

We are so excited to watch our dancers take the stage in our own parking lot at 34 Grafton Street! This handbook contains all you need to know for a safe and fun day celebrating your dancer. Although this isn't our typical performance experience we have spent a great deal planning for this event to make sure your dancer has a wonderful recital performance.

Please continue to cross your fingers for a gorgeous summer day. If needed our rain date will be June 20, 2021.

Recital Line Ups

Recital line ups were emailed on 5/16. This will tell you the time your dancer is performing. As you may have noticed, we are dancing the entire day and straight into the night. We have a limited amount of time in-between each show and need everyone to plan accordingly and be on time. There is only 45 minutes in-between recitals to clean and reset for our next group. Once the recital is over we kindly ask parents to leave the parking lot so the next group can arrive. Dancers in back to back recitals are welcome to leave their belongings inside the studio in between shows but will be asked to exit the studio.

Dancers are asked to stay for the duration of the show. Dismissal protocols will be explained during dress rehearsal week. After each group dance, dancers have been instructed to remain in their pose for a quick group photo.

Length of Shows: Each recital will be about an hour and fifteen minutes long. A slide show will kick off each performance about 5 minutes before show time is to begin.

Arrival and Dancer Drop Off: Dancers should arrive **NO EARLIER** than 20 minutes early. **ONLY DANCERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING.** Please pack lightly. The garment costume bags and/or a small dance bag with labeled dance shoes and water is all your dancer needs. No snacks will be allowed.

Dancers should be dressed in their costume. If a dancer has multiple dances, they should have on their first costume. The show line up is below. Older dancers, please layer tights if needed.

Make sure to apply sunscreen on your dancer and yourselves!

Hair: All preschool and kinderdance aged classes can be worn anyway you like. We do recommend pulling the hair off the face since it will be hot out. Hair accessories should be placed on the right side of your dancers head. Please read the costume maintenance tips that went home in each garment bag. Dancers ages 6 and up should have their hair in a classic ballet bun, not a sock bun. If your child has a hat for an accessory make sure to practice the placement of the bun. A tutorial video is available on our website.

Makeup: Its a great idea to use light eye shadow (browns, light purple colors) some mascara, blush, and lipstick (red hues are best)

Parking: We are so grateful! Our landlord has been more than accommodating and amazing with the planning of this recital. He owns the beige building in the back of our parking lot and has offered to make extra parking room for our HHDA families.

There will be parking available behind the tan building, and also on the street. Please only park on the side of the street that the studio is on. We STRONGLY recommend taking one car for your family and car pooling when convenient to do so. We hired a police detail to help with the flow of traffic and overall safety. We expect Grafton Street and the surrounding neighborhood roads to be busy that day! It would be smart to drop your dancer off with a chaperone at the studio entrance and then go and find parking. For any large outdoor event parking is an inconvenience so please plan accordingly!

Livestream: Is going to be a great feature for our families this season. The livestream is paying for unlimited tickets! You can share this link with family who would normally attend your child's dance recital. Access will be released a few days prior to the recital.

The production company charged a flat fee per dancer for this option, which is why we can't absorb these costs for families.

Digital downloadable link: Will be emailed out 4-6 weeks after the recital. You will receive a link for each recital your child is in. This is the new version of a recital DVD.

Recital Fee: Will be collected from your accounts on **Tuesday, June 8th**. If you would like to send in another form of payment please do so before the 8th. This is a **ONE** time fee and will not be duplicated if your child or family is in multiple recitals.

The recital fees include the performance fee, access to live streaming, downloadable recital link (digital dvd,) and a digital program. The individual dancer fee also includes two admittance wristbands.

Individual Dancer Fee \$65.00

Sibling Dancer Fee \$35.00

Family Cap \$100.00

Additional Wristbands Needed

Additional wristbands \$10.00 each

Due to our venues space limitations, we have to cap our audience. An Individual Dancer is allowed a total of 4 wristbands which includes the 2 already paid for in the individual dancer package fee. If the Individual Dancer is in multiple shows, you may purchase up to 4 wristbands for the additional shows. Siblings are allowed to purchase up to 4 additional wristbands per shows.

If you want more than the allotted wristbands please add your name to the google form below no later than June 5th. We will do our best to accommodate your additional needs.

Wristband Order Form: Each dancer will be handed an order form for your wristband requests. Please fill out these forms and return them to the office **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JUNE 7th**. Credit card/portal payments will not be accepted for additional wristbands. Please place in the provided envelope either cash or a check. Thank you

Admittance Wristbands: Will be sent home prior to dress rehearsal week. No entrance will be permitted without the appropriate color wrist band. Our Ushers will require everyone in a seat to show the appropriate color wristband to ensure everyone who purchased a seat has one.

Dress Rehearsal Week: Is always **mandatory** for all performers but this year more than ever. Each dancer needs to practice outside on the stage. Please mark your calendars :)

Dancers should come **dressed IN** their first recital performance costume and should also bring the remainder of their costumes and dance shoes needed for all their dance routines.

Masks: Are such a hot topic right now! Regardless of your feelings on masks we want to remind everyone this event is to celebrate our dancers! We have decided to move forward with our mask wearing protocols **inside** the studio for the remainder of this dance season. We have had an amazing year keeping our dance family safe. We had promised to keep your children safe during this pandemic and we will forever be proud that we accomplished just that!

Did you know HHDA hasn't had to force one class on zoom or had one case of transmission within our studio! The staff, the dancers and H&H made the social distancing sacrifices all season to value safety and we want to finish out our season just as strong.

Outside is a different ballgame. Dancers will be allowed to remove their masks to perform! We have prepared our recital dances with social distancing still in place, no contact, no lifts and still spaced out in squares. For the first time we will be able to see your child's smiling face and we are over the moon with excitement. Get those cameras ready, memories are about to be made in our parking lot!

If any parent wants their child to stay masked during the performance, please know we fully support and respect your decision. If you would like your dancer to wear a mask during their performance, please purchase a solid colored mask. If anyone has any concerns please don't hesitate to reach out.

Flowers: It's a nice idea to bring flowers or a special gift to celebrate your dancers hard work. Check this link below for exclusive flower deals for H&H Dance Academy. This order form is also available on our website.

Calendar Dates: Picture Pick Up Day is Tuesday, June 8th from 4pm-8pm.

Last Day Of Classes: Monday, June 14th

Audience Etiquette: We can't wait to hear the applause and cheers again coming from our dancers biggest fans. We are in need of your help especially for our younger friends. In a typical setting we would blackout the house lights making it dark within the auditorium. Obviously we can't blackout the sun ;). Please help us keep your dancer engaged and not distracted by encouraging them to watch their teacher in the front row before the show. It would be helpful if you could wait till the end of their dance to yell their names and wave to them. This will allow the teachers to have their attention, so your child will dance for you!

Please feel free to take as many pictures and videos as you like as long as you don't block another audience members view. Please also remain seated while taking footage during the recital to avoid any interruptions with the live stream. Thank you!!!!

Many Thanks: Thank you again for all your support during these challenges times! Our dance community is strong and is growing and we owe that all to our wonderful customers. You have helped us have a positive atmosphere during such a stressful time, and we are forever grateful for your dedication this season. A special thank you to all our customers who post about HHDA on Facebook, specifically the parent town page groups. We have an amazing website, but have learned new customers would rather ask questions within these social media forums. We deeply appreciate the love and recommendations posted for HHDA in those town groups. Thank you for your referrals! ;)

If after reading this handbook you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to send us an email. We're always happy to help!