



## 2020 Gotta Dance Recital Letter

Dear Parents & Students:

Gotta Dance Company has our annual recital in June every year. The dancers grow so much over the season and are always excited to perform for you at the end of the year show. Recital is a wonderful opportunity for students to perform and showcase their talents and skills. We would like to remind parents to mark their calendars for the recital related dates, so that there are no unexpected expenses or time at the studio.

PLEASE NOTE!!!! For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row our Recital will be at **Liberty High School – 9621 W. Specked Gecko Dr. Peoria 85383**. (Right down the street from our dance studio) Schedules will be listed in the packet that you will receive in May.

**RECITAL COSTUME DEPOSITS:** FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> (\$25 per recital class)

**RECITAL COSTUME BALANCE:** MONDAY, MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$50 balance for 12 & under, \$60 balance for pre-teen and teen classes)

**RECITAL PICTURES:** TENTATIVELY MONDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>

**STUDIO DRESS REHEARSAL:** TENTATIVELY JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>-17<sup>TH</sup> AT GOTTA DANCE

**TECHNICAL REHEARSAL LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL:** TENTATIVELY THURSDAY JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>

**RECITAL DATES:** RECITAL WILL BE JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> AND JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> We will have 3 – 4 shows and each recital class will be in 2 shows. If your dancer is in multiple classes, they will most likely be in 3-4 shows.

First up, let's address costume and make up. Costume deposits in the amount of \$25 per recital class will be billed to dancer's accounts and due on November 1st. Costume balances will be due on March 2nd. Costume fees are \$75 for 12 & under classes, \$85 for preteen/teen classes. In your packet (that will be passed out in May) there will be a detailed guide for costume, hair and make up for each class for the Recital. When it comes to make-up, we highly encourage the use of stage make-up, even for the little ones. Be sure to explain that stage make-up is not the same as normal make-up, because it is needed to see faces better on a bright stage. That said, we respect our Parent's wishes in this regard and do not require make-up. If you are uncomfortable letting your dancer wear make-up, we understand. That said, the packet will also cover costume, shoes and other requirements for each performer and those items are a must so our dancers all match.

When return from spring break, we will begin measuring dancers for costumes and working hard on getting ready for recital. Attendance is very important through the remainder of the season.



Let's talk tickets. Tickets will be available online for purchase at the beginning of June. We always sell out of tickets, so please get them early. Tickets last season were \$12 presale and \$15 at the door if available, as long as we do not have a large increases in the pricing of our venue for this year, I expect the pricing to remain pretty close. As we get closer to the end of the season, we will send out more information. Remember, we issue tickets when accounts are clear, so please ensure you do not have a balance remaining on your account! Under no circumstances can a dancer perform in the Recital unless their account is paid in full. Check with the Front Desk if you have any questions.

Now for videotaping and pictures at the Recital. Every year this causes some heartburn for folks – often extended family who do not get the word - so please let everyone in your party know the rules in advance. While you are permitted and encouraged to take pictures and videotape the Recital Rehearsal, there are **NO PICTURES OR VIDEOTAPING** of the Recital itself. We have a professional videographer who will tape the shows and that DVD will be available a few weeks after Recital. There will be an order form in your packet with more details.

Next, flowers. Many, though not all parents often bring flowers to give to their performers. It's a very old tradition in the dance world. You are welcome to bring flowers if you like from anywhere. Every year we are asked to provide a flower option for parents who simply want to pick up their roses at the event. Thus, in your packet you will find a preorder form for flowers if you want us to have them ready for you at the show where you can pick them up.

Let's talk Programs. Parents, you will have the opportunity to purchase ads in our program with a picture of your dancer. By offering Recital Ads where friends and family can include personalized messages for their loved ones. Whether you just want to wish them luck, tell them you are proud of them or simply tell them you love them, Recital Ads are a good way to deliver the message in a memorable way. The Programs themselves are free.

Have you seen our Recital T-shirts?! They ROCK! Our recital theme will be on the front and all the names of all our Recital dancers on the back. It is a keepsake we see again and again as our dancers wear past Recital T-shirts until they are worn out or outgrown. We only order shirts for those who have pre-ordered and paid for them.

Finally, I'd like to encourage all of you to stay for the entire show. I know it's easy to watch your dancer and get on with your day, but please keep in mind, the last dancer on stage deserves a full audience to clap and cheer for them as much as the first performer. Many studios require everyone to stay from beginning to end. We do not do that, but I do ask that you keep the feelings of these dancers who have worked so hard in mind. Our recital takes ten months to prepare and only lasts two hours. Ours kids deserve all the cheering they can get. Also, at the end of each show,



we have our Grand Finale where all dancers take the stage for a final bow, confetti and a last ovation to end the season. It's a great moment and we don't want your dancer to miss it simply to get a head start out the door.

Special note to our COMPETITION dancers and parents: All company members are required to do the recital dances for your mandatory classes (if it is decided that we will be doing a recital dance for that class, you will be informed in the spring which classes will have recital dances in them). For optional classes you may choose if you want to be in that dance or not. Recital is a competition team requirement, per your contract.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime.

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