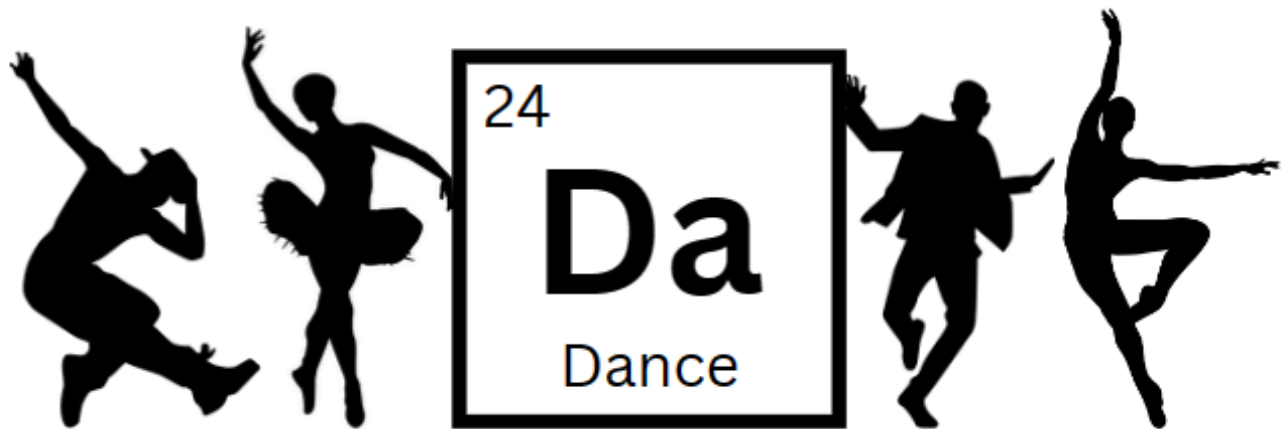




Inspired Creations Dance Studio

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**Spring Recital**

**2024**

**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

**Dress Rehearsal Dates:** Wednesday, May 8th or Thursday, May 9th (please refer to the dress rehearsal schedule for the rehearsal day and time for your class).

### Recital Times:

Friday, May 10th - 7:00pm: Dancers must arrive no later than 6:15pm  
Saturday, May 11th - 2:00pm: Dancers must arrive no later than 1:15pm  
Saturday, May 11th - 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 theater, 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

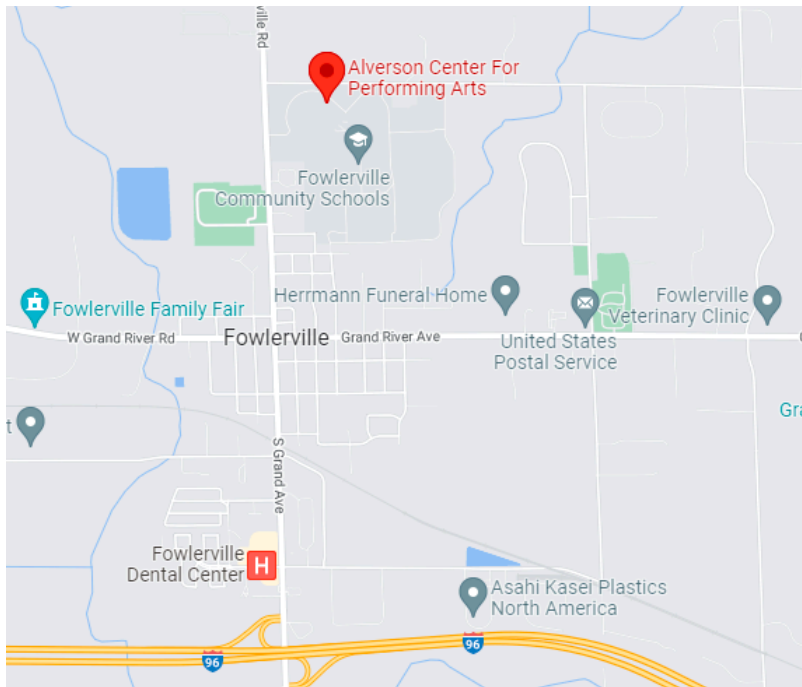
This year our recitals will be held at the Alverson Center for Performing Arts at Fowlerville High School. **Performers are required to arrive no later than 45 minutes before performance time with their hair and makeup done.** Adult dancers and our 13 & up dancers can arrive 1.5 hours before showtime for an onstage warm-up that begins 75 minutes before showtime.

We have 3 shows this year - Friday, May 10th at 7:00pm; Saturday, May 11th at 2:00pm; and Saturday, May 11th at 6:00pm. Please refer to “Recital Dates / Classes & Info” in the parent portal or on the website to find the show(s) your dancer is in.

### Address:

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Fowlerville High School  
7677 W. Sharpe Rd. Suite A  
Fowlerville, MI 48836

### 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. Please refer to the dress rehearsal schedule for the rehearsal day and time for your class.** 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. Moms of younger dancers must immediately meet them back in the dressing room after they have done their dance on stage. 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.

## **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 at our check-in table, and they must be signed out from their dressing room group 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 allowed in the dressing room area and will be the one able to sign-out their student when it's time to leave.

If your child has any Medical Conditions or allergies 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.

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. We have several helpers for each age group to assist with costume changes so that you can truly relax and enjoy the show!

We recommend a nude leotard be worn under dance costumes for any dancers that are uncomfortable with changing in the dressing room. This way they will be completely covered as they change from one costume to the next. If you need to purchase a nude leotard, you can do so at [www.ShopNimbly.com/inspiredcreationsdance](http://www.ShopNimbly.com/inspiredcreationsdance). You will then be able to pick it up at the studio when it arrives.

It is best to arrive with hair and makeup done and ready to get dressed in costume, but please bring make-up and hair supplies for touch-ups. Make sure your dancer eats before they come, especially because they will not be permitted to eat in the dressing rooms. Also, don't forget to have your dancer use the bathroom before the start of the show!

After performing, all dancers will remain in costume (even preschoolers who may be sitting in the audience), 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 for the safety of our dancers and respect of other audience members who have paid to watch the show. We will have a videographer recording the recitals, 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 the 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/guardian must be seen for your child to be released. 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. Only the parent/guardian with the wristband will be able to go into the dressing room area to pick-up their dancer and check them out.

**Dancers must stay in the dressing room.**

Dancers will have to stay in the dressing room the entire show (with the exception of our Preschool dancers). The theater only has a certain number of seats available, and we want to make sure that all families are able to get tickets to watch their dancers perform on stage. Thank you for understanding!

For our Preschool dancers...they can sit on a parent's lap for the half of the show they are not in. We would like them to stay in the dressing room for the entire half of the show that they are in to avoid interruptions to other audience members. However, if they are not going to be okay without you for that long, we will allow you to come and get them after their dance. We have many helpers assigned to their group in the dressing room, and we will have activities to keep them occupied, such as coloring pages, a movie, building blocks, games, etc.

**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 preschool dancers watching in the audience, 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 18th 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 are reserved seating and will go on sale to the public on Saturday, April 6th at 10:00am. Tickets are first come first serve, and you can easily find the link to purchase tickets by going to the homepage of our website, [www.inspiredcreationsdance.com](http://www.inspiredcreationsdance.com). You can also purchase tickets by calling 1-855-222-2849. Seats fill quickly, so don't wait to purchase your tickets!

Tickets cost \$17 a piece, but please note that the ticket company does charge a small service fee for ticket purchases. The tickets will only be available for purchase online until about 1-2 weeks before the show, and then any remaining tickets will be available for purchase at the door.



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!

### **Portraits:**

We will have a photo day that will take place at Inspired Creations Dance Studio on Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th. You will need to register for portraits at <https://susanjoy.gotphoto.com>, and then reserve your portrait time slots and pay the deposit at <https://bit.ly/ICDS2024>. Forms with more information are available at the front desk.

A deposit of \$5 per costume slot is due at the time of portrait session. This deposit will be applied toward print/file order purchase, if placed prior to July 1, 2024.

\*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:**

Group photos will be taken at dress rehearsal and will be available to purchase online. Live action shots of the dress rehearsal will not be available this year.

## **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 \$26.50 each (including tax) 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 \$31.80 per DVD (including tax). Please clearly indicate on your order form which show you are purchasing and whether you want to pick-up your DVD or have it mailed directly to you.

If you do not want to purchase entire DVDs, you may purchase individual dances from our recitals for \$10.60 per dance (including tax). Please indicate the name of the dance(s) and the show(s) on the form, and the dances will be emailed directly to you.

Extra DVD order forms will be available at the studio and recital venue the day of the show.