3 Jazz (Wed 4:30)	Danielle Scalia
	Confessions of A Shopaholic	Level 1 Tap (Thurs 4:30)	Darlene Cummings
7:30-	The Secret Garden	Level 2 Ballet (Tues 6:15)	Gabi Papa
	Star Wars Ahsoka	Level 4 Tap (Wed 8:00)	Tweety Klevence
8:00	Swan Lake	Level 5 Ballet (Thurs 7:00)	Jerzy Golek
	A Game of Thrones	Level 3 Contemporary (Tues 7:30)	Dana Liguori
	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Hip Hop Ages 8-10 (Mon 6:15)	Margherita Carrieri-Russo
	Schoolhouse Rock	Advanced Teen Pom (Mon 5:30)	Jen Jordan
8:00-8:30		Junior, Teen, & Senior Company Pieces	

Tuesday, May 7th DRY RUN REHEARSAL
ARRIVE AT SCHEDULED TIME IN CHART ABOVE

On Tuesday's Dry Run Rehearsal, students are to report to the theater in pink or tan tights, black leotard, and the proper shoes. Boys will wear a white shirts and black pants. All Level classes will wear their suntan tights. Hip Hop dancers dress for a regular class, but in all black with recital Sneakers. **NO COSTUMES ARE TO BE WORN ON THE DRY RUN.** Please note the line-up time(s) you are assigned. I will call the dancers to line up at that time and they are dismissed as soon as they get off the stage. You may leave and return if you'd like, but please realize that if we do get off schedule at the beginning we usually can catch up. I try my best to remain on schedule. Parents must be present with their children as our stage moms are not babysitters on this night.

As a fundraiser for the Dance Company, the team parents will be selling refreshments and pizza during the Dry Run Rehearsal for those who may want to purchase dinner and/or snacks.

Click here to pre-order pizza:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpBXLgSHSr7u4soSnFHMlIFTG-bm-AEqxIoNiEF19Ik_TLGA/viewform This link is also found on the News page of our website.

All refreshments **MUST** be consumed in the lobby and are NOT allowed in the theater. Please be sure to clean up any trash or we will lose rental privileges at St. Mark's!!

Wednesday, May 8th DRESS REHEARSAL ARRIVAL AT 5:30 PM

On this night you will drop your children off in the dressing rooms. **Once you leave, the stage moms take over and nobody else is allowed in the dressing rooms or backstage.** This rehearsal is run very much like the real show night...costumes, music, lighting, entering and exiting from the dressing room, etc. It will run much longer than the actual show and again your patience will be greatly appreciated. Students are to report to the dressing room **DRESSED IN THEIR FIRST COSTUME, no later than 5:30 PM!** Doors will open at 5:00 PM. The rehearsal starts promptly at 6:00 PM.

***Each family will receive one wristband for admittance to the theater to take videos and pictures.** *This is attached to this hard copy paper given in class.* **This rehearsal is CLOSED to the public** and guests will be asked to leave if they do not have on a wrist band. **WE DO NOT WANT STRANGERS IN OUR THEATER WATCHING OUR CHILDREN** and this is how our staff and the staff of St. Mark's will know who is a part of ADA. Stage moms will only need their badge, so their wristband can be given to another family member to take pictures. Extra wristbands will be available for purchase on the last week of class at the \$20 price of a recital ticket.

All dancers must stay with the stage moms until their dismissal at either the first half finale or the second half finale (read on for more info). Students are to be picked up in the dressing rooms only, **not pulled out of line.** so that children do not get confused and/or lost. All Preschool 1/2, Kinderdance, and 5-7 year old Hip Hop dancers who are not in a dance in the second half will be dismissed after the "little finale" which closes the first half of the show. Finales will be practiced only on the Dress Rehearsal night. Please notify the stage moms (and thank them!) when you take your child home. *Hint: Bring pjs for the younger dancers to change the into so they will be ready for bed!*

Remember: Photography and videotaping will **NOT** be permitted during the show on recital nights. We will have a professional videographer! See information below. You may take pictures and video on the dress rehearsal night. For the safety of the ADA dancers, please do not post any videos of other children on any social media without their parent's permission. Please let your guests know our rules as **flashes disturb the dancers on the stage and videotaping may interfere with the professional tape, not to mention can be a hindrance to other's view.**

Order forms for professional DVD's are done online and are also available on our website under the Studio News link.

<https://okvideode.com/onlinestore/2024/968-american-dance-academy-on-our-bookshelf-friday-saturday-may-10-11-2024-2-shows.html>

THE DRY RUN AND THE DRESS REHEARSAL NIGHTS ARE MANDATORY REHEARSALS AND ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE SHOW NIGHTS. REHEARSALS ALLOW THE CHILDREN AND STAFF TO FAMILIARIZE OURSELVES WITH THE SHOW AND SURROUNDINGS. I realize that rehearsals may interfere with work schedules of some parents, but please realize the importance of this for your child so he/she feels comfortable backstage and onstage!

Friday, May 10th - 6:30 PM SHOW

Saturday, May 11th - 2:00 PM SHOW

After two rehearsals we should be ready for the real thing...THE RECITAL! On Friday, the dancers are to be in the dressing room, dressed in their first costume by 6:00 PM (dressing rooms will open at 5:30 PM) and on Saturday by 1:30 PM (dressing rooms will open at 1:00 PM).

Doors to the auditorium will open at 6:00 PM Friday and 1:30 PM Saturday and the curtain will open at 6:30 PM Friday and 2:00 PM Saturday. Make-up and hair should be done at home and may be touched up by stage moms. Eye shadow for the stage is best in browns and lipstick bright red or pink. A little bit of blush and lipstick is nice, but too much can be tacky on little girls. Let's remember that although this is a special time for the dancers they are still just kids and we want to keep it that way for as long as we can! It certainly goes by too fast!!! All Level classes should wear full stage make-up. No jewelry, extra hairpieces, nail polish, tattoos, or colored band-aids are to be worn and remember- no underwear under the costumes as the bright lights show them sticking out! We do sell the rhinestone performance earrings that our dance company uses at the studio. All dancers are permitted to use them for the show, but they are not required. We also sell some costume storage bags, but only have short ones that will fit smaller costumes.

Those in the Little Finale may watch the rest of the show (a ticket is not needed if they sit on a lap), but **NOT IN COSTUME**. Please change them into regular clothes. All other students are to be picked up **AFTER THE SHOW HAS ENDED** in their dressing room. Again, please do NOT pull them out of line as they are walking back to the dressing room and just meet them directly in the dressing room.

Reminder- Males are not allowed in the dressing room as girls are changing!! Families can wait in the lobby or hallways (away from the stage door) to congratulate the dancers on show nights. A photo station will be set up for dancers and their family/friends to enjoy.

I highly encourage those who are allowed to leave at intermission to stay and see the entire show at least once. Your children will love to see the older children dancing. They love to watch the big finale! Those who have seen it talk about it often and look forward to participating in it when they are older. Also, what a thrill it is for the older children to have a full audience cheering them on so if you can spare an extra hour, PLEASE STAY!

THEATER ETIQUETTE: During the show, please remain in your seats while students are dancing and please remind your guests to do the same. The dancers have worked very hard all year to perform for you. If you must get up, please do so between dances. This way you will not disrupt the dancers on the stage or the audience who came to see them. Remember, although your child may not be dancing, someone else's child is. Let's give them the respect of real stars, because to us they certainly are!

Remember- your positive attitude (along with mine and my staff) directly affects the children so let's make this as rewarding for them as possible. They have certainly worked for it!

During the intermission of each show, the Dance Company Parents will sell refreshments. Remember, no food or drink in the auditorium, please! They will also have **carnation sales**. See this link to pre-order:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHnrrHJODcrAwWO1ycfuqGjVdjthnyhL6O5MH3ts0-n-r5GA/viewform> It is also placed on the News page of the website

Please call the studio if you have any questions (234-9900) or e-mail me at DANCEatADA@comcast.net.

My staff and I look forward to a fun year 31st year celebration! Feel free to clap, sing along, and just have a wonderful time. Your children have been working very hard all year and I'm sure you will be very proud of them. We sure are! Thank you for a wonderful year at ADA!

We appreciate your cooperation and are honored that you chose ADA to be a part of your family!

Enjoy the show!

Sincerely,

Miss Darlene & Staff of ADA

Extra Notes for the weeks after the show:

****May 13th- 18th: Recital After GLOW Party held at ADA during each regular class time- wear your NEON COLORS or WHITE!***

****May 18th- 23rd: Bring a friend to class/Try any class for FREE***

****May 23rd: Final day of classes for the 2022-2023 Season***

****Missing anything? Please check the Lost-N-Found which have gotten quite full. All items are donated to charity at the end of the year.***