

Dear Parents,

As we get closer to our Virtual Recital date, we are sending you important information regarding costumes, make up, practices, pictures and videos.

First, we would like to take this opportunity to commend all of our students and families for their effort and perseverance during these months that we had to switch our classes around and adapt to our new virtual reality.

As a reminder, our Virtual Recital will be held on **Sunday, May 31, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.**

We ask you to read the instructions below thoroughly to make sure things go smoothly to provide our students with the most positive experience possible.

Costumes:

All costumes have arrived and most had been passed to the students during the months of January and February.

If your child does not have a costume yet, it means that it has arrived last week and it is available for curbside pickup at the studio, from **May 18 to May 21, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.** An email was sent on May 15 to all parents, with detailed instructions regarding costume pickup.

Please, find attached a PDF document with pictures and notes about all costumes, hair style and makeup.

Instructions on how to handle costumes, as well as tutorials for hair and makeup are posted on our website:

<https://www.urbanafineartscenter.com/recital-2020.html>

Pictures:

We are working with Illini Studio on a project to make a picture slide show of our students dressed in costumes. Pictures are separate from the recital video. We will send you details about how the pictures will be posted and shared to all families, as soon as we know.

There will be no extra charges for pictures, but we kindly ask all parents to follow the procedures below:

Pictures – Procedures:

1. Please, dress your child in costume, with full makeup and hair style as described in the Costume Notes PDF document (attached).
2. Place your child in front of a wall with minimum wall decorations as possible.

3. Take a picture of the full body of the student in any pose they wish. A big smile will be great!
4. Send the picture to us through email: info@urbanafineartscenter.com
5. Please, write the name of your **child and the name of the class they attend** during the semester, in the body of the email.
6. Deadline to send us the picture: **FRIDAY, MAY 29.**
7. We will then send it to Illini Studio.

Video:

We will record the dances on May 31 during the Virtual Recital; however, internet connections might not allow for clear images when students move, showing delays.

To make sure families are provided with a good quality video recording of all students, we ask parents to record the dances too. You can do this on the same day you take your child's picture in costume.

Your videos will be sent to a professional to edit them and put them in one single screen with sound and image of great quality.

You will also get the recording of the Virtual Recital (all students dancing at the same time), as well as the edited version based on each video recorded and sent by the parents.

There will be no extra charges for the video, but we kindly ask all parents to follow the procedures below:

Video – Procedures:

1. Please, dress your child in costume, with full makeup and hair style as described in the Costume Notes PDF document (attached).
2. Place your child in front of a wall with minimum wall decorations as possible.
3. If possible, make sure the room is bright and the face is at least as bright as the background.
4. Make sure your cell phone or video camera is at eye level, as stable as possible, and captures all dancing.
5. If you are using a phone to record it, please, place the phone in the horizontal position.
6. Click on the link of your child's dance video and play the video, so your child can see it and perform it while you record it. Please, list below:

2020 Recital Dance Choreography for Ballet Dark Blue:

https://youtu.be/k2EZi8kq4_A

2020 Recital Dance Choreography for Ballet Light Blue:

<https://youtu.be/trLWNRoEhHU>

2020 Recital Dance Choreography for Hip Hop Older Friends:

<https://youtu.be/RMSEXN2D3g>

2020 Recital Dance Choreography for Hip Hop Younger Friends:

<https://youtu.be/6dOU1XPQGfI>

2020 Recital Dance Choreography for Musical Theatre:

<https://youtu.be/yly5W0AcHnc>

2020 Recital Dance Choreography for Tap 6-12 Older Friends:

<https://youtu.be/Z2bkwGFeCKI>

2020 Recital Dance Choreography for Tap 6-12 Younger Friends:

<https://youtu.be/bDOoLIDONNg>

7. Send the video to us through email: info@urbanafineartscenter.com
8. Deadline to send us the video: **FRIDAY, MAY 29.**
9. Please, write the name of your **child and the name of the class they attend** during the semester, in the body of the email.
10. We will then send your video to our videographer.

SUNDAY, MAY 31: Virtual Recital:

Virtual Recital will be on Sunday, May 31, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, as per schedule below:

- Musical Theatre: 4:00 – 4:15
- Ballet Purple: 4:15 – 4:30
- Ballet Pink: 4:30 – 4:45
- Ballet Light Blue: 4:45 – 5:00
- Ballet Dark Blue: 5:00 – 5:15
- Hip Hop Ages 6 to 8: 5:15 – 5:30
- Hip Hop Ages 9 and Older: 5:30 – 5:45
- Tap ages 6 to 12 (Ms. Jade's class): 5:45 – 6:00

All students participating in the Virtual Recital will perform their dances, as per schedule above.

Virtual Recital – Procedures:

1. Please, dress your child in costume, with full makeup and hair style as described in the Costume Notes PDF document (attached).
2. Log in to your parent portal:
<https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/urbanafineartscenter>
3. Click on ONLINE CLASS ACCESS.

4. Click on your child's class at least 5 minutes prior to your child's dance time (see schedule above).
5. Place your child in front of a wall with minimum wall decorations as possible.
6. Make sure that the camera of the electronic device you are using to log in catches the full body of the student.
7. Make sure nobody (including pets) crosses the room during the camera's recording of the dance.
8. Remain silent during the recording.

Recital Fees:

Please note that recital fee paid in the beginning of the semester will be used to pay for the services of the professional (photographers, videographers, I.T. and teachers) that are working on this project and there will be no charge for the pictures and video referenced above.

Once again, thank you so much for your support.

Looking forward to a great virtual recital,

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