

IMPORTANT 2015 RECITAL INFORMATION

WHEN/WHERE...The recitals will be held at **Lake Braddock Secondary School**, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke, Virginia on June 19, 20 and 21. Your dancer's show is listed in this packet and at www.buffas.com. Please enter at the Little Theater doors as you face the school at the far right. The auditorium will be on your left as you enter. Your child should be taken to the area marked "dancer drop off" no more than 20 minutes before the performance. All students must come to the auditorium in costume and make-up, as there are limited facilities for changes.

PLEASE NOTE...All students must remain for the entire performance. Please do not try to pick up your child before the end of the performance. One of the purposes of these productions is to teach our children to exhibit good manners at performances and that includes *arriving on time and not leaving prior to the end of the performance*. The children will be well cared for backstage by our staff and volunteer parents. There is also a live video feed of the recital for the dancers & parents backstage. **ALL STUDENTS WILL BE IN THE FINALE**. If you need to have your child released early for either recital or dress rehearsal, please email in your dancer's name and class and your name and a phone number to reach you.

MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSALS...will be **Saturday, June 6th and Sunday, June 7th**, at **Lake Braddock Secondary School**. For location of Lake Braddock Secondary School see "WHERE" paragraph above and map on the reverse side of the letter. Your child should arrive in costume and make-up. Please see sheet on front of letter for your child's specific time. **Parents will not be allowed in the auditorium for rehearsal, unless volunteering**. ALL STUDENTS MUST REMAIN FOR THE ENTIRE TIME BLOCK. NO RECORDING OR PICTURES OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED.

IMPORTANT NOTES...Make-up: Stage lights wash out faces so be sure all dancers have appropriate make-up applied prior to arrival at both dress rehearsal and the performance. Children under 12 should wear red lipstick, blusher on cheeks, brown eye shadow. Children over 12 are asked to consult your teacher. Absolutely no jewelry or nail polish is permitted. Please, dancers should not wear panties under tights as they are distracting when seen under the costume. Secure all headpieces and any other costume parts (if loose, children will try to adjust them instead of dancing).

TICKETS...this year, as explained in the Contract/Agreement, tickets are offered separately and online. This is in response to many requests to streamline this process. Our goal is to obtain a more equitable distribution, relieve waiting in lines, and increase the professionalism of our performances.

- To find out which show you should purchase tickets for, look in this packet under recital specifics, as well, the bulletin board in the lobby has the recital times listed by class, as does our website www.buffas.com. The ticket link to purchase tickets will also be on our website.
- Tickets will go on sale Saturday, May 9th at 10am.
- We are using the online Vendini venue, which we have previously used with great success. The tickets will be \$20 for recitals and \$15 for the Concert paid by credit card, and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a 10-ticket limit per show until June 1st when ticket limits will be lifted. Special needs seating is available at buffarecital@gmail.com.

MERCHANDISE...Recital merchandise will be sold at the studio and at the recitals beginning in May.

PICTURES...Individual and group pictures will be taken at the theater by a professional photographer during the dress rehearsals Saturday, June 6th and Sunday, June 7th at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Individual photos may be taken before and after your child's assigned rehearsal time.

VIDEO...Each performance will be professionally recorded and may be purchased. Order forms will be available at the front desk in June. We prefer that you do not attempt to tape during the performance yourself due to the distraction it causes the dancers and the audience. If you do use your own equipment, however, please be considerate of others and avoid blocking their view. **ALL INDIVIDUAL RECORDERS MUST BE HAND HELD (NO TRIPODS) AND MUST BE USED FROM YOUR SEAT**. (Tripods are strictly forbidden due to safety regulations.) It is important that you use available light. Putting additional light on stage is extremely dangerous to the dancers. In addition, absolutely no flash photography will be allowed.

RECITAL FLOWERS...You may order recital bouquets of 3 roses to pick up at the recitals for \$10 each (checks only--made payable to Burke Civic Ballet) Forms can be picked up at the studio at front desk.

FINAL CLASSES...Classes will conclude on Thursday, June 18th.

THANK YOU...We want these recitals to be a joy to all -- both for those performing and those watching. Many hours of effort go into these shows -- on the part of the students, teachers, staff and volunteer parents. It is our goal to provide our students with a truly professional, polished performance experience! Thank you for your extraordinary effort. Thank you for sharing your children with us this year. They have been a delight and we hope to see them again this summer and next fall.

Sincerely,
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