

Kinner & Co. Dance Studio

2021 Recital Guidebook

COSTUMES

Costume care

- Label all costumes, shoes, accessories, and tights with your child's name.
- Remove any tags that could hang out of the costume.
- 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).
- Hats should be stored in a hatbox or similar container to prevent damage.
- Do not wash costumes in your washing machine; dry clean them only, after the recital

Costumes with fringe

You will notice a string at the bottom of most fringe skirts, which is to keep the fringe from getting tangled before pictures or performance. Please do not pull the string until picture day. After that date, please place fringe skirts on a hanger to keep them from getting tangled.

Ironing

We do not recommend using a traditional iron when pressing costumes. Silks can burn, sequins can melt, and fabric colors may change. Please use only a steam iron. Iron costumes with caution because of glues that may have been used to attach appliqués and/or trim.

Tutu maintenance

Grasp the waist and give it a gentle shake, then use your fingers to “comb” out any pieces of tulle that are wrinkled. To store a tutu, put it on a hanger upside down. To help remove persistent wrinkles, hang the tutu in the bathroom during a shower or use a handheld steamer.

Costume racks

A wheeled clothing rack is a smart investment if your child has several costumes. It keeps the costumes organized, prevents wrinkles, and provides some privacy during costume changes. Hang costumes on the rack in the order they will be needed during the show.

Quick costume changes

During the recital, some students may have quick costume changes. A special team of staff and/or moms will assist these students, whose costumes and accessories will be placed in the backstage area.

Costume cover-ups

Students must wear a cover-up when in costume but not performing. A bathrobe, zip-up or sweats work best. The cover-up helps keep the muscles warm and prevents costumes from becoming soiled. Students may not wear costumes in the audience at any time during dress rehearsal or recital.

NOTE: To ensure that there are no costume problems at recital, students should not wear costumes, accessories, or tights prior to the recital performance except as directed for dance photo session and dress rehearsal.

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TIGHTS, SHOES, HAIR, AND MAKEUP

Tights

To ensure that there are no discrepancies in color and style, tights are included in with your costume order. Students are required to order their extra tights through the studio.

NOTE: Having a second pair of tights on hand offers students and parents a great sense of security.

Shoes

- Be sure that all shoes are cleaned prior to the recital. You can clean leather ballet shoes with toothpaste and wipe tap and jazz shoes off with Windex.
- If you purchase dance shoes just before the recital, please break them in (indoors) so that they are pliable and comfortable for the recital.
- Be sure ALL shoes have your dancer's name in them.

Hair and makeup

- All female students are required to wear makeup for the recital: lipstick, blush, eye shadow (not blue), and mascara.
- Team members are required to wear their dance team makeup.
- Uniform hairstyles are required.
- Each class will receive specific instructions on hair and make-up prior to recital.

DRESSING ROOM INFORMATION

Snacks

Please do not send your child to the dress rehearsal or recital with snacks or beverages that could stain their costumes. Crackers, energy bars, apples, carrot sticks, and string cheese are good choices. Water is the best beverage; please do not send juice boxes or other sticky beverages. And never give them chocolate bars!

All food and drinks are to stay in designated areas ONLY. There is absolutely NO FOOD OR DRINK allowed in the auditorium.

Dressing-room etiquette

Students must respect other students' space and property in the dressing rooms. The students will spend more time in the dressing rooms than onstage, so please do your best to keep them organized and clean. Plan to bring a sheet/blanket and activities to keep them entertained.

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STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICKUP

NOTE: Class moms and class volunteers are needed for each class. If we do not have adequate volunteers for each class, parents will be required to stay with their child at all times. Please see Volunteer Information below and let a teacher know if you are able to volunteer.

In-Studio Rehearsals

Parents or guardians should bring the students to their assigned dressing area, where you will check in with a staff member and get them dressed in their costume. If a class has a designated volunteer who is supervising the dancers, you may proceed to the dancing room. Parents or guardians are asked to return to the dressing room to assist with costume changes for their child. Please make sure to take your child to the restroom upon arrival at the school and when changing their costumes. Studio staff and backstage helpers cannot be held responsible for making sure each child uses the restroom.

When not dancing, all students will remain in the dressing areas, unless using the restroom. Do to COVID restrictions, we are limited in our audience capacity, so will be providing livestream capabilities into the dressing areas for dancers to enjoy.

Students will be dismissed from rehearsal once they have completed all of their routines. When a class has completed its last performance, parents can return to the dressing area to pick up their child and their belongings. The class mom or a staff member will check them out as they are picked up in the dressing room.

NOTE: No males are allowed in the dressing areas. If you do not have a female guardian that can assist your dancer, please contact your child's teacher so they can assign a staff member or class mom to your child. There will be a specific area designated for all male dancers.

Recital Performance

Upon arrival, you will check-in at the lobby table to get your temperatures checked and receive your assigned dressing area information. Parents or guardians should bring the students to their assigned dressing area, where you will check in with the class mom or staff members and get them dressed in their costume. If a class has a designated volunteer who is supervising the dancers, you may go sit in the audience. Parents or guardians are asked to return to the dressing room to assist with costume changes for their child. Again, please remember, costume changes and bathroom breaks are not the responsibility of the class mom or staff.

When not dancing, all students will remain in the dressing areas, unless using the restroom. Do to COVID restrictions, we are limited in our audience capacity, so will be providing livestream capabilities into the dressing areas for dancers to enjoy.

NOTE: Again, no males are allowed in the dressing areas. If you do not have a female guardian that can assist your dancer, please contact your child's teacher so they can assign a staff member or class mom to your child. There will be a specific area designated for all male dancers.

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VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Recital volunteers

Anyone interested in volunteering to help in the dressing rooms, check-in tables, or backstage is welcome. Please check with your child's teacher or contact Abby or Kathy. Our backstage managers work very hard to put an efficient system in place, and we ask that all volunteers rely on their experience and follow their instructions.

Please do not bring guests, including children, with you while you are volunteering.

Class mothers (or grandmothers) are needed for each class to check in students. They are also responsible for making sure that each child is in the proper costume (including make-up), has the proper accessories and shoes, is lined up at the appropriate time, and returns to the appointed dressing room after the performance. During their own children's performances, class moms leave the students at the stage door with their teacher and watch the dance from a designated area in the audience.

Class volunteers are needed for each class to supervise students while in the dressing area. Parents, grandparents and older siblings are great for this! These volunteers will ensure dancers remain safe and accounted for during the show while they are in the dressing area. During the class' performances, volunteers can watch the dance from a designated area in the audience and return to the dressing area after.

The number of volunteers needed for each class will be determined by the number of students (1 to 8 students = 1 volunteer; 9 to 15 students = 2 volunteers; 16 or more students = 3 volunteers).

Volunteers are not allowed to enter the stage area. Because there will be live microphones backstage, only stage hands, dance teachers and assistants are allowed in the wings.

RECITAL SEATING

Due to COVID restrictions, we are limited to 250 audience members. If you have received your vaccination and bring your vaccination card, your attendance will not count towards our total number. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, please do not reserve seats. Kinner & Co. Staff will have some designated seats reserved for Class Moms, Graduating Senior parents and staff.

All dancers must remain in their designated dressing areas during the show. This will allow more audience members to enjoy the show. Dancers will be provided viewing ability in their dressing rooms. We will also have a stream available in the Lobby for those who are volunteering, or need to leave the audience.

If you or a guest requires specialty seating, please contact a staff member so we can reserve the most suitable area to meet your needs.

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RECITAL POLICIES

Backstage

Family members and friends are not permitted backstage or in the dressing rooms during rehearsals or the recital, including during intermission and before and after the show.

There is a lot of backstage activity in a limited space, and dressing rooms are private areas.

Please remind your family and guests to be respectful of these areas. Those who wish to greet performers after the show or present flowers may do so in the lobby areas.

Props

All props are the property of Kinner & Co. Dance Studio and are to be returned to the backstage prop master after the performance. Props include such items as canes, parasols, beach balls, etc.

Audience etiquette

Enthusiastic applause is encouraged!

There is absolutely NO FOOD OR DRINK in the Auditorium. If you bring food or drinks into the auditorium, you will be asked to leave.

Children should not bring handheld electronic games or other devices with sounds and/or lights that could be a distraction for other audience members.

Because we present a professional performance, we ask that everyone remain seated during performances. If you do leave the auditorium during the show you should only re-enter the auditorium in between dances.

The use of video or flash photography is strictly prohibited during the recital. It is important that you pass this policy on to your recital guests.