

Aimee's Academy of Dance
Recital 2026 Newsletter
Our Recital: "In Our Feelings"

This packet has all your essential information for the annual dance recital. Please keep this paperwork until the recital is over.

Recital Date: Our recital date is **Saturday, June 13th 4:00 P.M.**

Place: **Veterans Memorial Theater at the Parsons Government Center**
70 West River Street, Milford, CT

Recital Day: On the date of the recital, all dancers will be asked to be at the theater between 3:00 and 3:30. One parent should bring their child backstage while the rest of your group gets in line to enter the auditorium. Dancers should be wearing their first costume and have their hair and makeup done. Their other costume(s) should be organized so that it is easily accessible. We recommend a small plastic bin with your dancer's name on it. Doors will open around 3:15 to allow our audience members a chance to come in, find their seats and get comfortable. In years past, our competitive dancers have entertained the audience performing their solos as the audience members find their seats. Our show will start at 4:00 with presentations of awards and introductions and then we will get into our performance. Our shows usually last about 2-2.5 hours. After the show, dancers will be brought back to the dressing room where the backstage helpers will help them organize their costumes, etc. We ask that our families remain in the auditorium or out front and **ONE PARENT** (preferred female as many young girls will be backstage getting changed) comes backstage to pick up their dancer after the performance to alleviate confusion.

Dress Rehearsal: We do our dress rehearsal in studio the first week of June. Dancers will be asked to wear (and bring) their costumes June 1st through June 5th.

Tights: We ask that our dancers wear Capezio Tights, Suntan or Light Suntan. You can purchase these tights at any area dance store, Southbury-Laluna, Fairfield- Glitter and Grime, Monroe- Centerstage, Hamden-The Dancer's Shop and Dancer's World, or online at Amazon, the Capezio website, Discount Dance Supply or Dancewear Solutions. We suggest full-footed tights for our younger dancers. Some of our older dancers and our dancers in lyrical may prefer "convertible" style tights.

Costumes: We are still waiting on some costumes to arrive. Please be patient as we wait for them. Once you have your costumes please make sure **all pieces are labeled** so that we can get them back to you after the recital should they get lost. We ask that you bring your costumes in a garment bag or dance duffel labeled with your child's name so that we can put everything back inside when they are done

What Else Do I need: Dancers should have the following items packed for backstage. Please **label EVERYTHING**

- Bobby and safety pins
- Makeup for touchup- we do NOT share makeup backstage (siblings can)
- An extra pair of tights in case of a hole
- Additional costumes and shoes
- Water- please DO NOT send any other type of drink
- Small Snack- something clean- goldfish, pretzels, nothing that will melt or cause stains. One snack is all that is necessary,

- Something to keep children entertained in between dances- coloring book & crayons, a barbie, something without a lot of little parts and nothing that makes a mess . We ask that you do not send anything that is not easily replaceable (ie ipad, phones, special dolls or blankets needed for sleep). Aimee's Academy and the Parsons Center is NOT responsible for lost items.

Backstage access: We ask that when you drop your child backstage that you quickly get them set up, say a quick good-bye with a hug and head into the audience to find your seat. They are nervous and that is natural, but we have found that, sometimes, prolonged good-byes do make that worse. We promise you that if there is an issue we will call you to come backstage. There will not be ANYONE allowed backstage without a pass until after the show. This is for the safety of your children and helps avoid confusion backstage.

Backstage helpers: Our backstage helpers are our alumni from years past and moms with Miss Aimee has asked specifically to help. These women have been assistant dance teachers, dance teachers, have competed for me, performed for me, and are some of the most trustworthy people I have ever known. They understand what your dancer is going through and understand how we work backstage. We have alumni who are teachers, nurses, students working toward other medical degrees and so many more. Your children will be well looked after!

Recital Tee Shirts: Recital tee shirts will be ordered on Monday April 6th. Tee shirts have the recital theme on the front and a list of our dancers on the back. Cost per shirt is \$30. Please fill out the separate form and send payment before April 6th if you would like this amazing keepsake for your child.

Salutations: All program salutations are due by Monday, April 6th. Salutations are shout-outs at the back of our program wishing your dancer good luck or sending them a special message. Anyone can send a message to your dancer. The cost is \$2 per message.

Tuition- All tuition and fees must be paid in full **by May 15th** (with the expectation of June tuition which must be paid by **no later than June 1st**) in order to participate in the annual recital. June tuition is the same as every month as our price for classes is per year, broken down into 10 even months. **If your tuition is not up to date by May 15th your child will be pulled from the recital!**

Hair: Hair should be in a low bun-sleek and clean, absolutely no fly-aways.

Makeup: Dancers are asked to wear makeup to the recital to avoid washouts with the stage lights. Makeup should be done with a neutral palette. Please include blush, eyeshadow, mascara and lipstick.

Nailpolish: Please make sure hands are clear of nailpolish.