



16th Annual Spring Dance Recital

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Friday & Saturday, June 5 & 6, 2020

This year's annual spring dance recital features 400 Avalon dancers performing in three shows. The Avalon dance faculty and staff have been preparing for months and we can't wait to see everyone shine on stage! The information in this packet will answer many of the questions you have about the dress rehearsal and recital.

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP BEGINS: Monday, March 2

ONLINE TICKETING BEGINS: Monday, March 16, 12:00pm (initial purchase limit 6 per family)

ALL REMAINING TICKETS OPEN FOR PURCHASE: Monday, April 20, 12:00pm

SHOW 1 DRESS REHEARSAL: Wednesday, June 3, 5:00pm

SHOW 1 RECITAL: Friday, June 5, 6:00pm (dancers arrive by 5:30pm)

SHOW 2 DRESS REHEARSAL: Thursday, June 4, 5:00pm

SHOW 2 RECITAL: Saturday, June 6, 2:00pm (dancers arrive by 1:30pm)

SHOW 3 DRESS REHEARSAL: Saturday, June 6, 9:00am

SHOW 3 RECITAL: Saturday, June 6, 6:00pm (dancers arrive by 5:30pm)

This year we will once again be offering **online recital ticketing**, as well as **online ordering** for DVDs, photo CDs, and show t-shirts. Our ticketing will be done through dancerecitalticketing.com and an email with the link to order and ordering instructions will be sent out on March 16. We encourage everyone to purchase their tickets as soon as they go on sale. Initial ticket orders open March 16 and will be limited to 6 tickets per family. All remaining seats will be available for purchase without restrictions on April 20. For recital extras (DVDs, photo CDs, shirts, etc), go to: <http://bit.ly/avalonrecitalextras20> to order. Portrait session and flower sale info will be announced at a later date.

**Location for Rehearsal and Recital: Holland Christian High School
950 Ottawa Ave, Holland 49423**

Remember, there are NO silly questions during recital season! If you have questions or are confused please speak to your child's teacher, call us at 616-738-6495 or email info.avalonschoolofthearts@gmail.com.

Spring Dance Recital Info

**LOCATION: Holland Christian High School Auditorium
950 Ottawa Ave, Holland 49423**

SHOW 1: Friday, June 5, 6:00pm (Mandatory Rehearsal: Wednesday, June 3, 5pm)

SHOW 2: Saturday, June 6, 2:00pm (Mandatory Rehearsal: Thursday, June 4, 5pm)

SHOW 3: Saturday, June 6, 6:00pm (Mandatory Rehearsal: Saturday June 6, 9am)

• **What should we do when we arrive?** Dancers need to arrive 30 minutes before the show starts. Please have your dancer dressed in their costume and have their hair done. When you arrive, **ONE PARENT** must take your child to their backstage waiting room to locate their group, check them in with the parent helper, and make sure they are performance ready. You will be shown which room your group will be meeting in at the mandatory dress rehearsal. You **MUST** take your child to the bathroom immediately before being dropped off with their class, even if they insist they do not need to go. It will be crowded backstage, and no additional family members are permitted to be backstage area before or after the show. **If your child is under the age of 10 you must pick up your "KID CHECK" form when you drop your child backstage. You will need to return this form when you pick up your child backstage after the show.**

• **What time will the doors to the auditorium open so we can pick seats?**

Doors to the auditorium open 20 minutes before the show starts. Ushers need time to prepare before they can allow you in. If you will be attending both Show 2 and Show 3 on Saturday, you must remove all items from the auditorium between shows.

• **My daughter is so excited to dress up for the recital! How shall I do her makeup?**

At Avalon we **do not** allow children under the age of 10 to wear makeup on stage. Their faces are beautiful as they are and there is no need for enhancement!

• **When my child is done performing, may I go pick them up so they can sit with us?**

After the 2-year-olds and the 3-4 year-olds have performed, there will be an announcement made over the microphone for them to be picked up. Only one family member will be allowed into the backstage classrooms to pick your child up for security purposes. At this designated time, you may choose to either leave with your child or bring them back into the auditorium to watch the rest of the show. The 2 year old and 3-4 year old classes are the only groups that will be dismissed before the show is over and this rule is not flexible. All children participating in a class in the age 4-6 year old group and older will stay back stage for the duration of the show. **Any family found violating this policy will not be allowed to participate in any future recitals with Avalon.**

• **May I videotape during the recital?** No. Videotaping is distracting to the audience members around you. Holland Christian High School requires everyone to be in a seat for the duration of the performance, and standing on the side to videotape is not permitted. There is a professionally recorded DVD for purchase for \$25, you can order here: <http://bit.ly/avalonrecitalextras20>. Videotaping during rehearsal is permitted.

• **May I take pictures during the recital?** Flash photography at the rehearsal and recital are strictly prohibited as it is distracting and dangerous to dancers. A professional photographer will be taking pictures during the

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performance and you can order a photo CD here: <http://bit.ly/avalonrecitalextras20>. If you wish to take your own pictures, please limit that to non-flash photos during rehearsal. You may not take pictures during the recital.

• **How do I pick up my child after the show?** Immediately following the show, **ONE** member of your party will be permitted to enter the children's waiting area with your 'KID CHECK' form. Because it will be crowded, and for security reasons, no additional family members will be allowed in this area. Please plan to meet your group in the lobby or outside the building. Please pick your child up and exit the facility in a timely manner.

• **How can I help?** We have many opportunities for parents to get involved as backstage helpers, ushers, hair patrol and more. The most important thing you can do to help is to follow the protocol that we have developed to make this recital run smoothly. We have been doing this for many years and every aspect of this production has a reason behind it, even if you do not understand the rationale. Every year, we become even more efficient at producing our recital, and that success is largely dependent on the cooperation of our wonderful families and volunteers.

• **A special note for first time recital families:** Our goal for this recital, and every performance opportunity we offer our students, is to celebrate everything the children have learned this year. It is a **big** accomplishment to get up on stage and perform in front of hundreds of people and we are **so** proud of them! The lessons children learn about poise, self-confidence, teamwork and courage through participation in the performing arts last a lifetime. Parents and adult guardians are crucial in helping their children have a positive performance experience. Be sure your dancer has eaten something light an hour before the show and has gotten enough sleep. Reducing your child's stress level and providing them with a lot of encouragement will help them to have a positive experience. It is natural for parents to feel nervous or anxious, especially if it is your first recital, however the majority of the questions you have will be answered in the information we give you in this packet, through emails, and on our website. If you have questions about anything, please be sure to ask! We are so glad your family is having this experience with us. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to help you feel confident and ready for recital season!

We appreciate your participation in this celebration and look forward to seeing you in class again this summer and in the Fall of 2020.

Thank you!

Mandatory Dress Rehearsal Info

**LOCATION: Holland Christian High School Auditorium
950 Ottawa Ave, Holland 49423**

SHOW 1 REHEARSAL: Wednesday, June 3, 5:00pm (Performance: Friday, June 5, 6:00pm)

SHOW 2 REHEARSAL: Thursday, June 4, 5:00pm (Performance: Saturday, June 6, 2:00pm)

SHOW 3 REHEARSAL: Saturday, June 6, 9:00am (Performance: Saturday, June 6, 6:00pm)

- **Does my child have to be there?**

Yes. Students who do not attend dress rehearsal will not be allowed to perform in the recital. No exceptions.

- **What time is rehearsal?**

Please refer to the top of this page for your rehearsal time. If your child is performing the same dance in both shows, you will be told which rehearsal to attend. A more detailed rehearsal schedule will be available in April. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your rehearsal time.

- **Will Rehearsal run in "Show Order?"**

We will run our rehearsal as close to performance order as possible. We will try to get our youngest dancers in and out of rehearsal as quickly as possible.

- **What should my child wear to rehearsal?**

Your child should come to rehearsal wearing all costume items they were given, plus the appropriate tights and shoes. Costumes will be distributed the last week of class, and any remaining props or costume items that your child's teacher is providing will be at the auditorium. If you have questions, ask your child's teacher.

- **Do I need to do my child's hair for rehearsal?**

Yes. Get it as close to performance ready as possible. Many people take pictures during rehearsal and it is great if everyone looks performance ready. If you need help, please ask your child's teacher before rehearsal.

- **Where do we go when we arrive at Holland Christian High School?**

Plan to arrive about 10 minutes early so you can settle in and be ready to get started on time. Go directly into the auditorium at your rehearsal time and have a seat. Important announcements and instructions will be given before we call groups backstage.

- **May I take pictures or video at rehearsal?**

You may take backstage pictures and discreet non-flash pictures and video during rehearsal. We will be on a very tight time schedule and it is imperative that the children are focused and not distracted on stage.

- **Can I sit and watch rehearsal?**

Yes. We expect the audience during rehearsal to behave as they would during a performance. The audience must remain quiet, clap at appropriate times and keep younger siblings from running around the facility. There is no food or drink allowed in the auditorium. If you need to bring snacks or beverages to rehearsal, they must be consumed in the lobby.

- **When my child is done rehearsing, are we free to leave?**

Yes! After you have hung up or returned any costume pieces or props that must remain at ZHS for the night, you are free to leave and we will see you at your performance! You are also welcome to stay and be the audience for the other dancers. Many families take advantage of this so that their child has an opportunity to watch the show from the audience.

- **If I am the backstage helper for my child's class, do I need to be backstage for the rehearsal too?**

Yes. You will need to become familiar with lining the kids up, how to lead them to the stage, and where to go after you drop them off and they need to be able to recognize who you are.