

Carolina Dance Center News

April 2019

Summer Session

June 17th - August 17th

Sign up now to reserve your child's spot in one of our exciting dance camps or afternoon/evening classes! We encourage all students to continue with their dance training during the summer months. This is the perfect time to try a new class and learn a new style of dance. Also, be sure to check out the extended day options for our summer programs. Stop by the front desk or visit our website to register. We hope to see you this summer!

June Tuition Reminder

We would like to remind everyone that per the registration form signed upon enrollment, students will be charged half of their normal tuition amount for the month of June and it is due with May's payment. Please be sure to include June's tuition with May's tuition payment (due May 1st). Acrobatics and Twos! classes are exempt.

Important Dates

April 27 th	Picture Day	June 1 st	Last day of classes
May 11 th	Backstage Moms Meeting	June 1 st - 5 th	Dress Rehearsals
May 17 th - 19 th	Company Auditions	June 6 th - 9 th	Snow White Recitals
May 27 th	CDC will be closed for Memorial Day	June 17 th	Summer Session Begins

Dress Rehearsals

June 1st - 5th Southeast Raleigh High School (2600 Rock Quarry Rd., Raleigh)

It is always amazing to see how much more comfortable and relaxed dancers look and feel during a performance vs. a dress rehearsal. These important rehearsals allow dancers to practice entrances and exits, adjust spacing, and perform under bright stage lights without mirrors, thus making dress rehearsals a crucial part of a student's recital preparation.

- Refer to the attached schedule for your child's **specific dress rehearsal time. Dress rehearsals are MANDATORY!**
- **Arrive at Southeast Raleigh High School 30 minutes before the scheduled on-stage time** to allow you and your child time to park, find the auditorium, become accustomed to the surroundings, use the restroom, and get ready to perform.
- **All dancers should arrive in costume with full stage make-up and the proper hairstyle.** Please have the appropriate shoes, tights, costume accessories, etc. at this time. Jewelry and nail polish are not allowed. Children with more than one costume should arrive wearing the costume appropriate for their first dance. These dancers may change costumes in the restroom since **backstage dressing rooms will not be available during the dress rehearsals.**
- **All dancers and parents should remain seated in the auditorium during the dress rehearsal.** Each class will be called to the front of the theater at its scheduled time and escorted backstage by their teacher. All parents should remain in the auditorium during this time because backstage space is limited. Dancers will be brought back to the auditorium by their teacher following their performance. Parents and students are welcome to continue watching the rehearsal.
- Please remember that although delays are likely, given the number of young children we are working with we will try our best to remain on schedule throughout each rehearsal. Therefore, **if your child arrives after the scheduled time, we will not be able to stop the show to repeat his/her dance.** Please be prompt and help us make the dress rehearsals a positive, fun learning experience for all of our dancers!

Snow White Recital Information

All performances are at Southeast Raleigh High School
2600 Rock Quarry Rd., Raleigh

Show times: Thursday, June 6th 6:30 pm, Friday, June 7th 6:30 pm,
Saturday, June 8th 1:30 & 6:00 pm, and Sunday, June 9th 1:30 & 6:00 pm

Picture Day (Saturday, April 27)

CDC is pleased to announce that *Portrait Makers* will be our official recital photographers again this year.

Please refer to the attached picture schedule for your child's specific picture time here at Carolina Dance Center. We hope that each student will attend the time scheduled for his/her costume; however, if you have a conflict with your time you may drop in for an individual photo between 1:00-3:00 pm.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to have a make-up picture day. Please note that in order to eliminate distractions and help us stay on schedule, **parents will not be allowed in the studios**. CDC faculty members will be in charge of posing students and making sure every detail is picture perfect! Order forms are available at the front desk.

Recital Souvenir Programs

You are sure to love our complimentary **Snow White** souvenir programs available at all six recital performances! This is your chance to advertise for your own business or send your favorite dancer a special message!

If you wish to use a photo from picture day, please give the attached order form to the photographer on Picture Day. All other ads are due no later than Monday, April 29th.

Recital Tickets...

Tickets must be purchased at Tututix.com. They will not be for sale anywhere else.

PRESALE

Starting May 13th at 10am through May 19th.
During this week you may purchase 4 tickets per family, per show, that your students are performing in.

Starting May 20th at 10am additional tickets will be available for purchase on a first come, first served basis.

Ticket prices will range from \$12.00 - \$16.00.

(There will be a \$1.00 service charge).

Check Your Dancer's Name

In order to ensure that each student's name appears correctly in our souvenir recital program, we ask that all parents double check the spelling of their child's name as listed in a special notebook located at the front desk. This notebook will be available **Monday, April 8th through Saturday, April 13th**. At your convenience, please find your child's appropriate classes and **initial beside his/her name** to approve of the spelling.

Performance DVDs

Be sure to capture your child's special moment with your very own copy of CDC's 15th annual recital! Carolina Custom Video will be providing professional quality DVDs of each recital performance. As per our contract with Carolina Custom Video, recording devices will be prohibited during all performances. We will be enforcing this rule. Thank you for your cooperation!

DVDs may be pre-ordered before June 6th for \$38. The post-recital price is \$45. Checks Only!
Return the attached order form to CDC's front desk to reserve your copy. **Checks should be made payable to Carolina Custom Video, LLC.**

Calling All Stage Moms!

We need two volunteer parents from **each** class to help chaperone our backstage dressing rooms. Volunteers are welcome to help during a show in which their child is not dancing. These individuals will help entertain the dancers as they wait to go onstage (they often enjoy simple crafts, coloring, etc.), help with bathroom runs and costume changes, and escort them to and from the stage for their dances. These helpers will be allowed to watch their child's dance from backstage. *Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the front desk ASAP!*

A short organizational meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11th at 12:00 pm for all volunteer moms. We hope everyone interested will attend so that each recital will run as smoothly as possible!

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Performance Day

- All dancers should arrive **30 minutes before** the recital begins, in costume with hair and stage make-up ready to go!
- Costumes must be completely concealed by a large shirt or jacket when entering the theater.
- **One parent** should check each child into his/her assigned dressing room (please follow the signs).
- **We kindly ask that all parents remain seated in the auditorium throughout the entire show.** Family members will not be allowed backstage during intermission or at any other time during the performance. The dressing room volunteers will ensure your little ones are safe, happy, and ready to dance!
- At the end of the recital, please send the **same parent** to check out your dancer. We ask that all dancers stay through the show's entirety so they may enjoy a final bow and celebration with their friends and classmates. Leaving early not only means missing this exciting finale, but also reduces the crowd size and applause for our numerous deserving dancers in the second act of our show.
DANCERS MAY NOT LEAVE THE DRESSING ROOMS TO JOIN THE AUDIENCE! Costumes should never, ever be worn in the auditorium during a performance!
- If you would like your dancer to see the entire recital, please either observe the dress rehearsals or purchase tickets for another show. With your help and understanding, we can make Carolina Dance Center's 15th recital an extraordinary experience for us all!

Hair

All ballet students must have their hair in neat, secure buns. Instructions for making buns are included on the Tights and Hair chart. Jazz, tap, and hip hop students' hairstyles may differ based on certain costumes, dance styles, etc. All dancers must tightly secure headpieces for dress rehearsals and performances. Loose headpieces, ponytails, buns, etc. look very unprofessional and can be distracting to young dancers!

Stage Makeup

Stage lights are very bright, so we strongly suggest that your child wears stage make-up for the dress rehearsal and performance. By no means are we requiring your dancer to wear make-up but it will definitely enhance your child's features on stage. If you choose for your dancer to wear makeup, here are a few tips:

- Bright colors show up the best because the lights really wash out faces.
- Blue eye shadows work the best for children, while creams and natural browns are a better choice for older students. Eyeliner and mascara will help as well.
- Raspberry or cherry blush looks the best – peach or light pink will not show up on stage.
- Also, be sure to choose an orange-based red lipstick. Stage lights tend to make blue-based red lipstick look too dark. Please keep your child's make-up bright and colorful!

Recital Souvenir T-Shirts

We can't wait to unveil this year's commemorative recital t-shirt designed by Stephanie Freese! They will be available for purchase soon! Prices are:
Adult - \$15 Child - \$12



*The following items are offered by Carolina Dance Foundation,
a proud supporter of the non-profit CDC Performance Companies.*

Flowers

Carolina Dance Foundation's fundraising includes selling beautifully arranged bouquets for your special dancer. Pre-orders are due no later than **May 15th**. This is an excellent opportunity to support the Foundation and have beautiful flowers waiting for you at the show! Make your checks payable to Carolina Dance Foundation and return the attached order form. The flower bouquets will be available to pick up at the recital before or during the intermission.

Recital Charms

We are continuing our tradition of selling souvenir recital charms to add to your collection. Your dancer will love this token of remembrance of his/her special Snow White performance. Please use the attached order form and make your checks payable to Carolina Dance Foundation. Charm orders will be available for pick up at each recital.

Concessions

CDF's parent volunteers will sell drinks and snacks (including pizza and Chick-fil-A) during all dress rehearsals and performances. All profits benefit CDF's CDC Performance Companies. Thank you for your support!

Kamryn's Smile Tea

Please join us for this special parent and child event on Sunday, April 28th from 3-5pm. Tickets are \$25 per couple and \$10 for each additional child. There will be food, beverages, crafts, photos, a visit with your favorite princess characters, and special performances by our very own Carolina Groove, Rhythm and Ballet Companies!