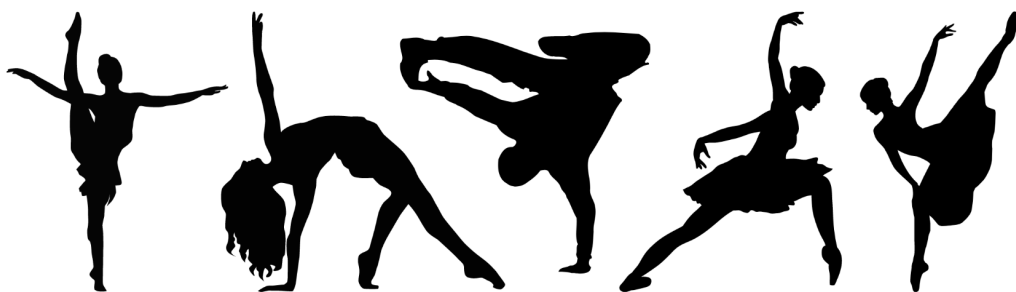




Inspired Creations Dance Studio

**SHINE BRIGHT**

**Dance Recital**



**2023**

**RECITAL HANDBOOK**

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## QUICK REFERENCE STUDIO INFORMATION

**Studio Address:**

Inspired Creations Dance Studio  
1121 E. Grand River Ave.  
Howell, MI 48843

**Phone Number:** (517) 428-0120

**Email:** inspiredcreationsdance@gmail.com

**Website:** www.inspiredcreationsdance.com

**Recital Address:**

Alverson Center for Performing Arts  
Fowlerville High School  
7677 W. Sharpe Rd. Suite A  
Fowlerville, MI 48836

**Recital Date:** Saturday, May 20, 2023

**Dress Rehearsal Date:** Friday, May 19, 2023

**Recital Times:**

AFTERNOON SHOW: 2:00pm (*Dancers must arrive no later than 1:15pm*)

EVENING SHOW: 6:00pm (*Dancers must arrive no later than 5:15pm*)

The opportunity to perform in a recital is an exciting, empowering and confidence-building part of the training process. This is where we love to watch our students learn about the theatre, rehearsals and teamwork while they enjoy the opportunity to showcase their skills in a professionally run production. Recitals are a wonderful way for students to showcase the results of their hard work and for family and friends to join in the pride of their achievement. We love giving all students the chance to perform for their family and friends in this supportive and fun environment and encourage even our youngest and newest performers to be involved. If there is any reason why your child will not be able to perform at the recital on the dates and times provided in this handbook, please let us know so we can make amendments to the class routines involving them.

In terms of attendance, it is very important that students do not miss any of their scheduled classes between now and recital time so they can spend their rehearsal time together to perform their routines, feel confident and look amazing. If for any reason your child will miss any of their regular classes, we ask that you call us at (517) 428-0120 or email us at inspiredcreationsdance@gmail.com to let us know in advance. Please note that unfortunately any families with unpaid dance or costume fees will not be allowed to participate in our recital.

This is without doubt the highlight of our year and we are giddy with excitement to show you how hard our dancers have been working!

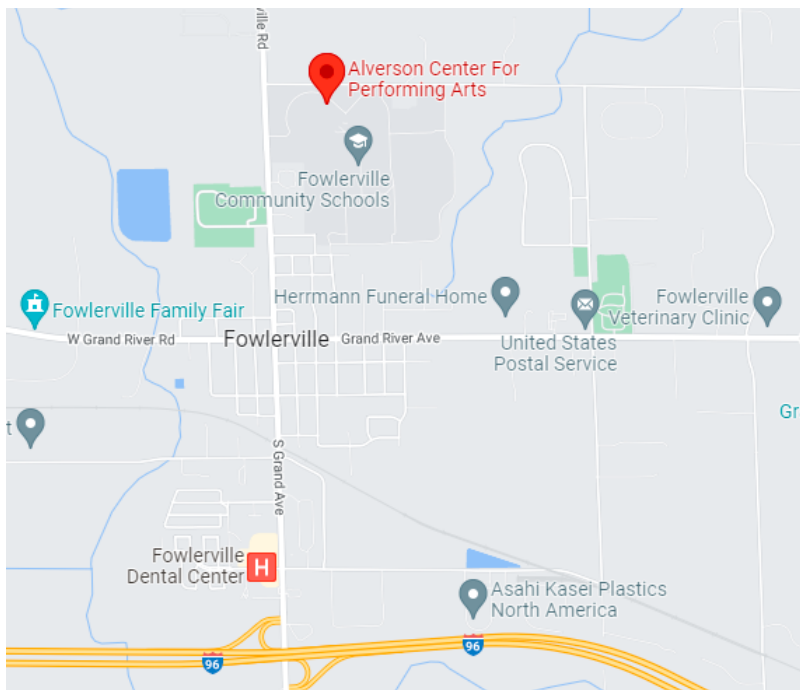
## RECITAL TIME AND LOCATION

This year our recital will be held at the Alverson Center for Performing Arts at Fowlerville High School. The afternoon show will kick off at 2:00pm and conclude at approximately 4:30pm. **Performers are required to arrive no later than 1:15pm with their hair and makeup done.** The evening show will kick off at 6:00pm and conclude at approximately 8:30pm. **Performers are required to arrive no later than 5:15pm with their hair and makeup done.**

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### Map:



## DRESS REHEARSAL

Here at Inspired Creations Dance Studio, dress rehearsals are a super important part of preparing for our recital. This is where we get to see the costumes working on stage in a group to really compliment the dances your children have been working so hard on throughout the year. Even more importantly, it gives the stars of our show a chance to get up and rehearse on the big stage – a very different environment than they are used to within the studio walls. They can overcome some of the jitters that may hit when the bright lights come on and really prepare

themselves for the show ahead. It is a fun and rewarding experience and a great chance to watch some inspiring dancers as they wait for their turn in the spotlight.

**Dress rehearsal will be held at the Alverson Center for Performing Arts at Fowlerville High School on Friday, May 19th.** Students will need to arrive no later than 45 minutes before their scheduled rehearsal time with their hair and make-up done, and they need to change into their costumes and dance shoes immediately upon arrival. Students will be able to change in the dressing room, and then they need to sit in the audience once they have their costume on and wait to be called up to the stage.

Dancers must be COMPLETELY ready and waiting in the audience before their scheduled time block for rehearsal of their dance, and they must sit quietly and listen for their dance to be called backstage for rehearsal. Parents are responsible for looking after their children during dress rehearsal.

Once the dancer has rehearsed onstage, they will immediately head back to the dressing room to change back out of their costume into their street clothes, or they need to immediately change into their next dance costume. Once they have changed, they must go back to the audience to wait for their next dance to be called onto the stage. Dancers who have rehearsed all of the recital dances they are in are free to leave after they have rehearsed their last dance.

Dancers need to bring along all of their costumes, dance shoes, and hair and makeup items to rehearsal. This includes hairspray, bobby pins, hairnets, tights, socks, hair ties and safety pins. All costume and clothing items must be clearly labeled, including dance shoes!

Dancers may want to bring a bottle of water and a snack if they are in multiple dances and are at rehearsal for a long period of time. However, NO FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM OR DRESSING ROOMS, and dancers may only eat/drink in the lobby or hallway. Concessions will be available during dress rehearsal.

## **RECITAL PROCEDURES**

As always, the safety of our dance family is our #1 priority. When students arrive at the recital, they are to be signed in by a parent or guardian (even if they have a ticket to watch the first half of the show in the audience), and they must be signed out when it is time to leave. The parent/guardian will receive a wristband with their student's name on it, and only the parent/guardian wearing the wristband will be able to sign-out their student when it's time to leave.

If a dancer is only dancing in the second half of the show and will be sitting in the audience to watch the first half, they still need to check in at the dressing room when they arrive before taking their seat in the audience so that we know they are in the building.

ALL students are to have their name marked off when they arrive at the venue. If your child has any Medical Conditions that may require attention whilst in our care or are carrying any medication with them, please notify our dressing room supervisors when you sign in. It is best to arrive with hair and makeup done and ready to get dressed in costume.

No dads are allowed in the girls' dressing room area. Only moms (or female guardians) may accompany the dancer into the dressing room. Moms can help get their dancer dressed in their first dance costume but must be out of the dressing room 15 minutes before the start of the show. We will not allow moms to come in and out of the dressing room area during the show (only during intermission if necessary). We have several helpers for each age group to assist with costume changes so that you can truly enjoy the show!

All dancers will remain in costume (even if they are sitting in the audience for the second half of the show), as all dancers will be brought onto the stage in costume for the finale. Dancers may put a zip-up sweatshirt over their costume if they are going to be sitting in the audience.

Students are not permitted to leave the venue while the recital is running. No student is to leave the backstage/dressing room area during intermission unless they are signed out by a parent. No exceptions!

Only Inspired Creations Dance Studio staff and registered parent helpers are permitted backstage. We are unable to run messages or food to students, so please make sure they have everything before they come backstage for the recital.

Please try not to bring anything valuable, and label EVERYTHING. Our studio and the venue will take no responsibility if an item is damaged, misplaced, lost or stolen. Electronic devices may be brought at your own risk. Mobile phones are allowed in the dressing room, but know that there is little to no reception in the dressing room/backstage area. Please avoid taking photos in the dressing rooms, as this area is used for changing. No phones are allowed in the backstage area during the show and must remain in the dressing room.

Private videography and photography is strictly prohibited during the show. We will have a photographer during dress rehearsal and a videographer during recital to provide these services for us, leaving you free to sit back and enjoy the show in the moment!

When being picked up, all children need to be signed out of the venue by their parent / guardian wearing their wristband with their child's name on it. Please avoid asking your child to meet you outside the venue or in the parking lot as a parent has to be seen for you to pick them up. If someone else is picking your child up, they need to have a permission note to show who will be supervising them, and they must have a wristband.

### **Dancers Watching the Show**

Students are allowed to watch in the audience ONLY if a recital ticket was purchased for them, and they are only allowed to watch the half of the show that they are not in. To keep

interruptions to other audience members to a minimum, and to avoid chaos in the dressing rooms, students must stay in the dressing room for the entire half of the show that they are in. They can be dropped off & picked up during intermission only, and they must be signed out of the dressing room by the parent/guardian who is wearing their dancer's wristband. They will not be allowed to leave without being accompanied by their parent/guardian, even if they have their recital ticket with them. No exceptions!

**PRESCHOOL DANCERS ONLY:** Preschoolers will not need a recital ticket to watch the half of the show that they are not in IF they are okay with sitting on a parent's lap . If you feel that they will need their own seat for the show, a ticket must be purchased for them. Otherwise, sitting on your lap will be fine!

**SIBLINGS:** If you have more than one child in the show, and one child is in the first half and the other child is in the second half, they can use the same seat if a ticket was purchased to watch the show. No need to buy them each a ticket if they can use the same seat for different halves of the show!

## **WHAT TO BRING**

All children must bring a clearly labeled bag with extra hair spray, gel, hair elastics, bobby pins, and safety pins. Please ensure any medication required is packed and clearly labeled with instructions.

Your makeup must also be packed and clearly labeled as well as your dance shoes, tights, socks and dance undergarments. Don't forget your costumes too! These are best hung on coat hangers and protected in a costume bag that is clearly labeled. If you have a portable costume rack, please bring it as hanging space is quite limited.

Our young dancers are encouraged to bring some non-messy activities that can keep them occupied while they wait in the dressing room during the show, especially if they will be in the dressing room the entire show. Please do not bring anything that will stain their costume (no markers!). A clothes basket with a photo of them on it and their name will be helpful to carry their belongings, as some of our volunteers do not know all the performers names. This makes it easier for them to be able to find your child's belongings.

Children are discouraged from bringing any valuables including phones, iPods, iPads and laptops as the venue and Inspired Creations Dance Studio will not take responsibility for any items lost, damaged or stolen. There is little to no reception in the dressing room area, so keep that in mind!

**FOOD AND DRINK** - No food is allowed to be eaten in the dressing room. All snacks must be eaten in the backstage hallway if your child will require a snack during the show. Remember, costumes are easily ruined by food and drink stains, so please pack a non-messy snack that is

clearly labeled with your child's name. Students are not permitted to leave backstage area, so please pack enough food and water for the entire time if they must eat. It is important they have something nutritious to keep their energy up as well as something that won't stain – this means NO fast food, cheese snacks and chips, etc.. NO nuts or nut products. They also need to bring labeled water – NO soft drinks or juice as it stains the costumes. This is for both the rehearsal and recital.

## **RECITAL FINALE**

All dancers will be called back up to the stage for a final bow/presentation. If there are any dancers watching in the audience during the second half of the show, a parent needs to bring them back to the dressing room at least 3 dances before the end of the show so that our backstage staff can get them lined up backstage.

## **RECITAL T-SHIRTS**

As a wonderful souvenir option for our dancers, we have designed a dance recital t-shirt with this year's recital theme. Recital t-shirts will be available by order only. We will not be selling t-shirts in the studio or at the recital venue, and we will not be ordering extras, so be sure to get your order into our front desk by Thursday, April 20th if you want a recital t-shirt! Extra t-shirt order forms are available at the dance studio along with sample shirts that you can try on to help you determine what size you or your dancer needs.

## **TICKETS**

Tickets for our recital will go on sale to the public on Saturday, April 22nd at 10:00am and can be purchased online from <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/5041364/shine-bright-dance-recital> or by calling 1-855-222-2849. You can find the link to purchase tickets on the homepage of our website, [www.inspiredcreationsdance.com](http://www.inspiredcreationsdance.com).

To ensure our dancers get to perform and show off their hard work to a full audience, we have kept ticket prices at \$15 a piece. Please note that the ticket company does charge a service fee for ticket purchases.

We do not charge for children under 3 years old to attend the show, unless they will be occupying their own seat. We also ask that you consider our dancers and other audience members when bringing young children to watch, and if they become loud, distressed or disturb any other audience members, to please take them outside to let off a bit of steam before returning to enjoy the rest of the show.



## PHOTOS

We are so excited to have Susan Joy Photography taking photos of our dancers to create some wonderful keepsakes! All photos will be delivered digitally, as high resolution files, via an online, password-protected gallery. Printing rights will be granted. Professional prints will also be available for purchase through the online gallery. See the photography order form for pricing details.

### **Portraits:**

We will have a photo day that will take place at Inspired Creations Dance Studio on Saturday, May 13th from 9am-4pm. For those who cannot make it on May 13th, we will have an additional picture day after recital on Monday, June 12th from 1pm-8pm. You will need to sign-up in advance for an appointment through the following signup genius link: <http://bit.ly/3T4sqZZ>.

A deposit of \$5 per costume slot is due at the time of portrait session. This deposit will be applied toward print and/or digital file purchase.

Dancers will receive a minimum of 3 posed portraits per costume. Sibling group portraits are included at no additional charge. If you would like to see a sample of studio portraits, please contact Susan.

\*Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment time with your dancer's hair and makeup done. Appointment times will not be extended.

### **Dress Rehearsal Photos:**

Susan will be photographing the dress rehearsal, including group photos of each dance. You can contact Susan to see sample photos from past years at [susan@susanjoyphotography.com](mailto:susan@susanjoyphotography.com).

Dance photo order forms are available at the studio. You will have options to purchase studio portraits only, dress rehearsal photos only, or both portraits and dress rehearsal photos. You must bring the order form and payment with you to your photo session, CASH or CHECK only.

## DVDs

Personal photography or video recording is strictly prohibited during the show. We are employing a Videographer to capture these memories for you so you can truly enjoy the show! Recital DVDs can be purchased for \$25 each for pick-up at Inspired Creations Dance Studio when ready. You will be notified via email when your DVD is at the studio ready for pick-up. If you would like your DVDs mailed directly to you, the cost will be \$30 per DVD. Please clearly indicate on your order form which show you are purchasing (2pm show or 6pm show) and whether you want to pick-up your DVD or have it mailed directly to you. Extra DVD order forms will be available at the studio and recital venue the day of the show.