

To The Pointe Newsletter

Recital Edition 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With overwhelming excitement, I'm pleased to share the recital edition of our **To the Pointe Newsletter** for 2025-2026.

This package is designed to answer any questions you may have about the end-of-year performance. Over the next six weeks, I will continue to keep in touch with all dance families to ensure that you have a stress-free, fulfilling, and unforgettable recital experience.

"20" our 20th Anniversary Recital will be performed on Saturday, May 23rd and Sunday, May 24th at the E. L. Fox Auditorium at John F. Ross High School.

Show 1 – Saturday, May 23rd, 1:00 pm - Juniors

Show 2 – Saturday, May 23rd, 5:00 pm - Seniors

Show 3 – Sunday, May 24th, 1:00 pm - Juniors

Show 4 – Sunday, May 24th, 5:00 pm - Seniors

The list of who is performing in which show is included with this package and on our website.

We have four nights of dress rehearsals this year; Monday, May 11th, to Thursday, May 14th, at the E. L. Fox Auditorium at John F. Ross High School. Please refer to the schedule for your call date(s) and time(s).

We strive to make it as convenient as possible for you, but some dancers may need to attend multiple evenings. Dancers will wear their costumes at dress rehearsal. Recital hair and make-up are not necessary during dress rehearsal. **Please arrive 15 minutes before "on-stage" time; we run our rehearsals on time.**

TICKETS—Tickets will be sold directly through OnStage Direct. I highly anticipate that tickets to the show will sell out quickly this season, and I encourage you to purchase your tickets on the opening day of sales. The box office cannot restrict the number of tickets sold per family, and I cannot track who has not purchased tickets.

Ticket price: \$26 for adults and \$21 for children (2-12 years) + hst

Onstage Direct has split our recital into two separate events: the Junior Show and the Senior Show. This will help ensure you purchase tickets to the proper performance.

ONSTAGE DIRECT website: onstagedirect.com/theguelphacademyofdance

TICKETS GO ON SALE Monday, April 27th at 7:00 pm

Ensuring your child gets to all rehearsals and performances is a commitment for both parent and performer. Thank you in advance for all your efforts, and know that your dancer will reward you with a memorable performance.

Sincerely,

Briana Lynch

Volunteers – THANK YOU!

Being a volunteer at your child's performance is a wonderful way to experience the excitement behind the scenes and see the show from a whole new perspective. We are looking for approximately 20–25 parent volunteers to help with supervising the change rooms, scanning tickets, organizing groups, escorting dancers to the stage, and assisting with quick changes and hair. Some families choose to watch one show and volunteer for another—it's a great way to be part of both experiences!

A Google Doc has been created for sign-up. THANK YOU so much for your consideration—we truly couldn't run our shows without your support!

Google Doc link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d0tR7uL-Pu2syVG3HVuwbQxNzwYN8-oUPhvE1HS8SXQ/edit?usp=sharing>

DVDs for “20” – online sales this season

Bean Film will videotape and edit the Recital DVD again this year. DVD sales will be done online this season: beanfilm.com/tgad. Pre-sale **DVDs will cost \$35.00 and \$40.00 after May 22nd**. Blu-ray also includes a digital copy of both the Junior and Senior shows.

Costumes

Please keep them safe and refrain from allowing your children to play with them at home before the recital. Each student must bring everything: costume, accessories, tights/socks, and shoes to photo week, each dress rehearsal night, and to their show(s). **Your costume is your responsibility – they are not replaceable.**

Costume Alterations

Occasionally, minor adjustments may be necessary (such as hemming pants or adjusting straps). If you need any alterations, I recommend an excellent seamstress located in the south end of the city. Her name is Lenka, and you can reach her at (519) 760-0740 or lenka.alterations@gmail.com.

Attendance

Attendance is crucial at this stage of the dance season. Please aim for perfect attendance as we finalize the recital pieces and refine the choreography to boost your confidence on stage. If your dancer needs to miss class, please call the studio at (519) 822-2697 or email briana@guelphdance.com to let us know.

Photo Week – Monday, May 25th – Saturday, May 30th

Bean Film will continue as our official studio photographer. Photo week will be held during the dancer's last class of the 20th season – Monday, May 25th to Saturday, May 30th. Please wear your complete costume for photos with proper hair and light makeup.

Dress Rehearsals at E.L Fox Auditorium (John Ross High School)

Dress Rehearsals are scheduled for Monday, May 11th, through Thursday, May 14th. Dancers are required to wear their costumes to dress rehearsal, but do not need to apply full hair and makeup. On Dress Rehearsal nights, please arrive 15 minutes early. We run our rehearsals on time and cannot wait for late dancers. You don't want to miss your rehearsal time as it's the only opportunity your dancer will get on stage before the show.

Classes running Friday, May 15th – Friday, May 22nd

All classes will have one scheduled class at the studio during the week of Friday, May 15th, through Friday, May 22nd. This time will be used to address and refine any issues that may have come up during dress rehearsal. Monday families will receive a separate email with specific details regarding their dancer's class for that week. Monday, May 18th is Victoria Day and the studio will be closed.

And finally, if you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to ask - the more questions you ask, the better prepared we will all be! briana@guelphdance.com or (519) 822-2697.