

DANCING THROUGH LIFE

Recital Information 2026

The Historic Palace Theatre @ 2 East Avenue, Lockport

Friday, May 15th @ 6:00pm and Saturday, May 16th @ 10:00am & 1:00pm

We are excited that our recital is four weeks away! We cannot wait to showcase the incredible talent of our dancers. We would like to take this opportunity to provide some important information and procedures that will help our recital run smooth. First and foremost, please make sure that all costumes and shoes are labeled with your child's name. Additionally, we kindly request that you have your ticket in hand as soon as you walk through the doors. Theatre doors won't open until 45min. before the show begins. Let's work together to make this recital a success!

Where Can You Park?

There are plenty of spaces to park by the Theatre. You can park in the parking lot across the street in ramp by the Library. You can park in the parking lot by the Bank on Elm Street and any of the side streets. If you get lucky, you can park right on East Ave in front of the Theatre.

What Time Should We Arrive?

In order for us to scatter everyone arriving and coming in the theatre all at one time, here is when all the different classes should arrive. The actual theatre doors won't open until 45minutes before the show. **Have tickets ready!**

- [Seniors/ Teen /Pre-Teens/Junior Teams arrive 1 hour before show time.](#) Go downstairs by the stage to drop off your costumes. [Pre Teens/ Juniors](#) go to the Mezzanine to drop off yours. Everyone goes right up to the stage stretch & rehearse the opening number.
- [Teen Rec.Jr.& Mini Teams arrive 50 minutes before show time.](#) Go up to mezzanine to drop off costumes. Stay with team. Go to the Balcony to sit in designated spot.
- [All Recreational Classes 10yrs and under arrive 45min before show time.](#) Go up to mezzanine to drop off your costumes. Stay with group and go to the Balcony to sit in designated spot until you are called to the stage.
- [All Mini Mover 3 & 4 Yrs & Rising Stars 5 & 6 Yrs. arrive 40 minutes before show time.](#)
ONLY PARENTS OF MINI MOVERS AND RISING STARS CAN SIT IN THE BALCONY WITH THEIR CHILDREN **BEFORE** THEY PERFORM. A staff member will help bring your child to the stage to perform, you can go down to watch them perform from the audience or you can choose to watch from the balcony.
When the Mini Movers are finished performing, you will bring them back down to the audience to sit with you. If they sit on your lap, they won't need a ticket. If you leave, please sign the "Sign-Out Sheet" staff will have up in the balcony to keep track of students. **When the Rising Stars are finished performing**, they can stay in the balcony with their class or sit in the audience if they have a ticket.

Everyone will come dressed to perform in their first costume to alleviate a crowd in the mezzanine.
Students should wear their last costume home and not change after the show. A big shirt or cover up is fine.
There won't be room up in the mezzanine for everyone to change out of costume.

Where Do We Go When We Arrive?

As soon as you arrive in the lobby, you'll show your tickets to a representative. **Hard copy of tickets is preferred.** **Otherwise, please have your phone opened and ready to show your tickets.** When you've shown your tickets, **each family will receive one program** **NOTE:** Please keep your program if your child is in both shows, each show is listed in the program. There will be limited programs handed out.

Where Do We Go After We Show Our Tickets?

Only **one parent** can go up to the mezzanine to bring their child's costumes to the dressing area. We will have signs up in the mezzanine area to give classes a general spot to keep their things. PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING. If your child is in only one dance, you can take them right up to the balcony to find their designated spot with their classmates. Once your child is sitting in the balcony with their class, you can go find your spot in the audience. **MAKE SURE YOU TAKE A PICTURE OF YOUR TICKET SO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE SITTING.**

Dressing Rooms & Costumes

There is not a ton of dressing room space given to us at the Palace unfortunately, **so we ask you to keep things as compact as possible. LABEL EVERYTHING especially shoes!** Your child's costumes should be in a garment bag labeled with their name. Their names should be on absolutely everything. There will be a few garment racks but you may want to bring your own. If you have a rack and roll that is perfect. We always suggest bringing a small, clear tupperware bin labeled so your child can keep everything in one spot easily. There is a smaller designated section for boys to change but we suggest a pop up tent if you have one.

CLASS MOM VOLUNTEERS:

We are in need of 1-2 dance moms for each class, ages 6-10yr olds to chaperone your child's class while they are in the balcony, bring them down to the stage, or bathroom. You will not need a ticket as you will sit in the reserved dancer's area of the balcony with the children. Please email us if you would like to help out.

Audience Member Etiquette

It's important to remember to be a respectful audience participant.

1. If you must get up during the show, kindly wait until a dance is finished. The dancers on stage might not be yours, but it is someone else's child. So please be courteous.
2. Our dancers love applause. Let them know they're doing great!
3. It's so nice that The Palace sells drinks and snacks before the show and during intermission. We just ask that you throw all you empty wrappers and cups in the garbage when you leave so we leave the Palace how we found it. **No outside food can be brought in and absolutely no food in the dressing room areas.**
4. Our intermission is only 10 minutes long. Our dancers who open up the 2nd half would love an audience that is seated. So please take your drinks or snacks back to your seats as soon as you can.

Your Dancer Gets to Watch the Show From the Balcony!

That's the best part about The Palace Theatre! Our students love sitting up in the balcony to watch the other dancers perform. Please remind your dancer about theatre etiquette as there will be audience members up in the balcony and they will be sitting close to them. They need to be respectful audience members if they want to continue watching the show from the balcony.

Do They Really Sell Food and Drinks?

Yes! I know it's hard to believe, but you can actually purchase candy, pop corn and snacks as well as wine, beer and other beverages. These can be purchased before the show and during intermission. They will even have their concession stand open during rehearsals! They have cup holders in the seats too. Since they are trying to preserve the Historic Movie Theatre and its traditions, they will continue letting patrons eat and drink while watching shows. That is how they make their profit. So if you would like to support the theatre, by all means please do. SO ...Eat, Drink and Be Merry! And enjoy the show!

Will There Be A Finale?

Yes! All dancers will come up to the stage to take their final bows. If your young dancer ages 3-5 was sitting on your lap and makes it to the end of the show, please bring them back up to the balcony 3 numbers before the finale so they can line up to go on stage and take their bow.

What Is The Dismissal Procedure?

After the curtain closes, the dancers will be led back up to the balcony and will remain there until one parent comes up to get them. We will not dismiss the students back to the mezzanine. We will wait until a parent arrives. Parents may want to stop in the dressing area before hand to pick up their child's belongings. Staff/Assistants will sit with the dancers in the balcony until a parent comes to pick them up.

IMPORTANT: On Saturday after our show, another studio needs have the Palace Theatre by 4:30pm to set up for their show. We need to have the theatre clean. We kindly ask that everyone gather their belongings as quickly as possible and help by picking up the dressing room area where your child stayed so we can leave the theatre nice for the next group. Pictures can be taken pre-show and outside under the Marquee when your dancer is all finished.

Where Can I Pick Up a Recital Bear? No need to order one. If you want to purchase a Recital Bear, you can pick one up at the anytime the studio is open, they will already be in a gift bag. Sold on a first come first serve basis. If there are extra bears available, they will be sold before the show starts in the lobby of the theatre to the left of the concession stand.

Can I Take Pictures During the Show?

No Flash Photography of any kind during our recitals. Non flash pictures are permitted at our rehearsals only.

Suggestion: Before you come in or later in the evening you can take a picture of your child under the marquee sign out front. It will have our studio listed.

When Can I Register For Next Dance Season?

We would love to have the opportunity to teach your child again next dance season. If you know your child will be returning to KKDC in September, please stop by the front desk at the studio beginning in May or look for a registration form in your email.

When Do We Get Our Dance Pictures?

Since pictures are later this year, they will not be available at rehearsal like normal. Gary will have them for us at the end of May or early June for parents to pick up at the studio. When Gary notifies me I will email you the dates.

Rehearsal Reminders:

- If your child has already competed, they will not need to wear a costume for rehearsal.
- Please navigate the theatre so you will know exactly where to go for the shows.
- If your child is there for a few hours the concessions stand is open for them.
- Please be on time and have your child dressed in 1st costume.
- Please have hair neatly done and all accessories securely pinned.
- Please don't be late.
- Be patient as rehearsal days can be tedious with lighting/staging.

Lastly, you can find the final schedule for the rehearsals and the recitals on our website at www.karynkellydance.com under the recital information section once the recital schedule is finalized.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity this year to teach your wonderful children. We hope you enjoy the show!

Ms. Sue ☺