

# 2025 Recital Guide



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Presented by Star Academy  
May 3, 2025 | Sarasota Opera House

We are ecstatic for our upcoming recitals at the Sarasota Opera House!

We will have 2 shows, with all rehearsals and shows on May 3.

**Please read through this entire show guide for details on everything regarding the performance, and let us know if you have any additional questions!**

Thank you for supporting our performers, studio, & the performance!

All links & a copy of the guide are available at [StarAcademyFL.com/recital-2025](http://StarAcademyFL.com/recital-2025)

## Show Day Schedule:

See the following page to see exactly which classes are in which show.

### Saturday, May 3:

8:15-8:30am - Show 1 Performers Arrive

8:45-10:30am - Show 1 Dress Rehearsal, Group Picture, & Awards

10:30-11:00am - Break & Prep for Show

**11:00am-12:00pm - Show 1**

Please pick up your performer & clean up their dressing room area by 12:15pm

12:00-12:45pm - Break for Performers in Both Shows

12:15-12:45pm - Show 2 Performers Arrive

1:00-5:00pm - Show 2 Dress Rehearsal, Group Picture, & Awards

5:00-6:00pm - Break & Prep for Show

**6:00-8:30pm - Show 2**

Please pick up your performer and clean their dressing room area by 9:00pm

### Star Academy Recital Classes - May 3, 2025

MONDAY			TUESDAY			WEDNESDAY			THURSDAY			FRIDAY			SATURDAY			
Studio 1	Studio 2	Studio 3	Studio 1	Studio 2	Studio 3	Studio 1	Studio 2	Studio 3	Studio 1	Studio 2	Studio 3	Studio 1	Studio 2	Studio 3	Studio 1	Studio 2	Studio 3	
Combo (Ballet/Tap/Tumble) 3:30-4:15	Tot Aerial 3:30-4:15	Ballet 3 3:30-4:15	Ballet/Tap 2/3 3:30-4:15			Tot Tumbling 3:30-4:00	Mini Beg/Int Aerial 3:30-4:15		Tot Tumbling 3:30-4:00						Combo (Ballet/Tap/Tumble) 8:45-9:30	Mini Beg. Aerial 8:45-9:30		
Jazz/Acro 2/3 4:15-5:00	Mini Adv. Aerial 4:15-5:15		Ballet 3 4:15-5:00	Pre-Dance (Ballet/Tap/Tumble) 3:45-4:30		Combo (Ballet/Tap/Tumble) 4:00-4:45	Jazz/Lyrical 5/6 4:15-5:00	Ballet 4 4:00-4:45	Jazz/Acro 1/2 4:00-4:45		Advanced Acro (Ages 6-10) 3:45-4:30		Mini Int/Adv Aerial 4:00-4:45		Pre-Dance (Ballet/Tap/Tumble) 9:30-10:15	Junior Aerial All Levels 9:30-10:30	Adult Ballet (DTTY) 9:00-10:30	
Ballet/Tap 1/2 5:00-5:45		Ballet 7/8 4:30-5:30	Acro/ Hip-Hop 2/3 4:30-5:15			Pre-Dance (Ballet/Tap/Tumble) 4:45-5:30	Tap 4/5/6 5:00-5:30	Ballet 7/8 4:45-6:00	Hip-Hop Team 4:45-5:15	Mini Beg/Int Aerial 4:15-5:15		Team Practice 4:00-5:15	Mini Beg. Aerial 4:45-5:30	Pre-Dance (Ballet/Tap/Tumble) 4:30-5:15	Ballet/Tap/Jazz/Acro 1/2/3 10:15-11:00	Mini Int/Adv Aerial 10:30-11:30		
Team Practice 5:45-6:15	Junior Beg. Aerial 5:15-6:30	Pre-Pointe 7/8 (Must take Ballet 7/8)	Ballet 8/9 5:00-6:30	Jazz 4 5:15-6:00		Pom 4/5/6 5:30-6:00	Tap Team 5:30-6:00		Hip-Hop 7/8/9 5:15-5:45	Junior Int. Aerial 5:15-6:30		Technique 4/5/6/7 5:15-6:00	Junior Aerial All Levels 5:30-6:30	Team Practice 5:15-6:00	Jazz/Lyrical 4/5/6 11:00-11:45		Ballet 7/8/9 10:45-12:00	
Jazz/Lyrical 7/8/9 6:15-7:00		Ballet 5/6 6:00-6:45	Jazz 7 6:30-7:15	Mini Int. Aerial Ages 6:00-6:45		Ballet 5 6:00-7:00	Lyrical 4 6:00-6:45	Tap 7/8/9 6:00-6:30	Hip-Hop 4/5/6 5:45-6:15			Lyrical 8/9 5:45-6:30	Intro to Irish (Ages 5-9) 6:00-6:45	Intermediate Jazz (Ages 8-13) 6:00-6:45		Open Gym 11:30-12:30		
Lyrical 5 7:00-7:45	Junior Int/Adv Aerial 6:30-7:45	Ballet 8/9 6:45-8:15	Technique Levels 5-9 7:15-8:00	Junior Adv. Aerial 6:45-8:00		Ballet 9 7:00-8:15	Beg/Int Acro (Ages 6-10) 6:45-7:15	Lyrical 7 6:30-7:15	Team Practice 6:15-6:45	Mini Adv. Aerial 6:30-7:30		Adv. Acro (Ages 11+) 6:30-7:30	Beg/Int Hip-Hop (Ages 6-13) 6:45-7:15	Beginner Acro (Ages 7-12) 6:45-7:15	Jazz/Lyrical 7/8/9 12:00-12:45		Ballet 4/5/6 12:00-12:45	
Teen Beg. Ballet/Lyrical (Ages 12+) 7:45-8:45	Teen/Adult Adv. Aerial 7:45-9:00	Pointe 8/9 8:15-9:00	Intro to Irish (Ages 9+) 8:00-8:45	Teen/Adult Aerial All Levels 8:00-9:00		Jazz 8/9 7:45-8:30	Int. Acro (Ages 11+) 7:45-8:15	Team Practice 7:15-8:30	Ballet 7/8/9 7:30-8:45	Jazz/Lyrical 6 7:30-8:15		Team Practice 7:15-8:30	Aerial Open Gym (Ages 16+) 7:15-8:15		Int/Adv Acro (Ages 9+) 12:45-1:30			
				Jazz 8/9 7:45-8:30		Pom 7/8/9 8:30-9:00	Pointe 9 8:15-9:00			Beg/Int Acro 8:15-9:00								
<b>Adult &amp; Homeschool Classes</b>	Tuesday	Aerial Fitness 9:00-10:15	Aerial Contortion 10:15-10:45	Combo-Pre-Dance (Ballet/Tap/Tumble) 10:15-11:00		Ballet 7/8/9 10:45-11:45	Tot/Mini Beg. Aerial 11:00-12:00	Jazz/Lyrical 7/8/9 11:45-12:30	Hip-Hop (Ages 11+) 12:30-1:00									
	Wednesday	Family Aerial 9:00-10:15	Mini Int. Aerial 10:30-11:45	Aerial en Espanol 12:00-1:00		Homeschool Ballet 12:15-1:15	Junior Int. Aerial 1:15-2:30	Acro All Levels (Ages 8-12) 2:30-3:15										
	Thursday	Aerial Fitness 9:00-10:15	Aerial Contortion 10:15-10:45	Beginner Aerial (all ages) 11:00-12:15														
	Friday					Aerial Ninja 10:30-11:45	Aerial Open Gym 12:00-1:15											

Match the color of your class to a color below to find which show it is in!

Show 1

Show 2

Ballet Classes performed in the Nutcracker, Class will not have a routine in the recital

Not a part of recital

## Hair:

Tight, mid-level ballet bun with a middle part.  
Instructional video: <https://youtu.be/7C9yAiBAuxl>

You will need hair ties, bun pins, bobby pins, hairnet, & hairspray. If they have a hairpiece it will go on the right side of the bun.

## Make-Up:

**Ages 7 and under** - Lipgloss & light blush preferred (they are welcome to wear red lipstick & mascara/eyelashes if they would like)

**Ages 8 and up** - Red lipstick, blush, neutral eyeshadow, black eyeliner, and mascara preferred (they can wear eyelashes if they would like)

## Jewelry:

No jewelry will be allowed for anyone in an aerial routine. Small earring studs may be worn for other routines as long as they match the costuming - otherwise no other jewelry should be worn.

## Nails:

Only nude or clear polish will be allowed on finger and toe nails.  
Please no fake nails with excessive length.

## Costumes:

Students will be measured for costumes and receive them over the next several weeks. They will need to be carefully taken care of and only worn for the rehearsal and recital. After the show, it is theirs to keep and do whatever they'd like with!

## Tights & Shoes

Each teacher will let students & parents know the dance shoes they are wearing for a particular routine, but please reach out if you have any questions.

Most routines will also wear tan tights that will be handed out as you check-in the day of the show.

Please bring an extra pair of tights if you have them as they are very fragile! A few routines may not wear tights as they will be wearing leggings or other full length pants.

Please remember that tights are meant to serve as the undergarments for the costumes - please no underwear or visible bras!

## Items to Bring:

### Provided at Check-in the Day Of the Show:

- Show T-Shirt
- Tights (if needed)

### Costumes:

- Costume for EACH Routine
- Hair Piece (if costume came with one)
- Dance Shoes (if needed)

### Additional Items:

- Hair Ties, Bobby Pins, Hairspray, Hairnets
- Make-Up
- Additional Tights
- Jackets/Sweatpants/Cover-Up
- Activities (if needed: books, puzzles, etc)
- Water & Snacks

## After the Show Attire:

We ask everyone to dress up for our Nutcracker show at the Opera House, but do not expect students to for this show. Students are welcome to wear whatever they would like before/after the show - but please make sure they are covered up. :)

## Ticketing:

**Tickets for all shows will go on sale beginning March 1.**

*Tickets will be available at the door for every show unless it is sold out.*

ALL audience members that need a seat will require a ticket, regardless of age. Student tickets are for children ages 0-18 needing a ticket. All tickets & fees are non-refundable.

*Performers may not watch in the audience during the show.*

## Performer Arrival & Check-In:

Please make sure to arrive on-time with hair & makeup ready to go. Performers will have a few minutes before rehearsal to change into their first costumes once they arrive.

**All performers will need to enter through the courtyard and into the side door of the Opera House, and check-in with a volunteer.** They will receive a bag with their show t-shirt and program, and be told where their dressing room is.

Parents of students ages 9 and under will also receive a ticket during check-in with their child's name on it. Please **KEEP** this safe.

**Parents will need this to check their child out of the dressing room at anytime.**

Kids ages 9 and under cannot leave the dressing room on their own.

Kids 10 and older should have a parent with them as they leave, but do not need to have a ticket to check-out. They should have a parent with them as they leave as well, but it is not required. Please make a plan with where to meet them during any breaks and after the show.

Dancers ages 9 and up will need to change quickly and go backstage as soon as they are ready to warm-up. Younger levels will need to stick together with their class leader and only go backstage or to the audience once they are all ready.

## Dressing Room & Backstage Etiquette:

Only parents with children 9 years and under can stay in the dressing rooms. Parents are welcome to assist in checking their kids in before the rehearsal & show, but by dress rehearsal time no other parents will be allowed in the dressing room. **No parents (except for volunteers) will be allowed backstage.** If you would like to be with your child the entire time of the rehearsal and/or show, you will need to volunteer as a class leader.

No food or drinks except water will be allowed backstage or in the dressing rooms. There is an outdoor courtyard which is a perfect spot to eat (there are some covered sections as well). All students will need to coverup their costume or change before eating or drinking anything!

No pictures are allowed in the dressing rooms!!! If you would like to take pictures, please go just outside of the dressing rooms.

*Males are not allowed in any female dressing room.*

*We can assist in showing your child where to go if needed.*

## Dress Rehearsal & Show Time:

All performers will need to stay in the dressing room area during the entire rehearsal, unless they have more than 5 routines before their routine and go into the audience as a class. Performers will need to stay in the backstage area only during the entire show. Parents are welcome to sit in the general admission area during the rehearsal. Please note the rehearsal is not a time to bring guests to see the show - only one person per student is allowed to watch the rehearsal.

Performers will need to be ready 30 minutes prior to their show time. This time may be used for additional practice for any routine if needed.

## Included This Year:

All students in the recital will receive a costume, tights if needed, a show t-shirt, a show program, class pictures, and professional show photography & videography. This is included in the all-inclusive tuition this year.

## Finale Fun:

The finale is optional but highly encouraged for all performers in each show. It is a fun time for everyone to come together on the stage and bow together.

We will practice during the dress rehearsal.

**For the rehearsal:** Performers can wear anything for the finale.

**For the show:** Performers will need to wear the show t-shirt along with any pants or costume. Piano performers can stay in their formal attire through the finale.

## Pick-Up Information:

Dancers over 10 years old will be allowed to leave the backstage/dressing room area themselves, although parents are still encouraged to pick them up. Please make a plan if you will meet them in the dressing room, auditorium, lobby, or anywhere else after the show.

**If your child is under 10 years old, you will need to pick them up from the dressing room with the ticket received when you checked them in.**

Please check to make sure they are not leaving any costume or dancewear pieces behind before leaving the dressing room area.

## Show Photos & Videos:

We will have professional photography and videography of our shows - which is included with your all-inclusive tuition! As soon as they are available after the show, we will send out links with digital copies to download & share. :)

## Theater Etiquette:

This is a formal show in a beautiful and historic theater. We expect all audience members to represent our studio well. Please no talking during the show. Keep electronic usage to an absolute minimum. Food & drinks are not allowed inside the theater. Clapping after performances is absolutely welcome, but please no yelling until the end of the show. Once the show begins, please try to only leave the theater during intermission, although doors will quickly open in between routines if needed. If the show is in progress and you need to enter the theater, you may not be allowed to sit in your seat - make sure to arrive promptly!

## Flowers:

The Opera House does not allow flowers inside the theater. We will have a table with nametags in the lobby where you can leave any flowers for your performer, and pick back up after the show.

## Parking:

There are plenty of places to park near the Opera House. Please visit [sarasotaopera.org/parking](http://sarasotaopera.org/parking) for a detailed map of all options!

# Volunteers Needed!

We need many volunteers to help our show run smoothly - thank you for considering giving your time to help with this!

Volunteers can be anyone ages 13+ as long as they are responsible & willing to work. Performers cannot volunteer for this show.

You may request certain roles/days within the volunteer form, but there is no guarantee you will receive that volunteer position as we need to make sure all spots are filled and that we don't have too many volunteers in one area.

**All volunteers will be able to receive either a comp ticket, show t-shirt, or lunch/dinner at the show.**

**Class Leaders may be able to watch parts of the show from backstage.**

## Types of Volunteers Needed:

- Class Leader (Show 1 needed 8:00am-12:15pm; Show 2 needed 12:00-8:45pm): This volunteer will be in charge of a class or group of classes, and make sure they are ready to perform as well as walk them to the backstage area & back to the dressing room.
- Dressing Room Leader (Show 1 needed 8:00am-12:15pm; Show 2 needed 12:00pm-8:45pm): This volunteer will be in charge of the dressing room, and make sure performers are where they need to be.
- Backstage Runner/Dressing Room Assistant (Show 1 needed 8:00am-12:15pm; Show 2 needed 12:00pm-8:45pm): This volunteer will assist in anything needed backstage as well as in the dressing room.
- Performer Check-In (Show 1 needed 8:00-9:00am; Show 2 needed 12:00-1:00pm): This volunteer will check-in all performers.
- Door Security (Volunteers needed anytime between 8:00am-9:00pm): This volunteer will be security for the side door and make sure all performers or parents have their ticket to leave the backstage/dressing room area.
- Flowers & Accessory Sales (Show 1 needed 8:00-11:00am & during intermission; Show 2 needed 12:00-6:00pm & during intermission): This volunteer will hand out all ordered flower & accessories, and sell them as well.

**Visit <https://forms.gle/c3VthfrfDoK1DJdo6>  
to Sign-Up to be a Volunteer!**

# Items for Sale!

*Most items will also be sold at the recital as long as they last, but will be at a higher price. Secure yours now!*

## Performance Flowers



Purchase flowers for your performer & pick them up right at the recital!

Single Rose with Ribbon - \$5

3 Rose Bouquet - \$15

6 Rose Bouquet - \$25

12 Rose Bouquet - \$35

Personal Note in Flowers - Additional \$5

Flowers are only sale online through April 20.

**Visit [StarAcademyFL.com/events/2025flowers](http://StarAcademyFL.com/events/2025flowers) to order.**



## Show Teddy Bears & Unicorns



All performers will want these adorable

stuffed animals with a matching recital t-shirt!

Teddy Bears - \$20 each | Unicorns - \$25 each | Both - \$40

Teddy Bears & Unicorns will be available to purchase online through April 5.

**Purchase yours at [staracademyfl.com/events/recitalanimals](http://staracademyfl.com/events/recitalanimals).**



## Additional T-Shirts & Programs

All performers will receive a show t-shirt & program, but we will be selling additional ones if you would like any additional. Only on sale online through April 25.

Show T-Shirts: \$17 each;

**Order at [staracademyfl.com/events/recitaltshirts](http://staracademyfl.com/events/recitaltshirts)**

Show Programs: \$10 each;

**Order at [staracademyfl.com/events/recitalprograms](http://staracademyfl.com/events/recitalprograms)**



## Professional Photos with Billy Elkins

Schedule a timeslot with our professional dance & aerial photographer for beautiful pictures of your child!

All of our favorite dance & aerial photos through the years have been professionally taken by Billy Elkins!

He will be in-studio April 5 & 6 - but only with VERY limited spaces.

**\$75 for the first 15-minute timeslot**

(includes at least 10-15 full resolution digital downloads)

**\$45 for each additional timeslot\***

*\*based on individuals only, not families*

- Participants will receive 15 minutes of time per timeslot to take dance or aerial pictures (we will have a lyra & silk available; must choose only 1 apparatus per timeslot). We recommend coming in with 3 pose ideas, and we will also take a headshot.
- Pictures will be edited and sent via a link to download (all digital downloads are included).
- We are hoping to have most recital costumes in by then, but there is no guarantee. They are welcome to wear this costume or whatever they would like for the photoshoot.
- Any costume change, aerial equipment change, pictures with siblings, etc. will require an additional timeslot.

Billy has taken beautiful pictures of our students the past 5 years - and we cannot wait to see how amazing they are this year!

Photoshoots will be held in-studio on April 5 & 6.

**Register at [StarAcademyFL.com/events/picswithbilly](http://StarAcademyFL.com/events/picswithbilly)**



# Dance With Your Child

## Onstage at the Recital!

We have multiple options available this year!  
All will have the opportunity to have a mini photoshoot,  
learn a fun routine, and perform in the show!



### ME & MY TINY STAR

◆ **Saturday, April 19, 3:00-4:00**

Learn some cool aerial tricks or fun dance lifts with your little one, along with a cute dance/aerial routine! **This routine will perform in Show 1 at the Recital on May 3.** Recommended age for children is 2.5-7 years old; adult can be mom/dad/etc. \$15 per child & adult couple (*any additional kids are free*)  
*Register at [StarAcademyFL.com/events/tinystar](http://StarAcademyFL.com/events/tinystar)*



### PARENT & ME AERIAL/DANCE

◆ **Saturday, April 19, 4:00-5:30**

Learn some cool aerial tricks or fun dance lifts with your child, along with a fun dance/aerial routine! **This routine will perform in Show 2 at the Recital on May 3.** Recommended age for the child performing with mom/dad/etc. is ages 6-18. \$20 per child & adult couple (*any additional kids are free*)  
*Register at [StarAcademyFL.com/events/parentaerial](http://StarAcademyFL.com/events/parentaerial)*



### FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

◆ **TBD**

We are so excited to offer this routine for families this season. Students ages 6 and up along with any father-figure will learn a beautiful & fun routine - with amazing choreography and lifts! **This routine will perform in Show 2 at the Recital on May 3.** \$15 per child & adult couple (*any additional kids are free*)  
*Register at [StarAcademyFL.com/events/fatherdaughter](http://StarAcademyFL.com/events/fatherdaughter)*

Be a STAR in your  
OWN choreography!



# 2025 CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION

**Friday, April 4th**

All Star Academy Students are invited to participate in the 2025 Choreography Competition where they will create their own routine to compete in front of our teachers. Winners will receive a **30-minute lesson with their favorite instructor AND a chance to perform their routine in the recital!**

Routines must be under 3 minutes in length and can include anywhere from 1-6 performers. They can be any style of dance, tumbling, or aerial. The competition will be held in-studio. Choreography must be solely created by the students competing. \$25 per routine. Routines will compete in-studio between 4:30-6:00pm on Friday, April 4.

Register at

[StarAcademyFL.com/events/choreocomp](http://StarAcademyFL.com/events/choreocomp)



## If you are in ballet - we have an opportunity for you!

Since all of our ballet classes were a part of the Nutcracker, we do not include ballet classes in this recital. We would however still like to showcase our ballet skills, and offer a routine for anyone in a ballet class.

If they are in another class that is in this recital already, it is only \$15 to participate and includes costume rental and rehearsals!

If they are only in a ballet class but would still like to participate, it is just \$55 (to also cover the show t-shirt, program, photo/video, etc).

**Rehearsal times are TBD but will be announced VERY soon.**

**Levels 1-3 will be in Show 1. Levels 4-9 will be in Show 2.**

Must be able to attend ALL rehearsals or pay for a private lesson to learn anything missed.

Please email [info@staracademyfl.com](mailto:info@staracademyfl.com) by March 12 if you would like to participate.



# 2025 Recital Program Ads

*Give your performer a special spot  
in our show program!*

**Offer a congratulatory message with a picture(s) for  
your favorite dancer in our show program.**

**Full Page - \$215**

**Half Page - \$175**

**Quarter Page - \$85**

**Shout Out (25 words only) - \$25**

Purchase yours at [staracademyfl.com/events/  
recitalprogramads](http://staracademyfl.com/events/recitalprogramads)



*Complimentary  
ad design  
included in price!*

**Ad Deadline:**

March 30

*Ads designed by  
Michele Slaughter  
Designs.*

# *Important Recital/Studio Dates:*

**February 24-March 1:** Parent Watch Week & Teacher Appreciation Week

**March 3-8:** Studio Spirit Week

**March 12:** Last Day to Register for Recital Ballet Routines

**March 17-21:** Studio Closed for Spring Break

**March 30:** Recital Program Ads Due

**April 4:** Choreography Competition

**April 5:** Stuffed Animal Sales Close

**April 5 & 6:** Individual Pictures with Billy

**April 7:** Last Day to Register for Me & My Tiny Star, Parent & Me Dance/Aerial, and Father/Daughter Dance

**April 18-20:** Studio Closed for Easter

**April 19:** Me & My Tiny Star and Parent & Me Dance/Aerial

**April 20:** Flower Sales Close

**April 25:** Additional T-Shirt & Program Sales Close

**May 3:** Annual Recital (Sarasota Opera House)

**May 24:** Last Day of Spring Classes



*We cannot wait for an AMAZING recital!!!*