



RECITAL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents & Students,

This is a very exciting time of year as we prepare for our 34th annual dance recital! The following newsletter outlines all of the performance information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us in the office or email us at info@kicksdance.ca.

KICKS MARKHAM RECITAL DATES

All recreational students perform in a minimum of 2 of the 3 recitals, and competitive routines are scheduled throughout. The recitals take place at Flato Markham Theatre on:

Show #1: Friday June 1st at 7:00pm

Show #2: Saturday June 2nd at 12:00 pm

Show #3: Saturday June 2nd at 7:00 pm

The first draft of the recital schedule is attached by email. Each dancer should have at least 3 dances between their routines to change costume. If you have any quick changes, please inform the office by April 7th. The final order of the recital will be emailed and posted by April 14th.

RECITAL TICKETS

Recital tickets go on sale on Wednesday, April 25th at 11:00am at the Markham Theatre box office in person, or call 905.305.7469. Online ticket sales: www.markhamtheatre.ca. Click "Buy Tickets". Tickets sell quickly! Please purchase your tickets early for first choice seating. There is no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase. The ticket price is \$29.00 each (includes theatre handling fee). Please note there is an additional \$2.00 convenience charge per ticket when purchasing tickets online. The theatre does not issue refunds or exchanges.

Please ensure to purchase tickets for the correct show. Please check the show lists to confirm which two shows your child dances in before you order tickets. Please also ensure that you purchase tickets for a "**KICKS Markham**" recital. KICKS Mount Albert recitals will be taking place the same weekend at the Markham Theatre. KICKS Markham recitals will be clearly labelled "**KICKS Markham**" online when ordering your tickets. Please also confirm this with the box office salesperson if you choose to order your tickets over the phone.

BABIES ATTENDING RECITAL

Every person must have a ticket in order to gain admittance into the theatre, including babies (even if the baby will be sitting on your lap). This is a Markham Fire Department regulation. If you will be bringing a baby to the recital (age 24 months or younger), please email us the babies name and birthdate to info@kicksdance.ca **BEFORE** the tickets go on sale on April 25th to receive the special baby discounted ticket. These tickets will not be available after tickets go on sale on April 25th.

COSTUMES

Costumes have started to be sent home. Please write your child's name on the inside tag of the costume and hang it up in a safe place. Please do not wear the costumes before Picture Day and the Recitals. Costumes and accessories cannot be replaced if damaged or misplaced.

STAGE REHEARSAL

Recreational classes will participate in a stage rehearsal held at the Markham Theatre on **Friday June 1st from 3:00-5:30pm**. Please note: the backstage procedure and supervision for the stage rehearsal is different than the recitals. Please see the "Stage Rehearsal Information & Schedule" for all stage rehearsal information.

ARRIVAL TIMES FOR RECITALS

Dancers should arrive at the theatre **dressed in costume with hair and make-up done** by 6:30pm for shows #1 & #3 (evening recitals), and 11:30am for show #2 (matinee recital). Please allow yourself extra time to check-in backstage. We will move the check-in line as quickly as possible. We thank you for your patience. Dancers that do not perform until the 2nd half of the show should arrive at the theatre by 7:45pm for evening recitals and 12:45pm for the matinee recital.

ARRIVAL LOCATION

Dancers enter the theatre through the Stage Door entrance located at the north/east corner of the Markham Theatre. Please note that this is a drop-off/pick-up zone, vehicles are not permitted to park outside of the stage door. Parking tickets are often issued to vehicles that are illegally parked in this zone. There is parking available a short distance away from the stage door in front of the soccer fields. Parents can also park in the main lot of the theatre and walk their child over to the Stage Door.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURE AT STAGE DOOR FOR RECITALS

It is important that only **ONE** parent brings their child to the Stage Door for check-in. The rest of the family must wait in the theatre lobby to keep the check-in area clear. Once the dancer is checked-in at the Stage Door, the child's dance teacher or a parent supervisor will escort them to their groups' designated area in the large female dressing room. The children will receive adult supervision for the duration of the show, from drop-off to pick-up. Parent supervisors will be situated in the backstage dressing rooms to supervise their assigned group. It is important that we maintain the safety of the backstage rooms by preventing over-crowding, therefore, parents who have not signed-up to be a backstage supervisor will not be granted entry past the Stage Door check-in desk. **Your child's safety is our number one priority and this will ensure a safe and controlled environment backstage.**

BACKSTAGE SUPERVISORS FOR RECITALS

Each year at our annual recital we seek to make the backstage experience for our dancers of all ages as positive, safe, and enjoyable as possible. In order to do this, we need parent helpers to volunteer in assisting the dancers backstage. If you would like to volunteer to supervise, please sign-up on the Supervisor Sign-Up sheet posted at KICKS, or email us at info@kicksdance.ca. Supervisors will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. **Please note, once we have reached the maximum number of supervisors required per show, we will not be able to accept anymore.** We will do our best to assign the parent volunteer to their child's group/area, however, if these spots have already been filled, we will assign the parent to a different area.

Parent supervisors must be female, as the majority of our students are female, and they will be supervising the students in the female dressing rooms. There will be a designated area for our male dancers with supervisors. Parent volunteers must attend a mandatory meeting at the theatre 1 hour before showtime on the day they are supervising. Thank you for helping us create a safe and happy environment for the dancers!

COSTUME CHANGES

If your child is in more than one routine and needs to change costume during the show, the parent may come to the backstage dressing room to help their child change. These parents must pick up a "costume change pass" available at the KICKS office in May.

RECITAL FINALE

All three recitals will end with a finale including all Markham students. We encourage all of the dancers to stay to the end of the show to participate in the celebration! Dancers should line up backstage with their age group during the last 10 dances of the show. Dancers will wear their costume or "KICKS" t-shirts/hoodie for the finale.

RECITAL DVD

The Saturday matinee recital will be professionally recorded and edited. DVD's can be purchased through KICKS. An order form will be available.

PICK-UP

It is very important that only **ONE** parent reports to the Stage Door to pick up their child after the show. Parents who have tickets to watch the show may access the backstage area through the theatre lobby. Parents who do not have a ticket to

watch the show must enter through the Stage Door entrance at the North/East corner of the building. Parents must present their backstage pass to KICKS staff (backstage passes will be available from the KICKS office during the month of May). The rest of the family must wait in the lobby to keep the Stage Door area clear. Please be prepared to wait as we safely release all students.

WHAT TO BRING

Dancers may bring a water bottle with spill-proof lid. If you choose to send a snack, please ensure it is nut-free and stain-free. Please do not send large bags with your child as they will take up a lot of space backstage. If you choose to send a bag, please ensure it is small with the dancers name on the outside. Please only send the necessary items with your child and label everything. KICKS is not responsible for any lost or damaged items.

STAGE MAKE-UP, HAIRSTYLES & TIGHTS

It is recommended that dancers wear some stage make-up (blush and lipstick) as the theatre lights are very bright. Older students may also wear some eye make-up. Please refer to the "Hair, Tights & Shoes" list for your class requirements. Tights can be purchased at KICKS in April and May. Please let us know if you need assistance or tips on how to properly style the hair (you can also refer to the Hairstyle How-To Guide).

A reminder that email is our primary source of communication. If your email address has changed, or if you would like to add an alternate email to your account, please contact the office at 905-294-2618 or info@kicksdance.ca.

Please feel free to speak to our office staff if you have any questions about the upcoming events at the studio. You can also contact us at info@kicksdance.ca or 905-294-2618.

We look forward to an exciting dance recital with the KICKS Markham dancers!!

Sincerely,

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