



**2023 SUMMER
RECITAL
HANDBOOK**

"AT THE MOVIES"

ANNUAL SUMMER RECITAL

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Shiquita Sargent

STUDIO OWNER, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Let's go, Dancers!

On behalf of my staff as well as myself, we are beyond excited to host your dancer(s), family and friends for our 11th annual summer recital this August! All of your dancers hard work this past year will be displayed on stage come August 12th. This show will feature every dancer within our company, from our seasoned vets to our babies and even dancers who joined mid-season. They will put forth all of their hard work and training on the main stage for your enjoyment. Please review this handbook so that you and your dancer(s) are prepared for this showcase.

I can't wait to see each and every member of Gravity Dance Company light up the stage!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'Shiquita Sargent'.

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It's **SHOWTIME.**

The Summer Recital is a full-length dance concert with a cast featuring the entire company in a theater setting. Each class that the studio offers will take the stage to perform pieces crafted just for your dancers. From the professionally lit stage, hand-made costumes and styling, innovative choreography and music soundtrack, our summer recital is a huge event that our dancers and families look forward to every year.

For our veteran dancers, it's amazing to see their progress over the years. For our new dancers, the excitement of performing in their first recital is a memory that will last a lifetime. The joy of being on stage and performing for an audience of family, friends and peers is like none other. We are so happy to provide this opportunity to your dancers and are equally appreciative that you are allowing them to participate.

This event will be enjoyable for the entire family. Leading up to the show are dates, rehearsals and events that your dancer must be present and prepared for. Being in the cast of this show is a commitment that every dancer must see through. The experience of a live performance is one that will forever be imbedded in our dancers' hearts.

Attendance in classes is integral as choreography is being taught weekly to prepare for the show. If your dancer has too many absences and is too far behind to catch up, they will be ineligible to perform and removed from their class(es) performance. Privates may be available to make up for the missed class(es) (this is at their instructor and the Director's discretion). If not, no refunds are given for show fees, costumes or tickets.

This packet will outline the requirements, commitments, fees and pertinent information for participation in our annual summer recital. We ask that parents and dancers both review this information and file it for your reference. In the event that you have any questions or concerns, please call or email us through the appropriate channels. We can arrange a time to speak with you that doesn't interrupt classes or our instructors. The following pages contain show details. Let's do this!

Dancer Show Participation Requirements

Below is a list of requirements for each dancer and family. We have set policies to ensure that the show, its participants, and the production schedule all run smoothly and cohesively. To participate in the show, the following terms must be met:

- Dancers must maintain enrollment in all classes they are currently enrolled in as choreography is being taught and set for each dancer. This means tuition must be kept current, each month, in the full amount, regardless of pre-planned vacations, summer camps, illnesses, etc. Class counts/schedules may not be changed at any time, dropped or altered leading up to the show. We do not pro-rate tuition and there will be no gaps in the tuition schedule to accommodate your summer schedule or plans.
- Dancers must be enrolled in a minimum of 4 classes; one class must be ballet or ballet/combo. Combo dancers meet this requirement by being in combo class and an additional 2 classes.
- Dancers must have a good attendance record. No more than 3 unexcused absences between now and the show.
- Dancers must arrive to class in appropriate dress code with all necessary shoes and hair out of face.
- All dancers must have a spill proof water bottle and dry snacks for all snack breaks and rehearsals.
- Availability for all rehearsals in studio and in theater.
- Attendance at the cast photoshoot.
- Meeting all payment deadlines and no outstanding balances for show fees or tuition.
- Adherence to all of the deadlines and requirements outlined in this packet.
- Advise us in writing of any pre-planned vacations that will have them missing classes.

RECITAL INFORMATION TICKETS



Tickets go on sale Wednesday, July 5th at 10:00am online. We have general seating options available only; there is no limit to the number of tickets you can purchase. ***Ticket sales will end Friday, July 28th at 5:00pm.*** If there are any remaining tickets, they will be available for purchase as “last call” tickets up until the week of the show at an additional cost. ***Please inform your guests of this beforehand.*** There will be no tickets sold at the door.

Everyone will need a ticket to get in the doors except for children ages 3 and under (who will be sitting on a lap) and the dancers that are in the show. Please be mindful when bringing small children due to their noise levels and/or crying that can be disruptive.

We will have handicap/wheelchair seating available.

TICKET INFORMATION

GENERAL TICKETS: \$30.00 (All attendees over age 3)

LAST CALL TICKETS: \$35.00 (All attendees over age 3)

Tickets will be on sale until the listed deadlines or until we sell out, whichever occurs first.

Recital Information

Recital Fee & Registration



Please review the information below regarding recital registration and the mandatory recital fee.

Each family must submit a recital registration form to officially join the cast of the show. This form is on our website and is due July 5th.

The recital fee is the participation fee for the show. The recital fee is \$60.00/dancer. The recital fee covers administrative and staff fees in preparation for the show, theater tech fees, our photographers base fee and your student's participation. Your dancer is not registered for the show until we receive this fee.

Recital Fees are due no later than July 7th with your costume deposits . Once you complete the Recital e-form, ***your card will be charged on the 7th unless you pay in studio.***

For this show, if you would like to pay in person and not have your card charged, payments must be rendered by Wednesday, July 5th, 2 business days prior to the due date of July 7th.

Recital Information

Costumes

We design and purchase made-to-order costumes and accessories to outfit each dancer for each dance they are in for the show. Every class performs. Payment plans are available and listed in this packet. Once costumes are distributed, they are your responsibility.

Shoes and tights are not included in your fees, you are responsible for those items.

WHAT TO BRING TO TRANSPORT COSTUMES, SHOES AND FOOD:

On the photoshoot days, theater rehearsal and show days, you must send your dancer with a clear Garment Bag, labeled with their name containing all of their costumes, as well as a dance box (collapsible box or basket) for their shoes/snacks.

All items **MUST** be labeled for show. Metallic gold, bronze or silver sharpies/fabric markers work best. This is how we distinct one dancer's belongings from the other in the event that they get lost or misplaced. We will happily return them.



Recital Information

Costume Fees

THE PRICES LISTED BELOW ARE GENERAL FEES. PLEASE REFER TO THE COSTUME LOOKBOOK FOR YOUR DANCERS SPECIFIC CLASSES.

• FEES

All Technique Classes: \$75.00

Hip-Hop Classes: \$65.00 *(there is no fee for Mr. Darrell's adv hip-hop class)*

Combo A Class: \$65

Combo B Class: \$195 (three-costume set)

Combo C: \$150 (two-costume set)

• COSTUME FEE PAYMENTS

Costume deposits are due July 7th, 2023.

We have three payment plan options. All Summer Recital payments are due by the due dates listed on the following page so that we can have all costume orders here in time for our photoshoot. You can pay in studio with cash to a member of our Parent Connection team during business hours as long as you make your payment 48 hours before each due date. Otherwise, your card will be charged.

We do not accept checks. Once you select your payment option, all cards will be automatically ran according to the payment plans listed below if fees are not paid in studio prior. If your card does not process, is declined, inactive or expired, you will have to pay a \$25 late fee for each payment that is not successfully processed in accordance with our late tuition policy. Late orders are not guaranteed to arrive on time; we encourage you to keep your account current. The payment plan breakdown is listed on the following page.

Recital Information

Costume Fee

PAYMENT PLANS

Please select the payment plan that works best for you from the options below. You will need to indicate your payment plan on the online registration form issued.

TIER LEVEL	PAYMENT PLAN	1ST PAYMENT	2ND PAYMENT	3RD PAYMENT
TIER 1	FULL PAYMENT	JULY 7TH	N/A	N/A
TIER 2	TWO PAYMENTS	JULY 7TH	JULY 21ST	N/A
TIER 3	THREE PAYMENTS	JULY 7TH	JULY 21ST	AUGUST 4TH

All payments will be deducted from your card on file if not received in studio two business days prior, as listed. Be sure to fill out the recital form sent via email and our website by July 5th.

Recital Information

Make-Up & Hair

MAKE-UP: All dancers are required to wear makeup for the recital because the stage lights will wash the faces of the dancers out. This is a theater, dance and entertainment industry wide concept. If you prefer that your dancer NOT wear make-up, they need to forego this show.

We require wearing foundation, blush, red smudge-proof lipstick, mascara + lashes (all ages).

HAIR: Hair will be a low ponytail with a middle part with curly hair added (pictured to the right). Slicked and neat. No baby hairs, please. :)

No braids, all dancers hair must be the same for photos and show. If your dancer has braids or any other style outside of the hair look, they will not be photographed.

We ask that you make arrangements in advance with the dates that have been issued.



Recital Information

UNDERGARMENTS, TIGHTS & SHOES

If your dancer requires undergarments (bras, sports bras, control tops) they must be true to skin tone nude. You can order bra tops specifically made for dancers online. The bra tops must have clear straps. Visible straps are not permitted.

Underwear are not to be worn under costumes at any time for photos, theater rehearsals or the show. Tights serve as underwear beneath all costumes, including briefs and shorts. All dancers must always have 2 pairs of true to skin tone nude tights (in the specific style listed below) in their bags, labeled with their name.

The following page contains a list of the required tights and shoes for each class.



Recital Information

SHOES & TIGHTS LIST

JAZZ

Nude true to skin tone tights, Nude jazz shoes

COMBO A

Nude true to skin tone tights, nude true to skin tone ballet shoes.

TAP CLASSES (BEG-ADV + COMBO B/C)

Nude true to skin tone tights, black lace up Tap shoes (lace up style, not ribbons)

ACRO

Nude true to skin tone convertible tights, bare feet

BALLET

Nude true to skin tone tights & nude true to skin tone ballet shoes

HIP HOP

Black boots, any style (no glitter)

LYRICAL/CONTEMPORARY

Nude true to skin tone convertible tights and nude true to skin tone lyrical half soles

MODERN

Nude true to skin tone convertible tights, bare feet

True to skin tone tights can be ordered at www.blendzapparel.com or any other dance distributor. Reference our store supply list on our website under 'dress code'.

Recital Information

BACKSTAGE *Volunteer* INFORMATION

We will have several parent volunteers that will be working backstage. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer backstage.

If you elect to volunteer, you are required to work your station for the duration of the event. You will have an opportunity to view your dancers' performances. Dancers will sit at their classes' assigned area in their assigned dressing room with their class and the parents that are assigned to their group.

We also need volunteers to take tickets, work concessions, monitor the theater, assist in the dressing rooms and transporting dancers to and from stage (our younger dancers).

**If you elect to sign up for this, please know that you must be diligent in making sure our dancers are good the entire show.
Our show wouldn't be possible without you!**

The following pages contain the rules for the backstage area.

Recital Information

BACKSTAGE RULES

1. All dancers must be checked in at the theater by 1 parent and picked up by that same parent, this will cut down on the confusion, overcrowding and will speed up the process, as well as keeping our dancers safe.
2. After your child is checked in, parents must leave the theater unless they are a parent volunteer.
3. All dancers cannot leave backstage until the show is over and they are "picked up" by the same parent who checked them in.
4. Dancers must have their costumes in a garment bag (labeled) and shoes/snacks/make-up in a small box/basket with their first and last name written on the outside of it in a metallic sharpie, or in a decorative manner. This makes it easier for backstage workers to know whose is whose. Get creative! The more decorative, the better as it's easier for your dancer to spot their belongings as well.
5. Please also put their name/initials inside of their dance shoes and on the tags of their leotards, tights, etc. Everything must be labeled in a metallic marker as outlined.
6. If you know that your dancer has specific needs that only you as a parent can meet, *please advise us* so that we can set up a plan in the event those needs arise while backstage. *In certain cases, we will request that some dancers' parents be backstage with their child if we see or are made aware of an issue that we know a parent needs to be present for.* In the event that this is the case for you, you will be required to be with your child for them to participate. This is for their peace of mind and well being.

Recital Information

MOMS VS DADS DANCE

Calling all male and female parents, guardians, aunts, uncles, grandmothers and grandfathers!

Each show, its tradition to have the parents take the stage in one way or another. For our summer production, we have the ladies

learn a fun dance to perform at the show as a SURPRISE for the audience. Our winter show, the male figures of the studio usually cut a rug.

We missed the opportunity to have the father figures perform for our winter show, so this year, a battle will commence. Yes, you read that right! Moms vs Dads (inclusive to ALL of the villages our dancers have). The more, the merrier. It's. Going. DOWN.

Not a dancer? No need to be! A fun dance routine will be taught to you and catered to your abilities. Remember- this is a surprise to both the dancers AND the audience. Don't tell anyone! Please sign up on the recital registration e-form. There is a \$10 fee per rehearsal, cash only. Costumes may need to be ordered or you might wear something you own, depending on the theme.

We are open to attendees bringing their own 'party favors' as no children are allowed to be present.

Rehearsal dates below, at 7pm.

FRIDAY NIGHT REHEARSALS:

JULY 14TH

JULY 21ST

JULY 28TH

AUGUST 4TH

You must attend one of the first two rehearsals to participate

Recital Information



We have dancer grams to send a special personal message to your performer backstage during the show with candy! They are \$3 each.

Pre-Sales will take place at the studio from July 10th - July 28th @ Gravity Dance Co. Cash Only.

Hours:

Mondays 4-6pm - Lael

Tuesdays 4pm-7pm - Datoya, Detra

No sales on Wednesday

Thursdays 4pm - 9:15pm - Lael, Detra

Fridays 3:30pm-6:30pm - Lael

Saturdays 11:30am-2pm - Lael

Pre-Sales will end when ticket sales end on and all others can be purchased at the show.

Recital Information

SHOW REHEARSALS and important dates

We have few important rehearsals and shoots in studio and in theater leading up to the performance. These events are so fun for the dancers and staff to view all performance pieces and get excited for the show.

1st CAST SHOWING

JULY 18TH: 4:30-9:00PM (COSTUMES DISTRIBUTED)

All black attire, all shoes, spill proof water, pack dinner.

CAST PHOTOSHOOT

JULY 22ND-23RD: STUDIO.

TIME SLOTS WILL BE ISSUED BY JULY 10TH

Dancer need to be in full hair and make-up arriving in first costume with all other costumes in a garment bag and shoes in a box. Refer to the schedule that will be issued.

FINAL CAST REHEARSAL

AUGUST 9TH: 4:30-9:00PM, STUDIO

All black attire, all shoes, spill proof water, pack dinner.

IN THEATER DRESS REHEARSAL

AUGUST 10TH: 5:00-9:00, THEATER

All costumes, show shoes, hair and make-up not required.

-FRIDAY NIGHT ALL DANCERS WILL HAVE OFF
UNLESS WE ADD A SECOND SHOW-

SHOW DAY

AUGUST 12TH: CALL TIME 2:30PM, SHOW TIME 4:00PM

All costumes, show shoes, hair and make-up

IMPORTANT DATES

LEADING UP TO SHOW

Refer to this quick reference guide for all thing summer show!

DATE	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFO
JULY 5TH	TICKETS GO ON SALE ONLINE, RECITAL FORMS DUE	N/A
JULY 7TH	COSTUME DEPOSITS DUE	N/A
JULY 14TH-AUG 4TH (FRIDAYS ONLY)	MOMS/DADS/GUARDIANS DANCE REHEARSALS 7PM	\$10/SESSION
JULY 21ST	2ND COSTUME PAYMENT DUE	N/A
JULY 18TH	CAST SHOWING AT STUDIO, 4:30-9PM COSTUMES DISTRIBUTED	PACK DINNER, PARENTS NEED TO SIGN OFF ON COSTUMES
JULY 22-23	CAST PHOTOSHOOT, STUDIO	SCHEDULE WILL BE RELEASED JULY 10TH
AUGUST 4TH	FINAL COSTUME PAYMENT DUE	N/A
AUGUST 9TH	FINAL IN STUDIO RUN THROUGH	PLEASE SEND DANCERS WITH ALL SHOES WEARI
AUGUST 10TH	DRESS REHEARSAL, THEATER	FULL DRESS, LOW BUN, MAKE-UP NOT REQUIRED
AUGUST 12TH	SHOW DAY, THEATER	FULL DRESS, HAIR AND MAKE-UP

Contact *us.*

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to reach out to us. We will respond to all inquiries within 48 hours.

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