

Costume Instructions and Info 2024

Please read carefully

*The recital t-shirt included in your garment bag for your dancer should only be worn at the dress rehearsal when we take a group picture. It should not be worn in advance or to class. We want them to look nice for a studio picture with all of the dancers. Please keep this shirt inside their garment bags.

- Please check that your dancer has two pairs of tights. (These tights are only to be worn on picture day, the dress rehearsal, and recital.) Please save one of the pairs for recital day so it is fresh and brand new.
- If your child is in First-Fifth Group, please check that they have one pair of tan underwear briefs. If your child is in Sixth Group and Pep Elite, they will need to purchase their own pair of tan underwear unless you ordered from us. (It is so important that we do not wear colored underwear, even black and white can show through our costumes.) Please note that the underwear should go on the dancer first, then tights, then the dress or leotard.
- Underwear cannot be returned! We ordered every pair according to the sizing chart listed by the costume company. We took into consideration the dancer's waist and hips. They are technically briefs and will sit around the belly button. If you want a new size, you will need to purchase them yourself. We can send you the link to order.
- Please label all of your items! Even if you have to stick a piece of masking tap inside a shoe, please do so. It is very easy at rehearsals and the recital to get items mixed up, **so please label everything.** Please label every item, tops and bottoms, shoes, tights, underwear, hairpieces, everything! The Christian Dance Company is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- If your dress has wrinkles, hang it up in your bathroom during a shower and most, if not all wrinkles should come out. This is especially important for tulle tutus. **Do not iron. It will ruin/burn the costumes.** This has happened in the past because a parent chose to iron anyway and it put a hole in the costume. **If there are stubborn wrinkles, a steamer is the best option.**
- Please do not allow your child to play in their costumes. We cannot afford to have them stained, ripped or ruined. If ruined, we will not be able to order another costume in time.
- Please keep all items together in the garment bag.
- For pictures and the recital, all hairpieces should go on the left side of your child's head so everyone matches. If it is a headband, it should be placed at the center of the head. Hairpieces are being kept by the studio until picture day. You will receive your hairpiece at that time. We suggest you keep your hairpieces in a small bag inside of the back zipper of the garment bag. We are not able to order extra hairpieces if they are lost.
- If you see an item that you are not sure of how or where it should go on or with the costume, please ask the day of pictures. For the most part, everything should be self-explanatory.
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Picture Day Information and Instructions

- Hair can be done however you want.
- No makeup for First-Fourth Group. (Fifth Group can wear light pink blush and light pink lipstick or gloss. If you are 13 or older, you can wear makeup as you prefer.) Sixth Group and Pep Elite will discuss makeup in class.
- No jewelry, nail polish, extra hairpieces (colored or natural), etc.

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- Make sure your child's skin is clean! No markers, fake tattoos, etc.
- Use the trunk underwear, tights, and bra (if applicable) that came with your costume.
- Hairpieces should be worn on the left side of your child's head. (This was also listed above in the costume instructions)
- You are not allowed to use your own camera for pictures. If you want to have a professional photo, you must order one. You can use your own camera to the side of the room to take pictures but you cannot take any pictures using Mr. Paulson's lighting or backdrop. We thank you in advance for being respectful of him and the studio.
- Please bring your child for the group photo so they are a part of it, even if you do not want to order any photos. We use the group photos for display purposes at the recital.
- The group photo will be taken first and then individual photos. Please arrive 5 minutes early. We can not wait for late arrivals. The group picture will be taken on time.
- Please fill out one order form per dancer per pose. For example: if you have a second child in dance and want an individual of each dancer and a photo with both of them, you will need three forms.
- Picture order forms will be emailed to you; we will have physical copies at picture day. Please decide what you want to order in advance and have your payment ready. Cash and checks are acceptable forms of payment; checks should be written to Art Paulson.
- You are responsible for any alterations to the costumes that are needed. For the most part, there should not be many issues but items, such as straps, may need to be altered if they are not adjustable, or pants if they are too long. We suggest alterations be done after pictures unless it is a quick fix and you feel you can alter it in time.

Sixth Group and Pep Elite will need to wear their black leotard underneath the Hip Hop outfit for pictures and the recital. (This is the mandatory leo that these groups are required to have.)

Thank you!