

Frequently Asked Recital Question

Why don't we performing at Liberty High School?

In the past we have performed at Liberty and it has not been a good experience. The theater also seats less than 600 people, we need a bigger venue than that.

Why were the shows split?

There are 2 reasons why the shows are split:

1. If we were going to have 1 show it would be at least 5 hours long. Originally we tried mixing the ages and keeping sibling together, but with so many children and so many siblings it just did not work. Splitting the shows up by age makes the most sense.
2. ECPAC has over 300 performing students. The theater seats 700. If we only had one show families would be limited to 2 tickets each! My biggest priority was to let every parent watch their child dance.

Can we reserve seats?

No, you cannot reserve seats.

We have reserved seats for families of teachers and backstage moms.

Why are the Pre-ballet classes in Show 1 and 2?

Many of the dancers in Pre-Ballet are in multiple numbers. Having the Pre-Ballet dancers perform twice helps to ensure that you and your family can see all her/his dances plus the dances of younger siblings in one show

Can we stay in the theater between the shows?

No, you have to leave the theater and get in line for the next show. It is the rules of the theater that everyone must clear out between performances due to safety reasons. It is also the only we can ensure that every one has purchased a ticket for the next show. Please do not leave your belongings in your seat when you line up for the next show. They will be removed and placed on the stage.

Can I leave during the performance?

Yes you can leave but please be courteous to the performers and other audience members and wait until the dance onstage is done before exiting.

Can backstage volunteers watch their dancers perform?

Yes. Backstage moms can enter the seating area through the side door. There will be 2-3 seats reserved off to the side so you can watch your dancer perform.

Can dancers leave between shows?

Yes, just make sure you are back in by the specified arrival time.

Can my child view the other shows she/he is not in?

Yes, and dancers can watch for free. When you purchase your ticket make sure you pick up a performer ticket..

What amenities are available for audience members with physical limitations?

Please let us know in advance if you have a guest coming who will need assistance. There is special wheelchair seating.

Why do we have to pay for tickets and why are they so much?

It costs the studio thousands of dollars just to rent theater for the dress rehearsal and recital. More costs are incurred with printing of the recital programs and tickets. The ticket price is the same for children and adults because a seat is still a seat no matter who is sitting in it.

Why can't I videotape the show? Why can't we take flash photography?

I would love to let everyone take video of such a special day for their dancers. If you were going to video from your seat you would block the view of the people sitting behind you, I would then have an auditorium filled of arguing people and no one wants that especially after you paid so much for tickets! I can't have people in the isles videotaping because we need to keep the isles clear for emergency exit procedures. Also, each family gets a free recital DVD, so there is no need to videotape.

As far as the flash photography goes, I understand wanting to document your child's performance, I am a mom with a daughter in the recital, trust me I understand. I also spent years performing and know how distracting it is to have flashes of light in your face. The dancers on stage can't see past the first row of audience, it is complete darkness, imagine what it would be like to only see flashes of light when you are trying to remember your dance and deal with nerves all at the same time.

If you have a camera that does not need a flash you are more than welcome to use it.

I hope this answers some questions for you, if you have any more questions or comments on how we can do things better please let me know.