



Recital and Rehearsal Dates and Times:

Important Dates and Contact Info

April 1 12-1pm Optional info meeting about recital for new parents

April 10-14 Studio closed for Spring Break
(sign up for special classes on bulletin board)

May 15-19 Dress rehearsals **at the studio**
(come to rehearsal, not regular class. Wear costume.)

June 5 Last day of regular classes

June 6,7 Rehearsals **at the Cary Arts Center**
(Do not wear costume)

June 10 Recital

June 19 Summer Classes begin

Questions about recital??
email: info@gracefuldance.com
or **call:** 919-758-6003

New Ticketing this Year:

All ticketing will be handled at the Cary Theater Box Office. All seats will be assigned seating. Parents can pick up their two free parent tickets at the Cary Theater Box Office — be sure you remember which showtime. You will want to purchase additional family tickets at the same time if you would like to be seated together. Additional tickets are \$8 each. Tickets will go on sale beginning May 15th. Do not delay — shows will fill up!

Interested in helping backstage?

We need one volunteer class mom for all Preschool, Creative Ballet and Love 2 Dance classes. You will receive a DVD of the performance. Sign up by emailing info@gracefuldance.com

Please be sure that you meet the following criteria:

- Be present at all rehearsals and the recital, without siblings.
- Be able to devote your attention fairly to all students in the class. Consider how you and your child work together and whether your child will have a good experience if your attention is shared with the whole group.

Mandatory Rehearsals

Dress rehearsal at the studio, Week of May 15-19 (wear costumes):

No regular classes this week! Come to your rehearsal instead!

Kids:

- Please make attendance at rehearsals a priority — it's important for you, and it's a commitment to your classmates! (In sports terms: this is like the play-offs. Your team needs you!)
- Be on time and be ready to go — but also be flexible. We will do our best to stick to schedule.
- Wear your hairstyle to rehearsal at the studio. Class photos will be taken during this time.
- Arrive in your ballet costume. You will only wear your ballet costume for this rehearsal.
- ***If you are in acro and have another part:*** wear a leotard under your costume so that you can take off your ballet costume for rehearsal. Bring your acro costume to class the week of May 22nd if you have a quick change. Label your costume with your name. You will leave it with us.
- ***If you are in tap and have another part or costume:*** bring your costume to class the week of May 22nd for a “quick change” rehearsal. You will leave your costume with us that day so that we can have it set up for you at the theater. Be sure both costumes and shoes are marked with your name!
- Use the bathroom before arriving. No eating in costumes!

Parents:

- Both the studio and theater rehearsals are closed rehearsals. We need the full attention of our dancers, so we ask that parents do not watch through the windows.
- Only class moms will come in the studio for rehearsal.
- Registration for fall and summer classes as well as DVD, flower, and t-shirt pre-orders will be available at all studio rehearsals. This is the only chance for flower and shirt pre-orders.
- **The parking lot will fill up — PLEASE USE THE GRAVEL LOT AT THE MATTHEWS HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET!**

Rehearsal at the Cary Arts Center, June 6 & 7 (no costumes):

Come to your rehearsal and recital the week of June 8. There will no regular classes June 6-9th.

Kids:

- Wear normal dance class attire and ballet shoes.
- Arrive for check-in 10 minutes prior to rehearsal. Follow the signs to be dropped off at the Marcus Dry Room door.

Parents:

Kids should be under our supervision or yours. You may drop off your dancer with us and return at the end of rehearsal, or you may wait in the lobby or walk to the nearby library. Siblings must be kept with you at all times.

Recital Information

We will have four recitals at the Cary Arts Center on Saturday, June 10th. Your recital time is on the front of this packet, and recital times will also be posted on the bulletin board at the studio. The show will last one hour.

Costumes

- Most costumes will be handed out in class the week of April 17th.
- Label the costume and your child's dance shoes with your child's name.
- Costume sizing is general — small, medium, etc. so a perfect fit can not be guaranteed. You may alter as needed; often straps need to be tightened or secured with simple hand-sewing. We are happy to recommend seamstresses.
- We want all dancers to be comfortable onstage. If you feel that for modesty reasons, your dancer needs to wear a leotard or other undergarments with their costume, please select a skin tone. There are great options at the local dance stores.
- Girls in ballet need full-footed or convertible pink tights and pink leather ballet shoes in good condition.
- Boys in ballet need black ballet shoes.

Day of the Show

- Drop off your child at the entrance to the Marcus Dry Room 20-25 minutes prior to show time in costume and shoes for their first dance (typically ballet). Dancers will be checked-in by a teacher and will wait backstage with their class and class mom/helper.
- Space at the theater is limited, so arrive dressed and ready to go. You may not use the public restrooms to change into costume.
- We will have multiple shows that day. Do not arrive at the back door more than 30 minutes prior to show time as dancers will be exiting from the prior show up until that time.
- The auditorium opens 30 minutes prior to the show.
- Dancers will be backstage with their class throughout the show. They will be able to see much of the show from the backstage viewing area and enjoy the excitement of being a part of the experience!
- During the show, please model and require good audience manners from siblings and guests. Talking or moving through the theater are very distracting for our young dancers. Enjoy the show and be proud of your beautiful dancers!
- The theater does not permit videotaping or photography during the show. The house manager enforces this policy.
- Dancers will be checked out from the same door they were dropped off at. Please send a parent to pick-up, do not send a friend or relative unfamiliar to our studio staff.

Tickets

- Tickets are reserved seating. Parents receive two free tickets (per dancer, maximum of two shows — dancers in more than two shows will be contacted individually to notify us of your selections before the shows go on sale.)
- Parent tickets and additional tickets can be purchased online or at the box office at The Cary (not at the Arts Center) for \$8 each. Plan to get tickets for anyone you want to sit with at the same time.
- Do not wait until the show day to get your tickets. The audience will be at or very near capacity for all of the shows.
- Tickets are required for everyone in a seat. Children four and under who are on laps do not need a ticket.

Tips for Make-up and Hair

Getting “made up” for the recital is part of the fun for many of the dancers. We will be using stage lighting, and wearing make-up will help the dancers appear natural instead of washed out from the harsh lights. Following are some recommendations, but these are open to the discretion of the parent and the interest/comfort of the child.

- Eyeshadow in a natural shade (browns, mauves, use lighter shade or white to highlight under brow).
- Mascara and brown eyeliner
- Blush to add color to cheeks
- Lipstick a little darker than child’s lips – a light red or mauve
- Foundation is optional, apply in a shade slightly darker than natural skin tone. Top with powder to decrease shine.
- **NO jewelry or hair accessories besides those provided with your costume**
- **NO visible nail polish**

Tips for hair:

- Secure bangs and loose hair with two bobby pins crossed in an “X”. (Make sure these are bobby pins that secure snugly, not loose hair pins). Securing loose hair prevents it from becoming a distraction to your dancer, and the double bobby pins help keep them from falling onto the stage where they could be a safety hazard.
- When using hair spray, gel, mousse, be sure to use more than you would normally apply...the dancers will be very active, and a falling hairdo can be a real distraction!
- When making a bun, use two hairbands for extra security. A good ponytail is the start of a good bun. Always use a hairnet wrapped around the bun to hold in the loose hairs!
- If your child will be wearing her hair down or in a ponytail, and you would like to have curls, put mousse or spray gel into slightly damp hair, roll hair in soft rollers, dry hair and leave rollers in until you leave your house for the show. Oh, the price of beauty! ☺ Or try spraying hair with hairspray while it’s still on the curling iron. Braided hair can make pretty waves, too. If your daughter will be wearing her hair in a ponytail, please use two hairbands for a secure ponytail.
- Most dancers will be wearing their hair in buns. Those who will be wearing ponytails or other styles will receive that information with their costumes.

**HAIR SHOULD BE DONE FOR DRESS REHEARSAL,
MAKE-UP IS OPTIONAL FOR REHEARSAL.
MAKE-UP AND HAIR SHOULD BE DONE FOR THE RECITAL.**

Make your recital day extra special!

Portraits

Professional portraits will be taken of dancers in costume at the studio on Saturday, May 13th. You can order portraits directly from the photographer and pick up at the recital.

DVDs

A DVD production of the recital will be available for order at the rehearsals and recitals for \$28 per copy. This is a great way to preserve the special day or send a copy to out-of-town grandparents! Dancers who are in more than one recital will receive copies of each recital they are in with the purchase of one DVD. DVDs will be mailed to you in early July.

Program Ads

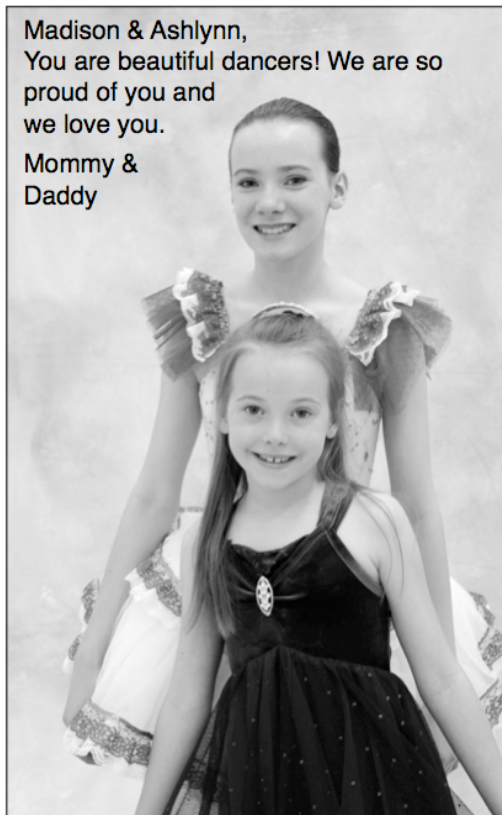
Write a special message of best wishes or congratulations and include with a photograph of your dancer in the program! Please return the program ad sheet by the date of your studio rehearsal.

Flowers and T-shirts

Flowers and t-shirts will be available for pre-order at the studio rehearsals only. These items will be available for pick up at the recital. You may pay in cash, check or request that these be charged to your studio account. Pre-orders on these items will be taken at studio rehearsals. Studio rehearsals are the only opportunity to order these items.

Recital Program

Turn your recital program into a special keepsake!



Madison & Ashlynn,
You are beautiful dancers! We are so
proud of you and
we love you.
Mommy &
Daddy



Have fun, Ava!
Love, Beah
and Mommy

Dancer's Name _____

Size (select one):

- 1/4 page, text only (\$15)
- 1/4 page, with picture -- vertical orientation (\$30)
- 1/2 page, with picture -- horizontal orientation (\$55)
- 1/2 page, with color picture — horizontal orientation (\$80) (only 4 available)

Program ad message (please keep to 20 words or less):

You must have a professional picture done for the program on May 13th (though you are not obligated to buy prints). Please be sure to sign up for a time slot if you wish to be included in the program.

DUE MAY 13TH

Ads are available at the same rates for your business, school or organization!

Simply submit your logo and information via email to info@gracefuldance.com