



March 1, 2025

Dear Brava Dancers and Parents:

Welcome to our **16TH ANNUAL SPRING PERFORMANCE WEEKEND FRIDAY**, May 16th, Saturday, May 17th and Sunday, May 18th at the White Plains Performing Arts Center!!!!

Please read this letter carefully and mark your calendars!!!

IN CLASS DRESS REHEARSAL is May 5 to Saturday, May 10 during your regularly scheduled class times and locations. This is the day your child will run through their dance(s) in costume. **Monday, May 12** is a mandatory in studio run through for *Once Upon A Midsummer Night's Dream* ballet.

Please have your hair already done (see below) and be dressed in your costume before you arrive for in class dress rehearsal. **Please write your name on your dance shoes and belongings.**

COSTUMES All costumes will be handed out prior to our In-Class Dress Rehearsal.

All balances must be paid in order to receive your costume. Students are measured and costumes are ordered by Brava based on the size chart for the individual costume companies. Unless approved by the Director, there are no exchanges for a different size. Some minor sewing may be required for costume pieces. **Do not allow your child to play in their costume.**

Refer to the 2025 RECITAL DOCUMENT for any special requirements for each dance. Unless otherwise specified, here are the requirements for your child's dress rehearsals and performances.

HAIR, SHOES and TIGHTS

TIGHTS:

CAPEZIO #1916, TRANSITION TIGHTS, CAMEL (CAR) OR BALLET PINK (BPK) Most items can be purchased at the Brava Boutique at the 220 Purchase Street studio and all can be purchased online at a discount for families via the Discount Dance Supply link under "dress code" on the Brava website.

TAP SHOES Petite 2 and up:

Bloch "Respect" lace up tap shoes in black (**Style No: S0361L**) * or

Bloch "Audeo" lace up tap shoes in black (**Style No: S0381L**) *

JAZZ SHOES:

Bloch "Neo Flex" Slip-On Jazz Shoes or
Capezio Child "E-Series" Slip-On Jazz Shoes Style No: EJ2C
Level 1 and up, tan
Kindergarten, Petite 1 & 2—black

HIP HOP white Nike Air Max 90.

BALLET pink ballet slippers
Level 1 and up Capezio Hanami canvas split sole ballet slippers

HAIR

Kindergarten, Preschool Ballet & Tap, Petite 1 & 2: hair in mid high bun

Ballet, Lyrical, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary: Low bun, parted middle

Hip Hop: Low pony, parted middle

ON STAGE DRESS REHEARSALS AT THE WHITE PLAINS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER are scheduled on the following days/times and are MANDATORY FOR ALL DANCERS:

TUESDAY, May 13 between 3:30-8:45

WEDNESDAY, May 14 between 3:30-8:45

THURSDAY, May 15 between 3:30-8:45

FRIDAY, May 16 between 3:30-5:00

~ SEE THE 2025 RECITAL DOCUMENT~ to find your dancer's on stage dress rehearsal schedule. Check for EVERY DANCE your child is in to be sure you do not miss any rehearsals! Call times may overlap. This is for your convenience—this is ok!

If your child does not come to dress rehearsal, she/he will not be permitted to perform in the recital. Attendance in the last 2 weeks of CLASS leading up to the recital is also MANDATORY. Note this schedule in your calendars now to avoid any conflicts.

Class attendance is crucial for your dancer's participation in the recital. If you miss class, this will affect your part in your dance (es).

Please arrive at dress rehearsal ON TIME. Sign in and drop off your dancer at the sign in desk in the Theatre lobby. Due to restrictions set by the WPPAC, parents are not permitted to watch dress rehearsal. With your help, and prompt arrival, we will do our very best to run this rehearsal on time and get you in and out as efficiently as possible.

****ALL DANCERS—ALL AGES--MUST BE performance ready at dress rehearsal. This means you must have the proper tights, and shoes and your hair must be done neatly and securely. You MUST use hairspray and makeup should be

applied just as required for the performance. (Makeup for our youngest dancers at the discretion of the parents.) No jewelry, no tattoos, no nail polish.**** Each dancer MUST bring their own: brush, hairspray, hair net matching your hair color, hair ties matching their hair color and bobby pins!

TICKETS—All ticket sales will be done ONLINE. Please go to

https://www.bravadance.com/brava_recital.htm and click on the link to

purchase recital tickets beginning **March 17 at 9:30 AM**. All tickets must be purchased in advance. The ticket price is \$30.00 and is assigned seating.

Tickets will not be sold through the WPPAC box office. Every person entering the theatre, regardless of age, requires a ticket as per the fire code at the WPPAC. Please be sure to purchase tickets for the CORRECT performance, as there are **no exchanges or refunds!** We will not be able to refund you for buying tickets to the wrong show. There are NO “bad” seats in the house at the WPPAC. **Tickets will likely sell out, so do not wait to purchase your tickets.**

MEDIA—Each family will receive a HD link to download all performances. This is included in your recital fee!

COSTUME PHOTO WEEKEND—March 29 and 30 with Lo Austin Photography. We will also have time slots available on April 12 for costumes that do not arrive in time for March. You can schedule your time slot via this link:

<https://calendly.com/loaustinphoto/brava-dance-center-recital-costume-photos-2025>

SPRING PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

There are FIVE shows:

FRIDAY, MAY 16 AT 6:00pm (Fri Show)

SATURDAY, MAY 17 AT 2:00pm (show A)

SATURDAY, MAY 17 AT 6:00pm (show B)

SUNDAY, MAY 18 AT 12:00pm (show C)

SUNDAY, MAY 18 AT 4:00PM (show D)

~ Go to the Spring Performance page

https://www.bravadance.com/brava_recital.htm on our website to see the 2025 RECITAL DOCUMENT to find the name of your child's DANCE (S), SHOW ASSIGNMENTS, AND ON STAGE DRESS REHEARSAL TIMES~

Our show dates and dress rehearsal dates have been on our website calendar since August of 2024 and are also in the email confirmation you receive at registration. We do not take requests for show assignment dates and times. We try to give each DANCER a main show. If your dancer takes different classes in different LEVELS, they may be assigned more than 1 show.

WHAT TO EXPECT RECITAL DAY:

Please arrive HALF AN HOUR BEFORE YOUR SHOW TIME. Do not arrive earlier than half hour. Please **drop off your child** at the check-in desk in front of the stage door in the theatre lobby. **Dancers should arrive dressed in their costume. If they are in multiple dances, be dressed in your costume for your FIRST dance. A rehearsal order will be posted on the Spring Performance Page and a Show order will also be posted on that page, a week before the show and at the studios.** Parents will not be permitted backstage. There will be adult supervision at all times for the children. There is NO FOOD permitted backstage or in the dressing rooms. Only **water**.

DISMISSAL—All dancers participate in a Final Bow and are required to stay for the **entire performance**. Dancers Level 1 and up will be dismissed to the Lobby. Preschool, Kindergarten and Petite 1 and 2 will be dismissed from the STAGE. One parent /guardian from your party should remain in the theatre following the performance and your dancer will be dismissed to you with all of their belongings from the stage.

PARKING --The closest parking level is Level 5. You can park anywhere from Level 4 up and reach the theatre entrance but Level 5 has you walk right across the

breezeway and into the front doors. Level 5 of the parking garage is the 3rd floor of City Center. WPPAC is located on the 3rd floor above ShopRite and Target

SUMMARY TO DO:

1. Update your portal credit card so any outstanding balance can be charged to your card on file.
2. Get proper shoes and tights for each dance, including hair supplies
3. Sign up for Costume Photo Day session
4. Mark Calendars for:
 - A) In Class Dress Rehearsal
 - B) On stage Dress Rehearsal
 - C) Recital Date (s)
5. Send in Ad photo and form by April 11th
6. Purchase recital Tickets, March 17th beginning at 9:30AM

All of us at Brava are so looking forward to a wonderful, positive, FUN performance experience for all Brava Dancers and their families!

THANK YOU,

Jenny