



Artistic Dance Unlimited April 2026 Newsletter

Only two more months and it will be time for ADU's annual recital. Alette, Ursula, and the ADU staff are very excited and want to make the recital extra special for the students. There will be lots of information that will follow over the next two months. Please read the newsletters in their entirety and check the dry erase board in the lobby.

PARENT OBSERVATION/INFORMATION **WEEK APRIL 6th – 9th!**

We ask that **only TWO** persons be present for their child's class/classes. The instructors will be giving out a recital info packet and will discuss important information with the parents and students. Due to the amount of important information that we need to go over during these days, we ask for as few interruptions as possible. When you come to watch your child's classes, please turn your cell phones on vibrate and have conversations outside of the dance room. Please refrain from talking while the information is being given. ***Parent Observation is a time for parents to see their child's progress in their classes. We have very limited space in our studio rooms, and we are trying to keep our occupancy at a minimum. Please arrange childcare for any siblings as they are **never** to be left unattended in the lobby. **Costumes will be tried on and handed out. Your child will NOT receive their costume if all outstanding balances have not been paid. This is an important week! Please try to be present!**

RECITAL DATES

Dress Rehearsal & Recital dates will be:



Friday, May 29th :

Dress Rehearsal 9a – 3:30p
Friday Evening Show 7:00p

Saturday, May 30th :

Dress Rehearsal 9a – 11:00a
Saturday Matinee Show 1:00p
Saturday Evening Show 7:00p

Dress Rehearsal and Recital Line Ups will be sent in a separate email.



Recital Fee Information

RECITAL FEE— There is a \$85.00 **per student** recital fee due no later than **April 23rd**. A recital fee is common at all dance studios. This fee is used to help cover expenses of producing the show which includes Facility costs (which includes rental, sound, and lighting fees), programs, advertising, decorations, etc. The fee you will pay will also cover a special trophy given to your child in honor of their participation in the recital along with a USB of all three shows. Please indicate on the memo line of your check when paying your recital fees. Families with more than 1 student will pay \$85 for the first student and \$40 for each additional child. Thank you!



RECITAL TICKET INFORMATION

Admission to the recital is \$20.00 per Ticket. Two-year-olds and under are free. ALL FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO THURSDAY MAY 14th IN ORDER FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN RECITAL.

We will not be selling tickets at the studio this year. All ticket sales must be made through the Clayton Center for the Arts Box Office or website.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR RECITAL—Parents will drop their children off to the appropriate dressing rooms on the night of recital. Parents will not be allowed to stay backstage during the length of the recital. We require 2 parent volunteers per class (3-year-olds and Teen classes may only require 1 volunteer). The parent volunteers will be able to see their child's dance from the backstage area. However, they will not be able to watch the recital in its entirety. The parent volunteers will be responsible for helping their assigned group with costume and shoe changes, lining the students up, and making sure behavior of the students is kept under control. If you are interested, opportunities will be available to sign up later in month.



Every year, we acknowledge the graduating seniors in our program. We have the following listed as **graduating seniors: Addie Lowe, and Ellie Moutaw.**

IF YOU ARE A GRADUATING SENIOR AND YOUR NAME IS NOT LISTED, PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE ASAP

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!

Parents, please encourage your students to practice their recital routines. Students may tell Sharon or Jennifer which songs and we will email them to your email account. Attendance is very important over the next two months, as choreography is being completed and dances are getting polished and ready for recital performances.



DANCE PICTURES

Individual and group dance pictures will be taken at the studio on the week of **April 27th- 30th, 2026** by Photoplay Photography. (No regular dance classes the week of April 27th – 30th). We are very pleased to have secured Photoplay again this year. These dates are the only ones that the photographer will be at our studio. It is important for every student to appear in their group picture. You are not obligated to have individual pictures taken. Photoplay Photography will be making a large display that will hang in the studio with all students who have their picture taken. We want all the students to be remembered so please make every effort to have them here for their group pictures. Photoplay has very reasonable prices. They will require that all packages be paid for in advance so make sure you come prepared to purchase your dancer's pictures. Photoplay Photography takes their photographs with a digital camera therefore you will know immediately if you are not pleased with the photograph. You will be advised of Hair and Make-up during Parent Observation week. **STUDENTS MUST HAVE THE PROPER COLOR OF SHOES AND TIGHTS BY PICTURE DAY.** All shoes need to fit properly. Shoes that are too big hinder a dancer's performance. The tights for recital are as follows: Ballet- Capezio ballet pink style # 1915C (for

Children) and #1915 for adult sizes. Caramel tights for tap and jazz classes unless advised otherwise. **For darker skin tones #1916 Capezio ultra Soft Transition.**

The dance picture schedule is attached to this email.

DRESS REHEARSAL

Dress Rehearsal for this year's recital will take place at the Clayton Center for the Arts Friday, May 29th from 9 am – 3:30 pm and Saturday May 30th from 9 am -11:30 am for certain classes that perform Saturday afternoon or evening. This schedule helps us to better utilize the facility time at the Clayton Center and gives the students an opportunity to get familiar with the stage. Dress Rehearsal schedules will be emailed.

HIP HOP SHOES

As stated in previous newsletters, students enrolled for hip hop classes will need to purchase shoes appropriate for the costume. The shoe information have been emailed for each individual class. If you have any questions, please call or email the studio and leave a message. All shoes must be purchased prior to picture day and worn for pictures.

SUMMER CAMP INFO



The ADU summer camp and summer session dates have been set. Brochures will be available in the lobby and on our website adudance.com Enrollment is limited so please register your child ASAP. The summer camp is a fun time for our dancers to try different disciplines of dance, meet new friends, and prepare themselves for the upcoming dance year. The summer session is a great way for our present students to keep up their dance technique and flexibility throughout the summer. Take an extra brochure and pass it along to a friend. We hope to see you all this summer!

Enrollment is now open

STUDIO REMINDERS:

- Hair must be pulled away from face. The students have been told this since August.
- Pink tights **MUST** be worn for all Ballet students ages 8yrs old and up
- **TUITION IS DUE THE FIRST LESSON OF EACH MONTH AND IS LATE AFTER THE 10TH OF THE MONTH**
- **ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL TO DATE FOR STUDENTS TO RECEIVE THEIR COSTUMES DURING PARENT OBSERVATION WEEK. This includes tuition payments & any outstanding late fees.**
- **All accounts must be paid in fill in order for your dancer to participate in recital.**

FALL SCHEDULE

Our 2026-2027 Class Schedules will be available in May. We will have an “early bird” registration for our present students before we send schedules to those on our waiting list. This is a great time to choose the classes and times you may want for next year. Plus, you will receive a discounted enrollment fee if you register prior to recital.

DANCE COMPANY REMINDERS

- **Ignite – April 10 – 12 – Sevierville Convention Center, Sevierville, TN**
- **Turn It Up – April 24 - 26 – Dalton, GA**
- **Celebration Talent – May 1 – 3 – Knoxville Civic Auditorium, Knoxville, TN**
- **Stage One Nationals – June 24th –28th – Gatlinburg Convention Center – Gatlinburg, TN**
- **Fees for Nationals are due **April 8, 2026**. All other fees are past due and must be paid in full in order for your dancer to compete.**
- **A Nationals Rehearsal schedule for June will be emailed soon.**