



2026 HOLIDAY SHOW HANDBOOK



RECITAL INFORMATION



The annual A2 Dance Center will take place on December 19. This year, the day will be split into two shows. Show A (Lafayette and Fowler dancers) will begin at 12:30PM. Show B (Frankfort and Lebanon dancers) will begin at 3:30PM.

The show is held at the Rohrman Performing Arts Theater at Jefferson High School

1801 S 18th Street, Lafayette, IN 47905. We recommend parking off of 18th street. Turn onto JR Hiatt Drive for parking.

TICKETS

Tickets are available for purchase now through the start of the show. You can scan the QR code below for tickets.



BACKSTAGE

Family members and friends are not permitted backstage or in the dressing rooms during rehearsals or the recital, including intermission and before/after the show. Backstage areas are bustling with activity, and the dressing rooms are private spaces. We kindly ask you to respect these areas and remind your family and guests to do the same. You may greet the performers and present flowers in the lobby areas after the show.

No video or photography will be allowed at the recital.

COSTUMES



We spend extensive time selecting costumes for each class, ensuring they are age-appropriate and of the highest quality possible.

Costumes include all accessories (hats, gloves, etc.), but not tights or shoes.

NOTE: Please refrain from wearing jewelry with costumes. This applies during dress rehearsals, performances, and class pictures. Nail polish and fake tattoos are not recommended.

FEES & PAYMENT

To ensure timely delivery of costumes for studio photographs and organized distribution to our students, costume orders are placed at the end of October.

Costume manufacturers do not accept cancellations or offer refunds; therefore, the studio does not refund costume fees. It is important that costume fees are paid on time, otherwise we may need to charge a late fee in order to rush order your dancer's costume late. It's also possible the costume manufacturer will sell out by the time we place a late order, meaning we won't be able to order your dancer's costume. Please be mindful of due dates for this reason.

Accessories like headpieces or gloves *are* included in the costume cost, while tights and shoes *are not*. Students should already have their shoes and tights, as they are the same shoes and tights as their dress code requires.

A2 Dance Center cannot be held responsible if costumes are not received in time for the recital due to late payments.



COSTUME CARE

We advise labeling all costumes, shoes, accessories, and tights with your child's name. Place the costumes in a garment bag with your child's name on the outside. Pack accessories in a clear plastic bag labeled with your child's name. You should not need to iron any of the costumes, but if you have any cotton garments, please press them carefully before the dress rehearsal and performance. Avoid washing costumes in your washing machine; dry clean them only after the concert.



Ironing

We do not recommend using a traditional iron when pressing costumes. Silks can burn, sequins can melt, and fabric colors may change. Please only use a steam iron for costumes and exercise caution due to the glues used to attach appliqués and/or trims.



Tutu maintenance

To take care of tutus, gently shake the waistband and use your fingers to straighten any wrinkled tulle pieces. Store tutus upside down on a hanger. If persistent wrinkles remain, hang the tutu in the bathroom during a shower or use a handheld steamer. Remember to label all costumes, shoes, accessories, and tights with your child's name.



TIPS: Costume Common Sense

Always have a spare pair of tights available. Use a garment bag when traveling with costumes. Ensure your name is on all costumes and shoes.



TIGHTS, SHOES, HAIR AND MAKEUP



Tights

To maintain uniformity in color and style, students are required to have specific tights for their classes. Having a spare pair of tights may provide a sense of security for students and parents. The tights that are required for your child's class are the same tights that are required for their recital costume. These can be found on our Nimble site by scanning the QR code below.



Shoes

All students are required to have specific shoes for their classes. These shoes are the same shoes your student will wear with their recital costume. Please ensure that all shoes are clean before the recital. If you purchase dance shoes shortly before the recital, we recommend breaking them in (indoors) to make them more flexible and comfortable for the show. These shoes are also listed on our Nimble site by scanning the QR code below.



Hair and makeup

We recommend all female students wear makeup for the concert, including red lipstick, blush, eye shadow, and mascara. Boys may use a little blush. Intense stage lights wash out the dancers' faces during the show. Stage makeup ensures their facial features remain visible, especially in photography and videography. Avoid glitter or shimmer.

Uniform hairstyles are required. Female students should wear their hair in a middle bun on the center of their head. Fringes are not allowed. Dancers with short hair should pull it away from their faces and smooth it down.



STUDENT DROP-OFF



RECITAL DROP OFF

Parents or guardians should bring their children to the check-in table in the main lobby at their required time. If you'd like to have portraits taken, your portrait time slot is 30 minutes prior to your check-in time.

Lafayette Dancers:

- 10:30AM Photo Check-In
- 11:00AM Dress Rehearsal Check-In
- Perform in Show A at 12:30PM

Fowler Dancers:

- 10:50AM Photo Check-In
- 11:20AM Dress Rehearsal Check-In
- Perform in Show A at 12:30PM

Frankfort Dancers:

- 1:30PM Photo Check-In
- 2:00PM Dress Rehearsal Check-In
- Perform in Show B at 3:30PM

Lebanon Dancers:

- 1:50PM Photo Check-In
 - 2:20PM Dress Rehearsal Check-In
 - Perform in Show B at 3:30PM
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PICK UP PROCEDURES

At the conclusion of the show, all students go on stage for the finale. The curtains will then close and we will ask one adult per family to exit the back of the theater, continue past dancer drop-off, and follow staff directions backstage to pick up your dancer. Please only send one adult backstage to limit overcrowding and to help us maintain a safe environment during pick-up.

PARENT HELPERS- UNDER 4 ONLY

If your dancer is under the age of 4, you may need to assist your dancer backstage during the show. We will show you to your dancer's dressing room during drop off.



PHOTO, VIDEO, GRAMS, & SWEATSHIRTS



RECITAL PORTRAITS

We partner with Dreams in Glass Photography for photography. Dancer portraits can be ordered in advance or at the show. Anyone having portraits taken should arrive 30 minutes prior to their Dress Rehearsal check-in time. Scan this QR code to pre-order portraits from Dreams in Glass Photography.



RECITAL VIDEOGRAPHY

We have a professional videographer creating a digital download of the recital. You may use the QR below to purchase the digital download. Please allow up to 4-6 weeks for editing/music overlay, and then you will receive the digital download via email.



GOOD LUCK GRAMS & SWEATSHIRTS

Good luck grams with a personalized message from you can be delivered to your dancer backstage before the show. Holiday Show sweatshirts are available and will be ready for pick up at the entrance of the auditorium on the day of the show.

