

# **BONI'S RECITAL 101**

For the past 40 years, Boni's Dance & Performing Arts Studio has provided students with an exciting performance experience through its annual recitals. Dance is a performing art it gives our children a chance to shine in front of family and friends that they anticipate with nervous excitement. The recitals offer our students a professionally directed performance that allows them to present the results of a year's hard work, dedication, and progress. We are excited to see our dancers shine on stage!

You will have already received lots of information regarding recital but we would like to take this opportunity to put all the information in one place for you and help answer some of the most commonly-asked questions that we receive. All this information as well as any updates can be found on the Recital Database via the Boni's App.

## **RECITAL**

- **Where and When is the Recital?** The recital is held Saturday, May 25th and Sunday May 26th at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion.
- **How do I know which show my dancer will be in?** Over the past few weeks you will have received the show line ups. These can also be found on the Recital Database via the Boni's App. This will tell you which show and which number your dancer will perform.
- **Will my dancer perform on both days?** If your dancer is in one class, they will only perform on one day, the only exception being some of our Senior or Company classes. If your dancer is in multiple classes, as much as we would love to we cannot guarantee that their classes will be on the same day.
- **When is Dress Rehearsal?** Each performances dress rehearsal is held the same day as the performance at the Pavilion. Dress Rehearsal will be held in the morning/early afternoon and the Performance will be in the later afternoon/evening. You can find the exact times and schedule for Dress Rehearsals at the Recital Database via the Boni's App.
- **What times do we need to be at The Pavilion for the Performance?** The performances will start both days at 5pm. You can find the exact times you need to be at the Pavilion at the Recital Database via the Boni's App.
- **My dancer is in multiple dances in one performance where can they change?** We have changing tents in the backstage and on the loading dock behind the stage. The Pavilion also has large bathrooms that can be used for changing. We recommend any dancers with between 3-5 numbers between their dances, what we consider a 'quick change', that they use the changing tents then they will be closer to rejoin their class for their next number. For these same dancers we would also recommend considering layering tights, if they have different tights needed for their

dances, as this will make for a quicker change. Parents are able to come back and help their dancer with these changes.

- **Why does the Pavilion have such a strict bag policy?** The Pavilion's rules and regulations exist to keep their guests safe and to ensure that everyone enjoys the show! You can find the full Pavilion Bag Policy at: <https://www.woodlandscenter.org/visit/pavilion-rules>. In addition to their regular bag policy Boni's dancers and parents for our recital will be able to bring in:
  - One hanging garment bag on the day of the recital. Please note that all bags will be searched prior to entry. Clear garment bags, fanny packs and totes will speed up security checks.
  - Additional bags, such as rolling bags/cases, duffel bags are required to be dropped off at the studio on the designated date of bag drop-off. Details of this will be sent at a later date.
  - ALL dancers should arrive in costume with hair and make up done with cover up over costume, their dance shoes, change of clothes, hairbrush and lipstick for touch ups can be carried in a clear 1 gallon bag or clear tote.
- **Where can I purchase clear Garment Bags, Fanny Packs or Tote Bags?** Boni's has a limited number of 'Pavilion Approved' clear Garment Bags, Fanny Packs or Tote Bags will be available for purchase at: [www.bonisdance.com](http://www.bonisdance.com)
- **Can I take my own photos at Recital?** Dress Rehearsal is a good time to take photos as parents are able to enter the 'pit area' at the front of the stage to take some up close photos! But we ask please NO Flash photography, this is very distracting to dancers and dangerous to older pointe students. This will be enforced by the Pavilion personnel.
- **Can I take a video of my dancers performance?** Dress Rehearsal is a good time to take video from the 'pit area' at the front of the stage. During the performance personal videotaping will be allowed in the reserved seats; however due to viewer obstruction please only video while seated. A professional recording will be available to purchase at [www.bonisdance.com](http://www.bonisdance.com)
- **What Is Boni's Recital Audience Etiquette?** We want everyone attending the Recital to have the best experience watching their dancer perform, we therefore ask that all Recital audience members please be courteous and sensitive to those around you, place your cell phone on silent and please only enter and exit your seat on applause not during the middle of a dance number, there may be members of a dancers family behind you trying to watch their dancer on stage. We understand that sometimes emergencies occur if you have a fussy child or need to leave in an emergency please exit as quietly as possible in order to minimize the disruption to your fellow audience members.
- **Can I bring flowers for my dancer to the Pavilion?** Yes, the Pavilion will allow you to bring your own flowers into the performances. We also offer the option for you to pre-order flowers for pick up at the flower booth at the pavilion. These will be available to order at [www.bonisdance.com](http://www.bonisdance.com). If this is your first dance recital you might be surprised to find many of the other parents or family members have small bouquets or single roses/flowers ready to present to their dancer at the end

of the show. This is a tradition for theatre and arts performances and while it isn't necessary it is a nice gesture to recognize the dancer's effort over the course of the entire dance year and the achievement of having performed in front of a large audience.

## **RECITAL TICKETS**

- **When do tickets go on sale?** Boni's recital tickets go on sale in **April/May**. Please make sure you know which night your dancer is performing prior to purchasing tickets. The full performance schedule for both shows can be found at the Recital Database at the Boni's App.
- **Where do I purchase tickets?** Tickets will be available online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), we will send out direct links to each days tickets closer to the date. The Pavilion box office will be open for in person sales where you can save on some of the Ticketmaster fees by going in person. Please note that NO tickets are sold at the Boni's studio.
- **How much are tickets?** 2023 ticket prices were \$25 each. We are waiting to hear from the Pavilion and Ticketmaster on this years prices. For online ticket sales The Pavilion and Ticketmaster have service fees in addition to the cost of the ticket.
- **Does my dancer needs a ticket?** Dancers do **NOT** need a ticket to enter through the Pavilion gates. However all seating at the Pavilion is reserved so if they wish to sit in the audience in a seat and watch the performances they will need a ticket (younger dancers may sit on your lap).
- **Do I need to purchase a recital ticket for a small child who will be sitting on my lap?** If you have a small child who will not be sitting in a seat and will sit in your lap, you do **NOT** need to purchase a ticket for them.

## **STAGE MOMS**

- **Who are Boni's Stage Moms?** Our Boni's Recitals could not happen without the help of our Boni's Stage Moms, these Moms assist our teachers with lining up their classes backstage at recital and leading them backstage for their big entrances and escorting them to the Dancer Pick Up area after their performance. If you are interested in being a Stage Mom for your dancers class please be on the lookout for the sign up which will be found at the Recital Database on the Boni's App.
- **Can I still be a Boni's Stage Mom if I cannot make the Stage Mom Meeting prior to the Recital?** Yes absolutely, if you cannot make the Stage Mom Meeting at the Pavilion we will email all the details that were given out at the meeting afterwards.

## TIGHTS / HAIR / MAKE UP

- **How do I know what tights my dancer needs for recital or how the teacher would like them to wear their hair or make up?** Each class that is in recital will be emailed their costume information form which includes all the information on tights, hair, make up and any costume notes. Copies of each of these forms will be posted on the Recital Database after Spring Break, this can also be accessed through the Boni's App.
- **Where can I purchase tights for recital?** Boni's Boutique at the main studio has tights in stock, they can also be ordered online and delivered direct to your dancer in class. A link for this will be sent out soon and will also be able to be accessed through the Recital Database on the Boni's website.

## RECITAL PICTURE WEEKS

- **What are Recital Picture Weeks?** We have a Professional Photographer come to the studio and each class that is in recital will have individual photos taken in their recital costumes.
- **When are they and how do I know which day my dancer will have theirs taken?** April 29th - May 4th is when the photographer will be at the studio. The pictures are taken during class time. A schedule for which of the 2 weeks your dancer will have their picture taken will be posted at the Recital Database on the Boni's App.
- **How much do they cost?** Pricing details and options closer to the time.
- **How do I sign up to have my dancers picture taken?** There are NO pre-orders or reservations required. After Boni's picture weeks have finished you will receive information from the photographer on how to purchase the picture of your dancer. ALL dancers who arrive at the studio on the day their classes pictures are scheduled will have their picture taken.
- **What if my dancer cannot make their classes scheduled picture day?** We will have some make up times available for dancers who will be absent the day of their pictures but would still like one taken. This link will be posted closer to the date on the Recital Database on the Boni's App.
- **What if I have more than one dancer at Boni's, can they have a Sibling picture taken together?** Yes definitely! You can sign up at the same sign up genius as the make up pictures. This link will be posted closer to the date on the Recital Database on the Boni's App. Unfortunately due to the number of classes taking pictures these are only time sibling photos and make ups can be scheduled.
- **Do we have to have Recital Pictures taken?** No, they are entirely optional.