


A-Z DANCE



INFO PACKET

 **Dress Rehearsal:**
Friday, May 29, 2026

Show Day:
Saturday, May 30, 2026

 **Westover Elementary School**
412 Stillwater Ave,
Stamford, CT 06902

TICKETS



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**PORTRAIT DAY:
SATURDAY,
MAY 9, 2026**

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**CALL
TIMES**

**DRESS REHEARSAL:
4:00 PM**

**SHOW DAY:
3:00 PM**



Welcome & Overview

Welcome to our 2026 Recital Info Packet!

Inside, you'll find everything you need to know to prepare your dancer for this year's performance. This guide includes costume details, important dates, ticket information, performance day logistics, and more. We are so proud of our dancers and cannot wait to see them bring the magic of the stage to life!

Dates & Locations

PORTRAIT DAY (OPTIONAL)

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Time: Based on age group time slot (Sign-up available at the studio)

Location: A-Z Dance Studio

48 Union St. Stamford, CT 06902

Important Notes

- Portrait Day is an opportunity for dancers to take professional individual and group photos in their recital costumes.
- These photos are optional but highly encouraged.
- Sign-up sheet will be posted at the studio.

Cost: \$60 per dancer (cash only), due on or before May 8, 2026.

This includes access to your dancer's digital photo gallery.

If your dancer is in multiple classes with multiple costumes, please have all additional costumes organized and ready.

Please have your dancer arrive in:

- Full costume (If in multiple please come in a nude leotard for easy changing)
- Tights (as assigned for their class)
- Correct dance shoes
- Hair and makeup are at your discretion since these are your portraits; however, we encourage dancers to arrive performance-ready for the best results.

Arrival & Dismissal

- Please arrive at your selected time slot, fully ready.
- Late arrivals may miss their scheduled photo time and are not guaranteed a rescheduled slot.
- Dismissal will follow immediately after your dancer has completed their individual and group photos.
- **Please note:** Costume balances must be paid in full in order for your dancer to receive their costume for Photo Day. Students with outstanding balances will not be permitted to participate in photos.

Portrait Day Schedule

MINIS - 10:00 AM

10:00 AM	GROUP PHOTO: MINI BALLET/ TAP
	INDIVIDUAL

LITTLES - 11:00 AM

11:00 AM	GROUP PHOTO: L-HIP HOP
	INDIVIDUALS
	GROUP PHOTO: L-BALLET
	INDIVIDUALS
	GROUP PHOTO: L-JAZZ
	INDIVIDUALS

JUNIORS - 12:00 PM

12:00 PM	GROUP PHOTO: J-MT
	INDIVIDUALS
	GROUP PHOTO: J-HIP HOP
	INDIVIDUALS
	GROUP PHOTO: J-LYRICAL
	INDIVIDUALS
	GROUP PHOTO: J-JAZZ

TEENS - 1:00 PM

1:00 PM	GROUP PHOTO: T- JAZZ
	INDIVIDUALS
1:30 PM	GROUP PHOTO: T/S- BALLET
	INDIVIDUALS
	GROUP PHOTO: T/S- TAP
	INDIVIDUALS
	GROUP PHOTO: T/S: LYRICAL

SENIORS - 1:30 PM

1:30 PM	GROUP PHOTO: T/S- BALLET
	INDIVIDUALS
	GROUP PHOTO: T/S: TAP
	INDIVIDUALS
	GROUP PHOTO: T/S: LYRICAL
	INDIVIDUALS
	GROUP PHOTO: S-HIP HOP
	INDIVIDUALS
	GROUP PHOTO: S-JAZZ
	INDIVIDUALS
	GROUP PHOTO: S-CONTEMPORARY
	INDIVIDUALS

DRESS REHEARSAL

Friday, May 29, 2026

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Mini + Littles will be dismissed after their numbers)

Location: Westover Elementary School Auditorium

412 Stillwater Ave, Stamford, CT

Arrival

- Drop off your dancer at the designated entrance. Look for posted signs.
- All dancers must arrive by 4:00 PM.
- Please sign in your dancer upon arrival.

Important: To help ensure a smooth and focused rehearsal environment, we ask that parents do not enter backstage or the audience area, as this will be a closed rehearsal. If your Mini or Little is in multiple numbers, one designated female helper may be permitted if needed. If you choose to remain on site or are waiting for dismissal, we kindly ask that you wait in the lobby.

What to Bring

All dancers must arrive fully prepared with everything needed for the performance. Please carefully review the **master sheet on pages 11-12**, as requirements vary by class.

- All costumes for each of your dancer's routines
- Correct dance shoes for each class
- Proper tights for each costume
- All required accessories (hair pieces, props, etc.)
- Hair and makeup supplies for touch-ups
- Clean, light snacks and a water bottle (no nuts, please!)
- Extra t-shirt or cover-up to wear during snack breaks

After the Rehearsal

- An adult must pick up your dancer.
- Dancers will not be allowed to leave the building alone as it is next to a busy street, and we want to ensure everyone's safety.



Enter Through the Auditorium

Please use the main auditorium entrance when arriving for dress rehearsal and the show.

Look for our A-Z Dance Studio signage and staff near the doors to guide you in!

RECITAL SHOW DAY

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Arrival: 3:00 PM

**Location: Westover Elementary School Auditorium
412 Stillwater Ave, Stamford, CT**

Show Time: 5:30 PM

Arrival

- Drop off your dancer at the auditorium doors, same as Friday. Look for posted signs.
- **All dancers must arrive by 3:00 PM.**
- Please sign in your dancer upon arrival.

Important: Similar to dress rehearsal, parents are not permitted backstage during the performance in order to maintain a safe and organized environment for all dancers. If your Mini or Little is in multiple numbers, one designated female helper may be permitted if needed.

What to Bring

All dancers must arrive fully prepared with everything needed for the performance. Please carefully review the **master sheet on pages 11-12**, as requirements vary by class.

- All costumes for each of your dancer's routines
- Correct dance shoes for each class
- Proper tights for each costume
- All required accessories (hair pieces, etc.)
- Hair and makeup supplies for touch-ups
- Clean, light snacks and a water bottle (no nuts, please!)
- Extra t-shirt or cover-up to wear during snack breaks

Important: Each class has different costume and accessory requirements. Please double-check the master sheets on pages 11-12 to ensure your dancer is fully packed and performance-ready.

Parents & Audience

- The auditorium doors will open at 5:00 PM for seating.
- All audience members must have a ticket for entry.

After the Show

- Minis, Littles, and Juniors not in the MT Program will be dismissed after they have completed their numbers, at the lobby doors.
- MT Juniors, Seniors, and Teens will be dismissed from the stage after the final bow.

📍 Where to Go & When!

A Step-by-Step Guide for Show Day

🏢 When You Arrive at the School

- Please enter through the auditorium lobby entrance. There will be signs and friendly faces helping direct you inside.

💜 Dancers: Head to the Auditorium

- Once inside, dancers should head directly to the auditorium and find a seat.
- **Only approved volunteers and staff may stay in the auditorium before the show or be in the backstage areas.**

🎉 After The Show

- Dismissal will be at the double doors next to the bathroom in the lobby.
- Minis, Littles, and Juniors not in the MT Program will be dismissed after they have completed their numbers, at the lobby doors.
- MT Juniors, Seniors, and Teens will be dismissed from the stage after the final bow.

A-Z staff and volunteers will help keep everything running smoothly, we're excited for your dancer to shine!



📍 Dismissal Location

Dismissal will be at the double doors next to the bathrooms in the lobby. Staff and volunteers will be present to ensure each dancer is safely picked up by a parent or guardian.

HAIR, MAKE-UP, & DRESS CODE

To ensure a polished, unified look on stage and under the lights, we ask that all dancers follow the guidelines below:

Hair:

- Mini/Littles- Please refer to master sheet for styles (short bangs are allowed, med/long bangs must be slicked back)
- Juniors- Half up-Half down
- Teens- Hair down for jazz, low bun for all senior/teen numbers
- All dancers should wear their hair secured with pins, hair ties, gel and/or hairspray.
- For dancers wearing hairpieces or accessories, these should be securely fastened to prevent shifting or falling during the performance.
- **Boys:** Please ensure hair is neat, trimmed, and secured away from the face if longer, so it does not interfere with performance.

Makeup:

- Foundation or powder, Blush, Neutral or slightly shimmery eyeshadow, Eyeliner and mascara. Lipstick in a bold pink or red tone (not gloss)

 **Tip: Stage lighting can wash out faces—makeup helps highlight dancers' features so families can see them clearly from the audience!**

Dress Code Reminders:

- No nail polish or temporary tattoos
- No jewelry (stud earrings OK if necessary)
- Undergarments **MUST NOT BE VISIBLE** under costumes
- Please label all costumes, shoes, and accessories with your child's name

Make-up Examples:



Costumes & Accessories

For this year's recital, many dancers will be performing in multiple routines, which means they will also have multiple costumes. We want every dancer to feel confident, prepared, and excited for their dances.

Information

Costume fees are due on or before May 8, 2026.

- **These fees cover all costume pieces and additional accessories**
 - **All account balances must be paid in full prior to the performance.**
 - **Dancers with outstanding balances will not be permitted to perform.**
- Costumes will be kept in the show wardrobe until costume fees are paid.
- A-Z staff, approved parents, and backstage volunteers will assist with costume changes.
- Please have your dancer arrive in their assigned hairstyle, make up, a nude leotard and tights for quick and comfortable changes if they are in multiple numbers.
- Dancers must keep their belongings together and remain with their assigned group at all times.

REMINDERS

Shoes: Bring all of the shoes assigned to the styles you are performing in.

- **Ballet:** Light pink ballet slippers (Pink pointe shoes/toe pads if applicable)
- **Jazz:** Tan Jazz Shoess (Black character shoes for Teen Jazz)
- **Hip Hop:** White Sneakers (Preferably Nike Airforce 1)
- **Lyrical:** Turners
- **Contemporary:** Foot Undies
- **Tap:** Black Tap Shoes

Costume Care: Encourage your dancer to keep costumes clean and neat. No eating or drinking liquids that aren't clear while in costume, please pack oversized shirt or smock while eating. Any personal costume items should be labeled.

Lost & Found / Extra Pieces: If a costume piece is lost or damaged, contact staff immediately. All costume questions or concerns can be addressed by A-Z staff.

- **If dancer does not have the correct costume, they will not be allowed to perform in that number.**

Costumes Master Sheet

Each class has a specific costume, shoes, tights, and accessories assigned. Please note that parents are responsible for getting the proper shoes and tights. please review the list below carefully. Students who change costumes throughout the show should wear a nude leotard under all their outfits. This will make quick changes easy and comfortable.

✿ Reminder: Keep all costume pieces together in a garment bag labeled with your dancer's name.

**M
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- **Costume:** Powder Blue Tutu Dress
- **Tights:** White tights
- **Shoes:** Pink ballet slippers
- **Hair:** High bun - Slicked back with bow

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E****Little Hip Hop (Sunday 11:00 AM):**

- **Costume:** Red/White Jumpsuit
- **Tights:** N/A
- **Shoes:** White Sneakers (ex. AF1)
- **Hair:** Neatly Styled with striped hat

Little Ballet (Sunday 12:00 PM):

- **Costume:** Red Tutu Dress + Gloves
- **Tights:** Tan tights
- **Shoes:** Pink Ballet Slippers
- **Hair:** High Bun - Slicked back with hairpiece

Little Jazz (Thursday 5:00 PM):

- **Costume:** Pink Sequin Feather Leotard
- **Tights:** Tan tights
- **Shoes:** Tan jazz shoes
- **Hair:** High bun - Slicked back

Junior MT (Sunday 2:00 PM):

- **Costume:** Elephant Silver Dress
- **Tights:** Tan tights
- **Shoes:** Tan jazz shoes
- **Hair:** Neatly styled with elephant ears

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R****Junior MT (Sunday 2:00 PM):**

- **Costume:** Elephant Silver Dress
- **Tights:** Tan tights
- **Shoes:** Tan jazz shoes
- **Hair:** Neatly styled with elephant ears

Junior Jazz (Tuesday 4:00 PM):

- **Costume:** Monkey Tutu Dress
- **Tights:** Tan tights
- **Shoes:** Tan jazz shoes
- **Hair:** Half up half down with monkey ears

Junior Hip Hop (Tuesday 5:00 PM):

- **Costume:** Blue/Silver/White Leotard and pants
- **Tights:** N/A
- **Shoes:** White Sneakers (ex. AF1)
- **Hair:** Half up half down

Junior Lyrical (Tuesday 6:00 PM):

- **Costume:** Dress (Blue, Green, or Pink)
- **Tights:** Tan tights
- **Shoes:** Turners
- **Hair:** Half up half down with bow

Costumes Master Sheet Cont.

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🎀 Reminder: Keep all costume pieces together in a garment bag labeled with your dancer's name.

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Senior Hip Hop (Wednesday 4:00 PM):

- **Costume:** Bones Vest, Black/White pants
- **Tights:** N/A
- **Shoes:** White Sneaker (ex. AF1)
- **Hair:** Low bun

Senior Jazz (Wednesday 5:00 PM):

- **Costume:** White Leotard, Red ruffle shorts
- **Tights:** Tan tights
- **Shoes:** Tan jazz shoes
- **Hair:** Low bun

Senior Contemporary (Wednesday 6:00 PM):

- **Costume:** Brown Overalls, White Tank
- **Tights:** Tan tights
- **Shoes:** Foot Undies
- **Hair:** Low bun with striped bandana

Pointe (Sunday 4:00 PM):

- **Costume:** Character dress
- **Tights:** Tan tights
- **Shoes:** Tan jazz shoes
- **Hair:** Low bun with headband

Senior/Teen Tap (Wednesday 7:00 PM):

- **Costume:** Unitard (Green, Pink, or Purple)
- **Tights:** Tan tights
- **Shoes:** Black tap shoes
- **Hair:** Low bun with sweatbands (wrists + head)

Senior/Teen Lyrical (Sunday 1:00 PM):

- **Costume:** Pink/Purple Ombre Leotard
- **Tights:** Tan tights
- **Shoes:** Turners
- **Hair:** Low bun

Senior/Teen Ballet (Monday 5:00 PM):

- **Costume:** Red/Yellow Tutu Dress
- **Tights:** Tan tights
- **Shoes:** Pink Ballet Slippers
- **Hair:** Low bun with hair clip

Teen Jazz (Thursday 6:00 PM):

- **Costume:** Black Shorts and Vest
- **Tights:** Tan tights
- **Shoes:** Black character shoes
- **Hair:** Hair down with black hat

Seniors and Teens in multiple classes are required to wear a nude leotard underneath all costumes to allow for quick, efficient, and seamless costume changes throughout the performance, as there will not be time to change in the bathrooms between numbers



Volunteers & Tickets

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We rely on our amazing dance families to help show day run smoothly. If you'd like to volunteer, we'd love your support!

VOLUNTEER ROLES INCLUDE:

- **Backstage Helpers:** Assist dancers with costume changes and keep them safe and happy. (Please note that you will not be able to watch the show)
- **Lobby Helpers:** Ticket sales and collectors, merch, concessions, etc
- **Runner/Floaters:** Help wherever needed throughout the event.

✉ Please email us at azdancect@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering

Tickets

- **Tickets are officially on sale!**
- **Price:** \$30 per ticket. Free entry for children 3 & under
- All seating is general admission.
- Tickets must be presented at the door (**printed or digital are both accepted**).
- Scan the QR code below to purchase tickets.



SCAN HERE

Recital Music & Show Order

Recital music is being uploaded to our website to help dancers rehearse confidently at home. You can access your child's music on our website. We recommend dancers practice with their music 2–3 times per week in the lead-up to the show.

Need help accessing your music?

Email us at azdancect@gmail.com and we'll resend the link!

ACT I

SCENE 1 - WISH

- **Song 1:** Circus - Junior Level (Explorers)
- **Song 2:** A Dream Is A Wish Your Heart Makes - Mini Ballet (Wind Up Dolls)
- **Song 3:** The Carousel Waltz - Little Ballet (Young Performers)
- **Song 4:** Carnival of the Animals - Senior/Teen Ballet (Carousel)

SCENE 2: THE PARENTS

- **Song 5:** Sally's Song - Quinn (Silk Aerialist)
- **Song 6:** Hyperreal - Junior Hip Hop (Acrobats)
- **Song 7:** Ratatata - Senior Hip Hop (Illusionists)
- **Song 8:** Get Silly - Little Hip Hop (Clowns)
- **Song 9:** Gravity - Senior/Teen Lyrical (Circus Balloons)

SCENE 3: BALLOON

- **Song 10:** You Stole The Show - Olivia & Bryn (Trapeze Artists)
- **Song 11:** Trashing the Camp - Junior Jazz (Monkeys)
- **Song 12:** Tightrope - Little Jazz (Tightropers)

SCENE 4: TRAIN

- **Song 13:** G-Train - Senior Contemporary (Train Workers)

INTERMISSION

Show Order

Recital Performance – Saturday, May 30, 2026

Location: Westover Elementary School Auditorium

ACT II

- **Song 14:** House of Fun - Senior Jazz (Clowns)
- **Song 15:** I Don't Feel Like Dancing - Hadley (Clown)

SCENE 5: THE JOKE

- **Song 16:** The Joke - Gabby (Clown)
- **Song 17:** Play With Fire - Aria & Lilia (Fire Act)
- **Song 18:** Join the Circus - Chloe (Cotton Candy Girl)
- **Song 19:** Abracadabra - Teen Jazz (Magicians)
- **Song 20:** Carnival Des Animaux - Senior Pointe (Lions)

SCENE 6: THE ELEPHANTS

- **Song 21:** Stomp - Junior MT (Elephants)
- **Song 22:** Stray Cat Strut - Izzy (Tiger)
- **Song 23:** Harder Better Faster Stronger - Senior/Teen Tap (Strong Women)

SCENE 7 - STRONG MEN

- **Song 24:** Alive - Piya (Contortionist)
- **Song 25:** Dance Macabre - Sophia (Circus Ballerina)
- **Song 26:** Circus - Katherine (Ringmaster)

SCENE 8- MAGIC IN ME

- **Song 27:** Come Alive - Senior/Teen MT

END OF SHOW

Playbill Ads

Purchase a Playbill ad to celebrate your performer or share your business with the A-Z Dance Studio community.
Every ad helps make our recital possible!



Ad Sizes & Prices:

1. **Full Page:** 5"x 8" - 1500 × 2400 px — \$100
2. **Half Page:** 5"x4" - 1500 × 1200 px — \$60
3. **Quarter Page:** 2.5"x 4" - 750 × 1200 px — \$40
4. **Shout-Out** (1-2 lines): *Text only* — \$10

All proceeds go toward props, sets, and production costs.

Business Bundle - \$125

Includes a Full Page Ad in the Playbill plus a featured shout-out on A-Z Dance Studio's social media!

Ad Submission Details

- **Deadline:** **May 23, 2026**
- **Submit by scanning the QR code**
- **File Format:** JPEG or PDF preferred (high resolution)
- **Payments:** Cash, check, or Venmo @Alexandra-Cahr

Thank you for supporting our small studio and helping make Cirque Du Illusion a magical experience for our dancers and families!

AZDANCECT@GMAIL.COM

RECITAL SPONSORSHIPS

At A-Z Dance Studio, we believe the performing arts inspire confidence, discipline, creativity, and lifelong memories that extend far beyond the stage. Our annual recital is an opportunity for each dancer to showcase their hard work, growth, and dedication throughout the season in a professional theater environment surrounded by the support of family, friends, and our community.

Sponsorships play an important role in helping us bring this production to life. Contributions help support theater rental costs, staging, set pieces, props, technical production elements, lighting, sound, and the many behind-the-scenes details that make this performance possible. With the support of our sponsors, we are able to continue creating a high-quality and meaningful experience for every student involved. We are incredibly grateful for the businesses, families, and community members who choose to support our studio and invest in the arts. Your generosity helps create an unforgettable recital experience and provides our dancers with the opportunity to perform, grow, and shine both on and off the stage.

\$100	BRONZE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listed as a sponsor in the recital Playbill and on our website • 1 complimentary recital ticket included
\$200	SILVER:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listed as a sponsor in the recital Playbill and on our website • ½ page Playbill ad included • 1 complimentary recital ticket included
\$300	GOLD:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listed as a sponsor in the recital Playbill and on our website • Full page Playbill ad included • 2 complimentary recital tickets included • Featured Instagram post/story recognition

Additional contributions beyond the listed sponsorship tiers are always welcome and greatly appreciated. If you are interested in making a custom donation or discussing alternative sponsorship opportunities, please feel free to contact us.