

Absolute Dance

It's all about Recital!

Recital Newsletter 2018

In this Newsletter...

This newsletter is to provide you with all of the information for our Spring Recitals! In this, you will find information on:

- The different types of shows that we offer.
- Which classes will be performing in each show.
- Important dates/times for Pictures, Rehearsals, & Shows.
- Information about Costumes.
- How to Volunteer as a Dresser for Recital
- Dates & Information regarding Ticket purchasing for all

Which Show is My Child Performing in?

At Absolute Dance we offer 2 different types of shows for our students depending on age. Your child will perform in only one type of show, so please double check to make sure you know which type it will be! There will also be multiple show times for each type of show! The classes/ages performing in each type of show are listed below:

"Dancing with Desserts" @ Midland

Community Theatre:

- All Tippy Toes– Ballet (age 3)
- All Tutu Tots– Ballet (age 4)
- Mini-Mester– 3-4 Ballet

"A Night at the Movies" Recital @ The

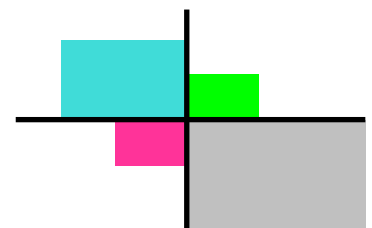
Wagner-Noel PAC:

- All Bitty & Blooming– Ballet, Tap, & Jazz (age 5 & 6)
- Mini-Mester– 4-6 & 5-7 Ballet & 7-12 Hip Hop
- All Level 1, 2, 3, & 4– Ballet & Jazz (age 7-up)
- All Beg/Int/Adv– Hip Hop, Tap, Lyrical, & Musical Theatre
- Company Classes– Large Groups, Hip Hop Group, Musical Theatre Group, Acro Group, Production



Important Dates:

- ♦ **March 1**
Recital Program Pictures & Ads Due
- ♦ **March 2-3**
Recital Pictures
- ♦ **April 13**
"Dancing with Desserts" Tickets On Sale
- ♦ **April 20**
"Movies" Recital Tickets on Sale to Parents
- ♦ **April 23-28**
Costume Practice Week (Wagner Shows Only)
- ♦ **May 4**
"Movies" Recital Tickets on Sale to Public
- ♦ **May 11**
"Dancing with Desserts" Dress Rehearsal @ MCT
- ♦ **May 12**
"Dancing with Desserts" Show @ MCT
- ♦ **May 17-18**
"Movies" Tech Rehearsal @ Wagner
- ♦ **May 19**
"A Night at the Movies" Recital @ Wagner





Costumes!

Recital costumes have been ordered for all students with an up-to-date account who had attended class as of November 20th. Costumes for any student who's account was not up-to-date will be ordered in early January. As costume shipments arrive and get sorted throughout the next few months, we will begin to hand them out in class. All Ballet classes will receive 1 pair of pink tights with their costume. Students enrolled in classes other than Ballet will also receive 1 pair of tan tights to be worn with all other costumes. Some classes will also receive a pair of black fishnet tights to be worn over the tan tights with that costume only. If you would like a different size of tights than you received, please leave the package unopened and bring them to the front desk to exchange. Please treat these costumes with the utmost care as they cannot be replaced! It is also very important to keep track of any tights & accessories that might accompany these costumes. Once a costume has been received, your child should try it on to check the fit then the costume should be stored and only worn for pictures and performances until after the Recital has been completed! Please keep in mind when trying on costumes, that they use general sizing and may not be a perfect fit. You are welcome to have alterations made to costumes to improve the fit if necessary. If you do feel that an incorrect size has been ordered for your child after it has been tried on, please bring the costume to Absolute Dance for Miss Chelsey or Miss Amanda to see on your child and a decision will be made from there. After confirming the fit of a costume, please write your child's name on the inside tag to prevent confusion at Recital. (Further care instructions can be found in the "Costume Care Guide") We also require that all performers wear the Revolution brand shoes that can be purchased at Absolute Dance, so that all dancers look uniform on stage.

*****Absolute Dance will retain all accessories for classes in the "Movies" Recital to prevent confusion for our Dressers & Backstage Crew!**



Costume Care Guide

- * Hang costumes in a garment or plastic bag for protection.
 - * Hang costumes with a tutu upside down to retain fullness.
 - * Wrinkled costumes should be steamed.
**Never iron a costume as it will melt!
 - * Costumes cannot be washed, so please keep them clean and dry.
 - * Do Not misplace tights or accessories that have been packaged with the costume.
 - * Do Not let your child eat or drink while wearing their costume!
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Recital Day Guide

- ◆ Please do not send your child to Rehearsal or Recital with any jewelry (stud earrings are allowed). This creates a more uniform appearance on stage, prevents them from accidentally losing valuable jewelry, as well as prevents the chance of it snagging on costumes.
- ◆ Students performing in multiple dances should layer their pink & tan tights to make changing easier & faster! We recommend putting the pink tights over the tan, unless their Ballet dance is last. In that case, put the tan over pink.
- ◆ Students should not wear underwear with their costumes! All of our dancers wear tights, which serves the same purpose and this prevents them from showing under the costume on stage. Visible underwear can be a distraction to both the student and audience! We also recommend Nude bras for our older students.

Make-up & Hair

Recommended Stage Make-up:

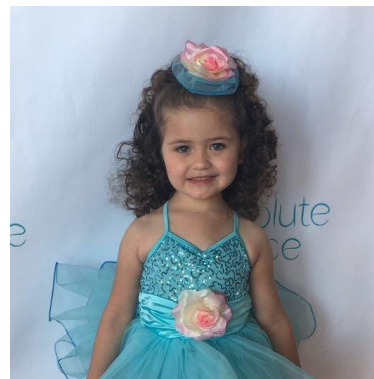
We require that **ALL STUDENTS** wear make-up when performing on stage. Stage lighting can be very bright & will wash out your child's features. Neutral/Brown color palettes for eyeshadows, Black for eyeliner, & Black for mascara are recommended. Make-up for each age group is listed below:

- * 3/4 year olds- Blush, Eyeshadow, Mascara, Lipstick (Eyeliner & Foundation optional)
- * 5/6 year olds- Blush, Eyeshadow, Eyeliner, Mascara, Lipstick (Foundation optional)
- * Level 1-4 & Teen- Foundation, Blush, Eyeshadow (w/contour), Eyeliner, Mascara, Lipstick (False Eyelashes optional)
- * Company- Same as Competition

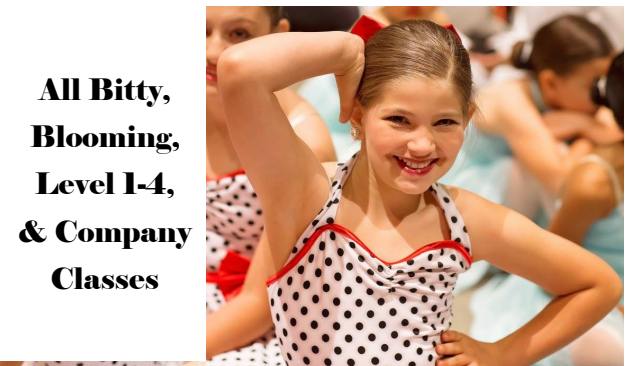
Required Hairstyles for Recital:

- **All Tippy Toes Ballet**- Half up, Half down, with curls (please use included hair accessory)
- **All Tutu Tots Ballet**- Half up, Half down, with curls (please use included hair accessory)
- **All Bitty & Blooming Classes**- Hair parted on the side (over the left eye), with a Low Center Bun (hair accessories are kept by Absolute Dance until after Recital & will be put in their hair for each specific costume)
- **All Level 1, 2, 3, 4 Classes**- Hair parted on the side (over the left eye), with a Low Center Bun (hair accessories are kept by Absolute Dance until after Recital & will be put in their hair for each specific costume)
- **All Company Classes**- Hair parted on the side (over left eye), with a Low Center Bun
***Please note this is slightly different from the regular hairstyle (Absolute Dance will provide the necessary hair accessories for Recital dances)

EXAMPLES:



All Tippy Toes & Tutu Tots Ballet Classes



All Bitty, Blooming, Level 1-4, & Company Classes



Dance Picture Schedule

Recital pictures for Print and the Yearbook will be taken by Mallory Buck Photography here at Absolute Dance! Below you will find a schedule for each class time to attend pictures! These pictures will be used for the Personal Yearbook Shoutouts and Mallory will also have Print packages available for order the day of pictures! All print pricing is handled through Mallory Buck Photography and will be made available once we have received a pricing list. Make-up pictures will be offered Monday, March 5th from 4:00-6:00pm for students who absolutely cannot attend pictures on March 2-3.

Friday, March 2nd:

4:00-4:30pm

- Monday 9:30am Tippy Toes Ballet (Emily) & Monday 10:30am Tutu Tots Ballet (Emily)

4:30-5:00pm

- Wednesday 4:00pm Tippy Toes Ballet (Emily) & Thursday 4:00pm Tippy Toes Ballet (Emily)

5:00-5:30pm

- Friday 5:30pm Tippy/Tutu Ballet (Alexis) & Friday 5:30pm Tippy/Tutu Ballet (Sarah)

5:30-6:00pm

- Friday 6:00pm Tippy/Tutu Ballet (Alexis) & Tuesday 4:45pm Tippy Toes Ballet (Bonnie)

6:00-6:30pm

- Saturday 9:30am Tippy/Tutu Ballet (Sarah) & Thursday 4:00pm Tutu Tots Ballet (Sarah)

6:30-7:00pm

- Wednesday 4:00pm Tutu Tots Ballet (Alexis) & Monday 5:00pm Tippy Toes Ballet (Sarah)

7:00-7:45pm

- Tuesday 4:45pm Tutu Tots Ballet (Molly) & Tuesday 10:30am Tippy/Tutu Ballet (Jade) & Monday 5:00pm Tutu Tots Ballet (Leah)

Saturday, March 3rd:

8:30-9:00am

- Monday 4:00 Bitty Ballet (Alexis), Monday 4:00 Blooming Ballet (Bonnie), Monday 4:30 Bitty/Blooming Tap (Alexis)

9:00- 9:30am

- Tuesday 4:45 Bitty/Blooming Tap (Sarah), Tuesday 5:15 Bitty Ballet (Bonnie), Tuesday 5:15 Blooming Ballet (Molly)

9:30- 10:00am

- Wed 4:00 Bitty Ballet (Leah), Wed 4:30 Bitty/Blooming Tap (Alexis), Thursday 4:30 Bitty Ballet (Leah)

10:00-10:30am

- Thursday 4:30 Blooming Ballet (Sarah), Thursday 5:00 Bitty/Blooming Tap (Emily)

10:30- 12:30pm

- All Level 1 Classes

12:30pm

- ALL YEARBOOK WINNERS & COURT (Please wear your favorite costume)

2:00- 3:30pm

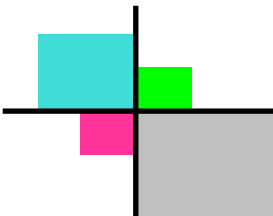
- All Level 2 Classes

2:30-3:30pm

- All Mini-Mester Classes

3:30-5:00pm

- All Level 3 & 4 Classes, All Company Classes





Costume Practice Week & Recital Volunteers



Costume Practice Week

During regular classes the week of April 23rd-28th, Absolute Dance will be having "Costume Practice Week" for all classes in the "Movies" Recital. During this week, dancers will need to bring their costume to each of their classes for a Dress Rehearsal with their Teachers and Recital Dressers. This allows the students the opportunity to practice their dance in their costume while the Teachers & Dressers can work out any minor details or questions. Students with only 1 class should arrive in costume to help save time. (Please refer to the costume care guide) Students with multiple classes will be welcome to wear regular dance clothes and change in each class.



Recital Volunteers (Dressers)

As recital time draws near, we will begin our search for volunteers! It takes a village to put on a great recital, and we will be looking for volunteers to work backstage as Dressers for all of our shows. Dressers are a vital part of every Absolute Dance recital, and we could not put on a quality performance without them. Our goal is to provide 1-2 Dressers per class for all Level 3 and under students. Our Dressers are vital to assisting our students in costume changes, hair accessories, collecting props, travel to and from the dressing rooms, and lining them up backstage! As parents, we want you to enjoy our show as much as possible, and would be very grateful to anyone willing to volunteer as a dresser for a show that your child is not performing in, or even for your own child's class! Volunteer requirements are as follows:

- ◆ A brief meeting in early April with Miss Chelsey at Absolute Dance to discuss class assignments and expectations.
- ◆ Attend Costume Practice Week for their assigned class if possible.
- ◆ Arrive 15 minutes early to student arrival times for rehearsals and performances.
- ◆ Must be available for all Rehearsal and Show times for your assigned class

In March, we will send out a reminder email about Recital Volunteers and place a sign-up sheet at the front desk! If you have any question please feel free to ask the front desk or email Miss Chelsey at chelsey@absolutedance.org



Dancing with Desserts

Dancing with Desserts is a special Recital just for our younger students! We do 3 small shows at Midland Community Theater to keep the length of each show around 45 minutes and to allow parents an up-close view of their little dancer! Following each show we hold a brief Desert Social in the Lobby to allow everyone time for pictures with their sweet performers! All Tippy Toes & Tutu Tots Ballet classes will perform in this show, and will be evenly divided between the 3 Showtimes to allow for plenty of seating! Participating classes, Rehearsal times, & Show times are listed below!



Performance Schedule for May 12th @ MCT (Please arrive IN COSTUME):

✓ **11:00 am Show** (students must be dropped off at 10:15am):

- Monday 5:00 Tutu Tots Ballet (Leah)
- Tuesday 4:45 Tutu Tots Ballet (Molly)
- Tuesday 4:45 Tippy Toes Ballet (Bonnie)
- Thursday 4:00 Tippy Toes Ballet (Emily)
- Friday 5:30 Tippy/Tutu Ballet (Sarah)
- Wed. 4:45 Mini Mester Ballet (Sarah)

✓ **1:00 pm Show** (students must be dropped off at 12:15pm):

- Monday 9:30am Tippy Toes Ballet (Emily)
- Monday 10:30 Tutu Tots Ballet (Emily)
- Wednesday 4:00 Tutu Tots Ballet (Alexis)
- Friday 5:30 Tippy/Tutu Ballet (Alexis)
- Saturday 9:30am Tippy Toes Ballet (Sarah)
- Wed. 5:45 Mini Mester Ballet (Sarah)

✓ **3:00 pm Show** (students must be dropped off at 2:15pm):

- Monday 5:00 Tippy Toes Ballet (Alexis)
- Tuesday 10:30am Tippy/Tutu Ballet (Jade)
- Wednesday 4:00 Tippy Toes Ballet (Emily)
- Thursday 4:00 Tutu Tots Ballet (Sarah)
- Friday 6:00 Tippy/Tutu Ballet (Alexis)
- Monday 5:00 Mini Mester Ballet (Sarah)



Dress Rehearsal Schedule for May 11th @ MCT (Please arrive IN COSTUME):

- 4:30 pm– 5:30 pm– all 11:00 am Show performers
- 5:15 pm– 6:15 pm– all 1:00 pm Show performers
- 6:00 pm– 6:45 pm– all 3:00 pm Show performers

Rehearsal times are kept as short as possible for our dancers, please make sure to drop off/pick up your dancer ON TIME!

***Please note that all Rehearsals are closed to observers.



“A Night at the Movies” Recital

At Absolute Dance, we are proud to host our annual Recital at the Wagner-Noel Performing Arts Center! Bitty level classes and up that will be participating in this Recital will be evenly divided into 2 shows to allow for plenty of seating. One set will dance in the “Morning Show” at 11:00am and the others will dance in the “Evening Show” at 5:00pm. Occasionally a class will be asked to perform in both shows due to a variety of reasons. Please double check BOTH show lists for your child’s class! Each year we have a specific Recital Theme that is carried throughout our shows incorporating all music and costuming to create a production that flows smoothly and keeps our audience members entertained! This year, the Theme for our Wagner Shows will be “A Night at the Movies” and will incorporate all different types of movies that our dancers and audience members have seen! Participating classes, Rehearsal times, & Show times are listed below. (Please note that all Rehearsals are Mandatory):

Performance Schedule for May 19th @ WNPAC *(All dancers must arrive at the Backstage Entrance in their 1st COSTUME & have all other costumes/shoes in hand):*

• **Morning Show (11:00 am)- All performers must arrive @ 10:00 am:**

All Monday Bitty & Blooming Ballet, Tap, & Jazz Classes, All Tuesday Bitty & Blooming Ballet, Tap, & Jazz Classes, All Wednesday Bitty & Blooming Ballet, Tap, & Jazz Classes, Mini-Mester 4-6 Ballet (Monday– Miss Sarah), Level 1 Ballet, Level 1 Jazz, Level 2 Ballet, Level 2 Jazz, Thursday Level 1/2 Ballet, Thursday Level 1/2 Jazz, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday Level 1/2 Hip Hop, Level 1/2 Lyrical, Level 1/2 Musical Theatre, Beginner Tap, * Intermediate Tap, *Advanced Tap, *Opening Number, *Mini/Junior Recital dance, *Teen/Senior Recital dance, *Mini/Junior Musical Theatre Group, *Teen/Senior Musical Theatre Group, *Senior Large Group, *Company Production

• **Evening Show (5:00 pm)- All performers must arrive @ 4:00 pm:**

All Thursday Bitty & Blooming Ballet, Tap, & Jazz Classes, Mini-Mester 4-6 Ballet (Monday– Miss Alexis), 5-7 Ballet, 7-12 Hip Hop, Saturday Level 1/2 Ballet, Saturday Level 1/2 Hip Hop, Level 3 Ballet, Level 3 Jazz, Level 4 Ballet, Level 4 Jazz, Level 3/4 Lyrical, Level 3/4 Hip Hop, Level 3/4 Musical Theatre, Intermediate & Advanced Pointe, Thursday 6:15 Mini-Mester Ballet, Wed. Mini-Mester Hip Hop, *Intermediate Tap, *Advanced Tap, *Opening Number, *Petite Tap & Jazz, *All Mini, Junior, Teen & Senior Company

Tech Rehearsal Schedule @ WNPAC *(All dancers must be dropped off/picked up at the Backstage Entrance at their scheduled time. Dancers should arrive in Black Leotard and tan or pink Tights with ALL necessary shoes in hand. Hair must be in the required style, make-up is not required for Rehearsal):*

• **Thursday, May 18th:**

4:30-8:00pm

Morning Show Rehearsal– All performers must attend, and dances will be rehearsed in Show order

7:45– 8:45pm

Opening Number Rehearsal

• **Friday, May 19th:**

4:30-8:00pm

Evening Show Rehearsal– All performers must attend, and dances will be rehearsed in Show order

8:00-8:30pm

Company Production Rehearsal

Tickets & Videos

Show Tickets

Absolute Dance does not handle ticket sales for our Shows directly. All tickets sales are handled online through a 3rd party to create less stress for our parents and staff! This prevents anyone from having to stand in line or be placed on hold to purchase tickets for either of our Shows! Below are the dates for when tickets will be available for purchase for all of our Shows! More specific information on how to purchase tickets will be included in April's Newsletter.

Dancing with Desserts @ Midland Community Theatre:

Tickets go on sale: Friday, April 13th through this website: <https://recitaltix.com/>

“Bedtime Stories” Recital @ Wagner-Noel Performing Arts Center:

Tickets go on sale to Parents Only: Friday, April 20th

Tickets go on sale to the Public: Friday, May 4th

<http://wagnernoel.com/events/>

New Recital Video Format!!!

We are so excited to introduce DanceBug, a new format for our Recital Videos this year! Now you will be able to stream your video to any electronic device to watch anytime! This great new feature will also include ALL of our Dancing with Desserts and “A Night at the Movies” Shows!

No more separate DVDs for each show and no more clutter around the house! All videos are also downloadable from your account. Absolute Dance will provide every family with a code that you will need to create a DanceBug account through either the DanceBUG.com website or the DanceBug apps. Once the Recital videos are ready, we will send everyone an email with a “Recital Video 2018” Code to gain them access to these videos. Now you don't have to come by the studio to pick up a DVD! From, then on the 2018 Recital will always be accessible in your DanceBug Account, and you can watch your unlocked video as many times as you want!

DanceBug also allows you to create “guest users” on your account for family and friends so they can watch the videos too! Access to this video will never expire, and they are currently working to add archived videos from previous Recitals for you to purchase if you would like! We could not be happier about this new, innovative format that will create a better quality video of our shows! If you have any questions about DanceBug feel free to ask the front desk or email support@dancebug.com!



Recital Program

We are very excited to continue our annual AD Recital Program! The Recital Program will contain student's individual dance pictures, candid pictures, shout-outs, and show orders for both Dancing with Desserts and "A Night at the Movies." In this packet, you'll find information on how to feature your child's picture in the Program and win our Shout-out Contest (one year of free tuition is involved)!

Shout-Out Contest

A Shout-out in our Program is any picture with text, logo, or just text box. The Shout-out Contest will start at the beginning of January and end Thursday, March 1st, 2018. All contestants must turn in their shout-outs and money to the front desk **on** or **before** March 1st! Shout-outs turned in after this date will still be featured in our program, but will not count towards 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, or 500 club.

Shout-Out Contest PRIZES!

Sell Shout-outs to win BIG PRIZES!

1ST PLACE AD WINNER- Minimum Qualifying amount of ads, \$1,500.00

ONE **FREE** YEAR OF TUITION (UP TO \$1,000)
A PICTURE ON INSIDE BACK COVER WITH THE COURT
An ABSOLUTE DANCE DANCE BAG
FREE PROGRAM

2ND PLACE AD WINNER- Minimum Qualifying amount of ads \$1,200.00

4 MONTHS OF **FREE** TUITION (UP TO \$350)
A PICTURE ON INSIDE BACK COVER WITH THE COURT
FREE PROGRAM

3RD PLACE AD WINNER- Minimum Qualifying amount of ads \$1,000.00

2 MONTHS FREE TUITION (UP TO \$200)
A PICTURE ON INSIDE BACK COVER WITH THE COURT
FREE PROGRAM

500 CLUB- Minimum Qualifying amount of \$500

A PICTURE ON BACK COVER WITH 500 CLUB MEMBERS
FREE PROGRAM

**The deadline to qualify for these amazing prizes stated above will be
Thursday, March 1st, 2018!**

Recital Program- Sizes & Pricing

Shoutout Sizes & Prices

\$85.00 Picture Space (1/6 Page)- Student will be featured with 5 other students on page (picture & name)

\$100 AD(1/4 Page) Businesses, Family, or Friends (picture and text)

\$200 AD (1/2 Page) Business, Family, or Friends (picture and text)

\$400 AD (Full Page) Business, Family, or Friends (picture and text)

*Example Full Page Ad



We will even design it for you!

*Example of Picture Space



We hope everyone of our students will be pictured in our 2018 Absolute Dance Recital Program. You must turn in an ad form to be in the yearbook! We know it will be a book of memories we can all treasure for a life time!