

# Carolina Dance Center News

March 2026

*2026 Summer Session (June 15<sup>th</sup> - August 14<sup>th</sup>)*

Sign up now to reserve your child's spot in one of our exciting dance camps, intensives, 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. Don't miss the extended day options for our summer programs as well. Visit our website to register online and 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 will process with May's payment. Acro and Creative Movement classes are exempt.

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>March 30th-April 4th</b>	Spring Break	<b>May 15th-17th</b>	Carolina Power Auditions
<b>March 23rd</b>	CDC Recital Store online	<b>May 15th-17th</b>	CGE Auditions
<b>April 17th-18th</b>	Picture Days (optional)	<b>May 25th</b>	CLOSED for Memorial Day
<b>May 11th</b>	Recital Ticket Sales Begin, 10am	<b>May 30th</b>	Last day of classes
<b>May 11th</b>	Backstage Moms Meeting, 4pm	<b>May 30th -June 3rd</b>	Dress Rehearsals at SERHS
<b>May 15th-17th</b>	CDF Auditions (Ballet & Tap)	<b>June 4th-7th</b>	A Mermaid's Tale Recitals at SERHS

## Dress Rehearsals

**May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. ***Dress rehearsals are MANDATORY!***
- Arrive at Southeast Raleigh High School **30 minutes before the scheduled on-stage time** which is listed in bold print under each class name (**DR=Dress Rehearsal Time on Stage**). This will allow you and your child time to park, locate the auditorium, get comfortable with the surroundings, use the restroom, and prepare 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 lobby 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!

## *Calling All Stage Moms!*

We need two volunteer parents from **each** class to help chaperone our backstage dressing rooms. Volunteers are also 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 in the lobby ASAP!*

**A short organizational meeting will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm for all volunteer moms. We hope everyone interested will attend so that each recital will run as smoothly as possible!**

# A Mermaid's Tale Recital Information

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

Show times: Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm, Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm,

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am, 2:30 pm, & 6:00 pm, and Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 1:30 & 5:00 pm

## Recital Souvenir Programs

You are sure to love our complimentary **A Mermaid's Tale** souvenir programs available at all seven recital performances! This is your chance to advertise for your own business or send your favorite dancer a special message! Order info for ads will be listed in our CDC Recital Store on our website. Pricing will start at \$130.

Email us with questions [at] cdcprogram2026@gmail.com.

**Ads are due no later than Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

## Recital Tickets

Tickets must be purchased at Tututix.com. They will not be sold anywhere else. **Tickets will go on sale Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and will be sold on a first come, first served basis.** Don't wait until the last minute! Tickets sell quickly so be sure to order enough for yourself, family members, and friends.

**Ticket prices will range from \$18.00 - \$25.00**

## Picture Day (April 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>)



Back by popular demand! We're bringing back this exciting **optional** opportunity to have your dancer professionally photographed in their recital costume(s) here at CDC! Secure a spot with the amazing Bob and Lisa Stuart using their Sign Up Genius link (QR code at left). These professional quality photos make it easy to feature your child in CDC's souvenir recital program or simply commemorate their special year dancing at CDC! **Be sure to save the date for April 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> and stay tuned for additional info!**

## Performance Day

- All dancers should arrive **30 minutes before** the recital begins, in costume with hair & 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 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, Shoes 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!