



## *RECITAL 2025*

Dear Turning Pointe Families:

We are well underway in planning for this year's production of *Next Level*. This is a wonderful experience for the dancers, as it allows them to demonstrate to their family and friends just how much they have learned in class during the past season. The following information is critical to ensure a smooth running, professional program that we may all enjoy.

Each year we try to find better ways to do things, so please read the information in its entirety, as some procedures have changed from previous years.

**DRESS REHEARSAL:**

WHERE: Wilkins Theatre, Kean University, 1000 Morris Avenue, Union NJ, 07083

WHEN: Thursday, June 5, 2025

**RECITAL:**

WHERE: Wilkins Theatre, Kean University, 1000 Morris Avenue, Union NJ, 07083

WHEN: Saturday, June 7 & Sunday, June 8, 2025

**There will be no regular classes on Dress Rehearsal or Recital Days.**

**DIRECTIONS:**

From Turning Pointe Dance Center: Turn right out of parking lot onto Mountain Ave for 0.5mi. Turn Right onto Morris Ave, follow for 4.6mi. Destination will be on your right.

**DRESS REHEARSAL:**

Dress Rehearsal is **mandatory** for all students performing. We do understand that emergencies come up, however giving our students the chance to rehearse on stage allows them to get out jitters and allows each class work out spacing concerns on stage.

If your dancer is registered for a recital class (unless previously discussed), they are expected to participate in the Recital. Please arrive at Wilkins Theatre, Kean University dressed in costume with full stage makeup (lipstick, blush, eye makeup, etc.) If your child is in more than one dance, please arrive in their first scheduled costume. Should you have any out-of-the-ordinary situations that may impact on your attendance, please contact us immediately.

**TEAM DANCES THAT HAVE COMPETED THIS SEASON WILL NOT BE REHEARSING AT DRESS REHEARSAL. TEAM DANCERS, PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHEDULE FOR BALLET, TAP, AND POINTE REHEARSAL TIME.**

Hair and makeup tutorials are available on the TPDC website's recital page.

**\*Recital T-Shirts will be distributed in class the week before Recital. Please be sure to write your child's name in it as dancers will be wearing them on stage for each show's Finale.**

**RECITAL:** Saturday, June 7 and Sunday June 8, 2025

Arrive dressed in first costume, in full stage makeup and hair done. All costumes, accessories, dance shoes, tights, etc. should be clearly labeled with the student's name. **Please provide your child with water and a peanut free snack.** Students will not be able to leave the dressing room until the show is over. **Turning Pointe Dance Center is not responsible for lost or misplaced items.** Any items left behind will be picked up by our volunteers or staff and brought to the Springfield Studio after Recital Day.

**Show 1 1:00PM – Saturday Afternoon Performance - Dancers must arrive at 12:30 pm but no sooner.**

**Show 2 5:00PM - Saturday Evening Performance - Dancers must arrive at 4:30 pm but no sooner.**

**Show 3 1:00PM – Sunday Afternoon Performance - Dancers must arrive at 12:30 pm but no sooner.**

**Show 4 5:00PM – Sunday Evening Performance - Dancers must arrive at 4:30 pm but no sooner.**

### **Departure Procedures**

**Please proceed to the area of drop-off AFTER the entire show is over.** Younger children are looked after backstage by parent volunteers. Snacks can be dropped off with name for your child. However, for the safety and security of all dancers, **please do not ask to remove your child after their performance.** Children will be backstage and will be received by **ONE** parent in the same drop-off area, along with their belongings, **at end of the show.** All children will receive awards and t-shirts that they will wear on stage as the show conclusion.

### **All Performances**

Students should arrive and be ready to perform, in their first costume, full makeup, hair sprayed/gelled back in a low bun (no bangs), and headpieces securely fastened, all props, dance shoes and dance bag labeled with name. One parent should bring their child to the drop off point and proceed to the Theatre. Students changing costumes for different numbers will be assisted by dressing room staff. **All dancers in 8–10-year-old classes and up must wear rhinestone performance earrings which are available for sale at the front desk for \$10.00.** All costumes, accessories, dance shoes, tights, etc. should be clearly labeled with the student's name. Students changing costumes for different numbers should have a plan and lay out costumes accordingly.

**DROP-OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURE:** All dancers will report to the main dressing room where we will have Alumni volunteers looking after them during the entire show. At the conclusion of the show, the entire cast of

students will appear on stage with an award and their show t-shirt. After a brief closing speech, the curtain will close, and the children will be escorted back to the dressing area by class.

Drop off will occur at the glass doors on the side of the theatre lobby (just past the bathrooms). Alumni volunteers will be there to check each dancer into the backstage area. **Dancers will remain backstage for the duration of the show. Dancers will not be allowed to leave the backstage area, for safety and security reasons.**

Student pick-up will occur in the backstage hallway at the conclusion of the show. Students will be lined up in the hallway backstage by class (dancer's last dance). As you get to your child's class, please make sure you collect all their belongings and head to end of the hallway. The exit is at the end of the hall. (It's a one-way street).

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE:**

-Friends, guests or parents will NOT be permitted in the dressing room or in the hallway backstage during the show.

-TPDC students will NOT be allowed to sit in the auditorium during the show – they must remain in the dressing room area.

-No food or drink is permitted in the auditorium at any time, only in the lobby areas. You MAY leave a snack / drink (with name, class) for your performer to the volunteers at the door.

**NO PICTURES/VIDEOS:** Please understand that flash photography can be very disorienting and dangerous to your child when the theatre house lights are dimmed, as well as distracting to the audience. No one will be permitted to take photos or videos during the recital, however pictures in the lobby area with family and friends are welcomed. When capturing these memories please use #tpdc30years on social media platforms. In addition, each family will receive all professional photos and videos as part of your recital package.

**COSTUMES:** The costumes will be distributed one to two weeks prior to Picture Day and should be kept in a clean/safe place and not worn. All costumes were tried on by your child in class to ensure a proper fit. A spreadsheet with costume information [will be sent or is attached at the end of this email] regarding shoes, tights, etc.

**HAIR:** All students must have hair pulled back away from the face. Use hairspray to eliminate flyway hairs. The hairstyle for all classes (unless otherwise specified, is a middle-part, low bun) All hairpieces should be fastened on the right side of the dancer's head, unless otherwise specified. A video for hair and make-up can be found on the recital page of our website [www.turningpointdancecenter.com](http://www.turningpointdancecenter.com).

**We realize there are a lot of rules, but our main concern is our students' safety and security, while presenting them in the most professional environment possible. We do not take this responsibility lightly and would greatly appreciate all cooperation so that your children are the "stars" of the show!**

**RECITAL FEE:** The 2025 recital fee is **\$60** per family, inclusive of a recital T-shirt, professional photography and videography with digital download (digital quality), and livestream access of performances for all your fans near and far. (These photos are taken during each performance and are different than the Picture Day photos taken by DancePix.) For families that have more than one dancer, an additional \$20 will be charged per dancer for the recital T-shirt only. **\*Recital Fee is mandatory.**

If you are interested in purchasing additional T-shirts for other family members, we will have them available for sale the day of the show.

Recital thumb drives will be available for order, separately from our videographer. Thumb drives will include 4K quality videos of each show as well as high resolution photos (best for printing larger sized photos).

**\*The recital performance package will be applied to your account on or around May 1<sup>st</sup>. Charges to your card on file will occur on/around May 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to use a different form of payment other than your credit card on file, please see the front desk to do so.**

## **Ticket Ordering Information**

Tickets for this year's performance of *Next Level* will be sold online by Kean University. A link to their website will be found in the Recital section of the TPDC website. **Tickets will go on sale on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.** We suggest you purchase tickets as soon as your scheduled show time opens to ensure you get tickets.

The Wilkins Theatre seating chart will be displayed so you can see exactly where your seats are before purchasing.

Once you have chosen your seats, add them to your cart, and provide a credit card to pay for your order. You will receive a pdf that you will be able to print the tickets from your home computer. If you decide you want to order additional tickets at a later date, you can go back onto the website to place an additional order, however, keep in mind that they may not all be in the same row.

**Tickets will be available for purchase at:**

**Show 1 – Saturday 1pm :** [https://kean.vbotickets.com/event/Next\\_Level\\_Show\\_1/149736](https://kean.vbotickets.com/event/Next_Level_Show_1/149736)

**Show 2 – Saturday 5pm :** [https://kean.vbotickets.com/event/Next\\_Level\\_Show\\_2/149810](https://kean.vbotickets.com/event/Next_Level_Show_2/149810)

**Show 3 – Sunday 1pm :** [https://kean.vbotickets.com/event/Next\\_Level\\_Show\\_3/149811](https://kean.vbotickets.com/event/Next_Level_Show_3/149811)

**Show 4 – Sunday 5pm :** [https://kean.vbotickets.com/event/Next\\_Level\\_Show\\_4/149813](https://kean.vbotickets.com/event/Next_Level_Show_4/149813)

**Please keep in mind:**

-Cost of tickets will be \$25.00 each with a \$2.00 service fee.

-Payment for tickets will be by credit card payments only through the website

-No refunds will be given on any tickets once purchased, so plan carefully

-Children under 1 year do not need a ticket, but they must sit on your lap during the show (Wilkins Theater rules)

**-All outstanding balances, including unpaid tuition, must be paid in full before buying tickets.**

**Show 1 – Saturday 1:00 pm :** All 10-12, 11+, 13+ year old classes and classes 11, 18, 24, 46 Production 1, Production 2, Junior and Petite Team (Please refer to the attached Recital Schedule)

**Ticket sales begin @3:00pm**

**Show 2 – Saturday 5:00 pm** : All 5-6 year old classes and classes 11, 12, 24, Production 1, Production 2, and Prima Team (Please refer to the attached Recital Schedule)

**Ticket sales begin @3:30pm**

**Show 3 – Sunday 1:00 pm**: All 3-4 year old classes and classes 12, 21, Production 1, Production 2, Young Junior and Debut Team (Please refer to the attached Recital Schedule)

**Ticket sales begin @4:00pm**

**Show 4 – Sunday 5:00 pm** : All 6-8 and 8-10 year old classes and classes 11, 18, 21, 24, 46 Production 1, Production 2, Premier and Elite Team (Please refer to the attached Recital Schedule)

**Ticket sales begin @4:30pm**

\*If your dancer takes more than one class in a different age group, they could be in more than one recital.

### **FLOWER ORDERS**

Fresh rose bouquets will be available via online order. See the attached link. It will also be posted to the TPDC website for ordering in advance. You will still be able to purchase in person on Recital Day.

<https://www.thecommcementgroup.com/turningpointedancecenter/>

### **VIDEO ORDERS**

Though a digital download of the recital video is included. For those who wish to purchase a higher resolution quality video, there will also be a 4K resolution video thumb drive for sale. Order forms will be available at both studios as well as on the TPDC website.

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE FROM WILKINS THEATRE:** Balloons are **NOT** allowed in the theatre. If you bring balloons, you will be asked to leave them in your car until the end of the performance.

**SOCIAL MEDIA [www.facebook.com/TurningPointeDanceCenter] [instagram : @turningpointedancecenter]**

For the most up to date Turning Pointe Dance Center information, and updates on school events, “like” the Turning Pointe Dance Center page on Facebook. Please invite your family and friends to “like” the school as well. Any pictures taken, please use the hashtag **#TPDC31NextLevel**

**Any questions should be emailed to [info@turningpointedancecenter.com](mailto:info@turningpointedancecenter.com).**