

Recital FAQ'S

Q: Where is Recital?

Real Life Amphitheatre in Selma. <https://www.reallifeamp.com/>

Q: What time does my child need to be there?

30 minutes prior to their show time for all level I and up. 15 minutes prior to showtime for all Combo, Intro, Beginner, Broadway Babies and Hippy Hop classes. The amphitheatre will open 30 minutes before the show starts. Please do not arrive earlier, as this creates extra traffic with multiple shows being performed.

Q: What show is my child performing?

The schedule for performers available on the Parent Portal and the website for download. This will be posted by October 10th. If you are in multiple classes, be sure to check the schedule for which dance will be performed at which time.

Q: Do I have to buy tickets? How does seating work?

You will receive 6 tickets. These tickets will be handed out during dress rehearsal week in class, December 4-9. If you need more than 6 tickets, please purchase on our website. You can purchase as many additional seats as you need. The amphitheatre is General Admission and will open 30 minutes prior to show time and seating is first come first sit.

Q: Is the recital professionally recorded?

Your recital fee includes a digital download of the recital. This means you can share this video and download it to your devices. You can also share this with your friends and family, free of charge. You will receive a link via email once the download is ready. This usually takes 4-6 weeks.

Q: What's the proper recital etiquette? What should I wear? Do I bring flowers?

We're so glad you asked! Recital is the culmination of lots of hard work by dancers and staff. When attending a recital, business casual or dressy casual is always appropriate, however take into consideration that the amphitheatre is outdoor so cool is best. The seating area is completely covered, so plenty of shade! During performances, please remain in your seats. If you must exit, please do so in between dances. No flash photography during recital. Remember, you'll get a professional recording of the show. Sit back, relax, be in the moment and enjoy watching your child with your eyes, not your phone. As for flowers, it is customary to have a gift for performers, be it flowers or another token of love for their hard work. MLSD is selling flowers this year for recital. If you pre-ordered flowers, they will be waiting for you at our recital gift kiosk with your child's name on them. If you did not pre-order, flowers will still be available in limited quantities to purchase the day of the show. There will also be other fun giftables for sale! We encourage you to check out all the fun momentos we've created!

Q: What if my child is in multiple shows?

This is going to be a fun and exciting day of performing! Be sure that you take a look at the show order and know what numbers they are performing in. Our backstage managers will be there to assist, so don't worry! After each show there will be a small break. We encourage you to eat a good lunch and hydrate well! Parents must be responsible for students in between shows. They will check in again backstage 30 minutes before their next show.

Q: Is there a dress rehearsal?

Yes! Our dress rehearsal will be held at MLSD during our regularly scheduled class times December 4-9. Dancers need to come to class this week in full costume, hair and makeup. We will take group and individual photos as well as rehearse in our Main studio where we will have it taped exactly like the stage will be! Please do your best to attend this week as it will truly prepare the students for their on stage debut.

Q: After recital, is there class? Yes, MLSD will be open for classes December 13-18 for our christmas spirit week! During this super fun week we will hold our MLSD Reindeer Games + tons of Christmas cheer + rough edit viewing of our show! It's gonna be a blast! Be on the lookout for each day's holiday theme so your child can dress up and have some fun with us!

Q: Can I come backstage?

No. You will check your child in backstage, however parents must remain in the audience. Our staff, staff assistants and backstage volunteers will manage the backstage area so you can sit back and enjoy the show!

Q: How long is the recital? Is there an intermission?

Recital will be a little over 1 hour long. No intermission needed.

Q: How is my child's hair and makeup supposed to be? Hair and makeup has been posted in the Parent Portal. Just click the "Costume" link and all the information for your class is there.

Q: Do I just drop my child off? Yes! You'll check in backstage with our staff and students will be lined up by class for their performance. Each class will have a volunteer assigned to them, as well as room attendants and our staff. Should we need you, we have a list of all parents names and cell numbers should we need to contact you for any reason.

Q: Will my child remain backstage during the show or will they come sit with me?

Dancers in a combo 3&4, combo 5&6, intro to jazz/lyrical, intro to acro, hippity hop, broadway babies or budding ballerinas will be picked up immediately following their performance. They will be picked up at the same place where you checked them in. They will sit with you for the remainder of the show and will receive a special prop to use for the finale in the audience!

Dancers in all other classes will remain backstage for the duration of the performance and will perform on stage during the grand finale! They will be dismissed from the stage following their

performance. One parent will come to the stage to retrieve their child. They will be dismissed one class at a time. If you must leave before the performance is over, you must let our front desk know IN ADVANCE so we can alert our volunteers.

Q: Where do I keep other costumes if my child is in multiple dances? There are dressing rooms for dancers to hang items. Please be sure to label each costume and all accessories. Our dressers will be backstage to help make them show ready and fabulous!

Q: Do I need to help my child change costumes? No. Our goal is to create confident, independent young ladies and gentlemen. We have private dressing rooms and volunteer “dressers” who will make sure their costumes are good to go!

Q: Can I leave after my child’s performance? We would like our dancers to stay for the entire production. Each show is approximately 1 hour long, which is the length of our average class time, so think of it like a dance class. Creating a professional production environment is our aim, and audience members leaving in the middle of the show can be disruptive. If you must leave, let the front desk know in advance so we can alert our volunteers.

Q: Where can my child eat if they are in multiple performances? There is a fabulous food court that will be equipped with food for purchase and lots of picnic tables to eat.

Q: Can I take pictures and video during the performance? Please refrain from all photography and video during the production. You will all receive a professional digital download of the recital that you can share with family and friends. We also post photos taken of our event in our private Facebook group for our families. Recording or photography causes distractions for audience members and performers.

Q: What is the earliest time we can arrive? The amphitheatre will be open 1 hour before each show. Please be aware that our shows are back to back, so the audience will be held until the amphitheatre has emptied after each production.

Q: Can we preorder pictures, videos, shirts and flowers? Yes!

Video: You will be sent a digital download of the performance approximately 4-6 weeks from the date of performance- no purchase necessary!

Flowers and shirts: Flowers and shirts will be available for pre order via your Parent Portal or the front desk. Additional flowers & shirts will be available for purchase at the show but quantities will be extremely limited.

Individual/Group Photo: Each class will have a professional group photo taken in the studio the week of December 4-9. Dancers will also take individual portraits at this time. These photos will be sent to you digitally for your own printing and usage.