

FALL COSTUME RECITAL

NOVEMBER 15, 2014

Our Fall Costume Recital has a fresh, new format and venue! It will be held in one of the gorgeous galleries at the **Peninsula Fine Arts Center**. Instead of set recital times and programs, casual performances will take place throughout the day, providing background music for museum visitors as well as Centerstage families.



I am performing a solo piece. Will I be assigned a performance time?

No, we want this to be as convenient as possible for our families! Students can drop in any time throughout the day, from **10am to 5pm**, or evening by special request (see next page). However, you may want to check to see when your teacher will be there, and we anticipate less crowds in the afternoon.

How will I know when my teacher will be there?

Teachers will be available at different times throughout the day. Based on their schedules and **the conflicts you list on your entry forms**, we will let you know when they plan to be at the venue. This range of times will be sent out and posted no later than 2 weeks prior to the recital time.

What do I do after I get there?

Check in with the recital host. We'll put you on the list of upcoming performances, and you can have a seat and watch other students perform. If you need to warm up or tune with your instructor, they will take you down the hall to do so. When it's your turn, your teacher will announce you.

What happens after I perform?

After you perform, we'll get your picture and present you with a certificate. You can choose to stay and watch other students for a little while, or listen to the performances as you stroll through the museum exhibits.

Can I bring extra pieces to perform?

Yes, if no one is waiting to perform. There may be "slow" periods, which would be a great time for impromptu pieces or jam sessions! Students are also welcome to perform at multiple times, just check in with the host to be added to the list.

Will there be a long wait to perform?

Since this is the first time we have tried this format, it's hard to tell. We are going to keep things moving as much as possible, and we'll be spreading the teachers out throughout the day. If there is a long wait, you are welcome to take in the exhibits, take a walk outside or come back later. There will be ample but limited seating in the gallery.

What time do you expect to be the busiest?

We usually have the most requests for morning times, and two of our groups will likely perform in the morning as well. If you are able to come in the afternoon, you are less likely to have a wait.

I am performing with a group. What time will we be performing?

The group performances obviously have to be scheduled, but performance times are still approximate. Check with your instructor for when you should plan to arrive.

10am - Disney Kids

11am - Young Performers & Preschoolers

7pm - Elementary Theatre students

I can only perform in the evening. Is that possible?

Yes! We have a break scheduled from 5-7pm, and the Elementary Theatre classes will be performing two selections around 7pm. After that, there will be time for additional solo performances until 8:30pm. **We must know in advance which students will be performing at this later time, so please indicate this on your Recital Entry Form.**

What should I bring?

Students using CD accompaniment should bring your own CDs with you to the recital. We recommend bringing the original CD that you have been using in lessons, as well as a new back-up copy. All students should bring their printed music, with paper clips marking their place – even if you intend to perform it by memory. Music stands will be provided, but students are responsible for other equipment such as footstools and guitar amps.

I need an accompanist. How do I arrange that?

Students are responsible for securing and compensating their own accompanist, although we can provide referrals upon request. All arrangements are made between you and the accompanist. Rehearsals should be coordinated with your teacher.

What should I wear?

Be creative! Students are encouraged to wear a costume or accessory that coordinates with the piece they are performing. This is not required, however, so students may choose to wear appropriate performance attire that is dressy, not necessarily formal.

What else should I know?

While this is a casual event, with families and museum guests coming and going, it is still courteous to turn off all cell phones, and keep distractions such as traffic and siblings to a minimum. Food is not allowed in the performance area.

Is there a deadline to turn in my Recital Entry Form?

Yes, forms should be brought to the studio office (not turned in to your teacher) by **October 10**. Remember to note any **conflicts** so that teachers can be scheduled, and indicate if you need a performance time after 5pm.



RECITAL LOCATION -

Peninsula Fine Arts Center
101 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606
Next to the Mariners Museum and CNU