



"Let's Party Like It's 1985"
CELEBRATING OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY
13th Annual Summer Finale | June 22, 2025
Nechita Center for the Arts | Orange Lutheran High School

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Hello OCPAA Families: We were recently informed by the theater that they no longer have the date of Saturday, June 21 available to us until 7:00 PM. Therefore, we will now have two performances on Sunday, June 22 and a rehearsal on Saturday, June 21.

The reason we always have two performances for each class is because it allows backstage volunteers a chance to watch one performance and because the theater usually sells out of tickets so offering two performances allows all of the dancers' friends and families a chance to watch them on stage.

Please carefully review the updated schedule below and do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. We sincerely apologize for this inconvenience that we are now all dealing with and we thank you for your adaptation to the new schedule.

Information for Parents

The OCPAA Summer Finale is the ultimate showcase for our recreational program dancers and lets them demonstrate to friends and family how much they have learned and grown throughout the year. Performing in the Finale is an award for all of their hard work. Participation in the Finale is not mandatory. **However, once you commit to performing by purchasing a costume you are required to participate in PICTURE DAY, DRESS REHEARSAL and ALL PERFORMANCES YOUR CLASS IS SCHEDULED IN.** Please keep in mind that over the next several weeks most dance classes will be spent learning and rehearsing routines for the Finale. Make sure your email is up to date on the portal and you access your account often so you can be sure to receive the many and important communications about the Finale.

QUESTIONS: email tammy.ocpaa@gmail.com

FINALE LOCATION

Nechita Center for the Arts at Orange Lutheran High School
2222 Santiago Blvd, Orange, CA 92867

IMPORTANT DATES BEFORE THE RECITAL WEEKEND

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Tuesday, April 22nd	PARENT VOLUNTEER SIGN UP DUE REGISTRATION & COSTUME ORDER FORMS DUE costumes can not be guaranteed to arrive in time after this date CLICK THE LINK TO SIGN UP >>>>>>>>	THE LINK IS NOW CLOSED
NEW DATE: Thursday, May 29 at 10:00 AM	TICKETS GO ON SALE	<i>link to ticket purchasing site will be emailed out</i>
CONFIRMED DATE: Monday 6/9 - Thursday 6/12	RED CARPET WEEK (Dress Rehearsal & Pictures) professional photos in your costume - group and individual. (detailed schedule and photographer website for purchasing photo packages will be provided) There will not be a makeup photo day.	AT THE STUDIO Most photo times will be during your normal class time. Please see the schedule that will be sent out.

FINALE REHEARSAL

We will now have a rehearsal for the closing act on Saturday 6/21 from 7:00-7:30 PM. This allows the students to become familiar with entering and exiting the stage with their group. This rehearsal is for the confidence and safety of each dancer as there will be a lot of students on the stage at one time.

- What to wear to rehearsal: your closing act Finale Tee, not your costumes for the performances
 - The Finale Tees will be distributed prior to the 6/21 rehearsal
 - The dancers will be given one of three color tees that groups them into different sections for the closing act performance.
- Students will be handed off to teachers at the backstage theater entrance where they will remain with staff until 7:30 PM
- Parents may stay in the lobby or in their cars but should be back at the theater door by 7:30 PM to receive their child. All dancers will be released directly to the backstage lobby area for parents to take them home.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
7:00 PM-7:30 PM	Closing Act Rehearsal	Nechita/OLU - performer entrance behind theater lobby

FINALE PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Each recreational class will perform in two shows over the two days giving all family and friends a chance to watch! Tickets sell out quickly! **STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM IN BOTH SHOWS** for their class(es) - It is recommended that parents help in the dressing rooms for one show and purchase tickets to watch the other show.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
8:45 AM	Parent dressing room volunteers arrive for Show #1	Nechita/OLU - performer entrance behind theater lobby
9:00 - 9:30 AM	All dancers arrive and check into their assigned dressing room. If they arrive later than this then they will miss the Opening Performance "Parade of Dancers" that starts promptly at 10:00 AM and parents will have to wait with them in the lobby until the volunteers and other students return to the dressing room.	Nechita/OLU - dancers go directly to their assigned dressing room
9:30 AM	THEATERS DOORS OPEN for all ticketed guests	Nechita Theater Main Lobby
10:00 AM <i>approximately 2.5 hours</i>	Summer Finale 2025 (Show #1) - for ALL AGES/ALL CLASSES/ALL STUDENTS	Nechita Theater Tickets required for all guests using a seat
ALL STUDENTS MUST BE CHECKED OUT OF THEIR DRESSING ROOM BY A PARENT AT THE END OF SHOW #1 AND THEN RETURN BY 1:30 PM FOR SHOW #2		
12:45 PM	Parent dressing room volunteers arrive for Show #2	Nechita/OLU - performer entrance behind theater lobby
1:00 - 1:30 PM	All dancers arrive and check into their assigned dressing room. If they arrive later than this then they will miss the Opening Performance "Parade of Dancers" that starts promptly at 2:00 PM and parents will have to wait with them in the lobby until the volunteers and other students return to the dressing room.	Nechita/OLU - dancers go directly to their assigned dressing room
1:30 PM	THEATERS DOORS OPEN for all ticketed guests	Nechita Theater Main Lobby
2:00 PM <i>approximately 2.5 hours</i>	Summer Finale 2025 (Show #2) - for ALL AGES/ALL CLASSES/ALL STUDENTS	Nechita Theater Tickets required for all guests using a seat

OPENING & CLOSING ACTS

Opening Act/"Parade of Dancers"

To start off the show, all dancers will walk across the stage to hear the cheers and see the waves from their friends and family in the audience. Please make sure you have your dancer check into their dressing room at least 30 min prior to the show start so that they will be able to participate. Dancers should arrive in their costume for their first performance so that is what they will wear in the parade.

Closing Act

All dancers are currently rehearsing the choreography during class time for the CLOSING ACT. This is the final performance of the show and features all dancers and some students from our Company and OCPRO competition teams plus the teachers. The students love this final performance and the confetti that we shoot off.

- Rehearsal: make sure to bring your dancer to the Saturday 6/21 rehearsal from 7:00-7:30 PM where they will practice with their group and learn how to safely enter and exit the stage. Dancers should wear their special Finale t-shirt for the rehearsal.
- Attire: the Finale t-shirt will come in 3 different colors and dancers will receive one color shirt to wear for the closing act. The colors are based on the section each child is in for the performance and helps them stay with their correct group.
 - Ages 5 & Under: Pink shirt
 - Ages 6-8: Purple shirt
 - Ages 9 & Up: Green shirt
 - We will send out a list of class dances showing what color shirt they will receive and therefore what group they will be performing with. For dancers with cross-over classes, we will contact you directly about what shirt color you will receive.
 - Dancers should wear regular dance bottoms and dance shoes of their choice with the shirt.
 - Parents are welcome to "bling out" the shirt
 - The Finale shirts will be passed out at the studio prior to the 6/21 rehearsal

FEE SUMMARY - ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Participation Fee: \$45 Mandatory Fee.

Every participating student is required to pay a \$45 participation fee that includes the annual finale shirt, teacher fee and admin fee. Finale shirts are non-refundable. Please indicate the student's shirt size on the costume order form. The participation fee allows us to offer lower price point tickets to your friends and family.

Costume Fees: \$85 or less per costume

See below for additional info on costume fees. Late ordering penalties will apply.

Digital DVD Recording: \$15-\$25 per family - See below for additional info. Mandatory Fee.

Professional Photos: \$60-75 plus per student - See below for more information.

Tickets: \$25-35 per seat plus tax/fees - See below for additional ticket ordering information.

CLASS PERFORMANCE PARTICIPATION

There must be at least 3 students who have ordered and paid for a costume and all fees in order for a class to participate. If you order a costume and the class performance must be canceled you will be refunded. Please note that some classes may be combined for their performance.

Participation in all shows is MANDATORY once you commit to the recital. This is required so we don't end up with just a couple kids from the class on stage, which is not fun for the students who showed up for both performances. Please see the end of this document for a list of classes NOT PARTICIPATING in this recital.

IF YOU KNOW YOUR DANCER CANNOT ATTEND ALL OF THEIR REQUIRED SHOWS PLEASE DO NOT COMMIT TO PERFORMING IN THE RECITAL. It is unfair to the other dancers. The students learn their dances in formations and having someone missing could confuse them onstage and we want everyone to have a positive experience. *Exceptions may be made to allow students to perform in only one show time if we are notified well in advance. This allows the teacher to place the student so that it is easier to have them missing. Please contact the office or your teacher to let us know.*

COSTUMES - ORDERING

Each class has a costume chosen from a recital costume catalog by OCPAA staff based on the number of students and sizing needed, as well as the song they are performing to. Every costume is chosen in an effort to be modest and flattering to all students.

Costume Sizes and Ordering - Due date: Tuesday, April 22

We would like parents to fill out the online costume order form indicating the size required for their child for a total of 3 possible costume vendors. This allows us to quickly choose a costume for the class which will have all sizes available for the students and arrive in time. The costumes are not custom made to fit your child so some small alterations may be required if you wish at your cost. **Parents are responsible for choosing the size for their child and will be billed any return penalties and/or shipping fees if they need a different size.** Order early as there is a chance we can EXCHANGE your costume for a different size if needed. There are no refunds for costumes.

How to find out your child's size:

Measure your child and choose the corresponding size per the provided sizing chart by vendor (on order form).

Boy Costumes

Costumes for our male students in co-ed classes usually have varying pricing combined with items they already have from home or parents purchase directly. Parents will be contacted directly with their costume info for boys. If you do not receive a direct email with this info or it is not included in your general class information email please email tammy.ocpaa@gmail.com

Please turn in your student's digital costume order form by the deadline of 4/22. THE SOONER THE BETTER AS WE WILL ORDER COSTUMES AS FORMS ARE RECEIVED. ORDERING LATE MAY RESULT IN YOUR CHILD'S SIZE NOT BEING AVAILABLE. Costumes placed after April 20th cannot be guaranteed to arrive in time and may have a rush shipping fee.

Order your costume ONLINE via this link: <https://forms.gle/PA3YTcS79u4PNGM19>

Note: This link is only the order form and not payment. You will be asked on the costume order form how you would like to pay for this - cash, check or to charge your card on file. If you select cash or check you will need to provide payment to the office before your costume is ordered. If you select "card on file" your card will be automatically charged all fees.

The costumes will be delivered to OCPAA. We will send an email when they are ready to be picked up from the front office. It is important that you get them ASAP to make sure they fit. Please fully label your child's costume components with their name and dance and keep all items together in one bag. Shoes and tights are not included and must be purchased separately.

COSTUMES - SHOES/TIGHTS/HAIR

Please reference the class recital info email and/or costume sheet to note what shoes, tights and hairstyle will be required for your performance. An email will be sent out to the class once the costumes are confirmed and ordered letting the parents know what shoes and tights are needed and how to do hair. This information is subject to change by the teacher and you will be notified ASAP with any new details.

Parents are responsible for getting the required shoes and tights for the recital wherever they choose. You may also purchase shoes and tights at the following link and the items will be delivered directly to the studio. Please email regina.ocpaa@gmail.com with questions regarding shoes and tights orders. <https://studiofixboutique.com/collections/accessories>

COSTUMES - PRICING

COSTUME FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. Class costumes must be purchased new this year and students may not use previous years' costumes for this season even if it is the same costume.

Costume Pricing:

- \$85 each until April 222
- \$85 each + any applicable late fees and rush shipping fees after deadline with no guarantee that they will arrive in time
- *Some classes may have alternate pricing or may include "buy/make your own" costume parts*
- Shoes and tights are not included and must be purchased separately if you do not already own some

MULTI CLASS COSTUME DISCOUNT

First class costume - \$85

Second class costume - \$80

Third class costume - \$75

Fourth class costume - \$70

*Discounts are per student/there are no sibling discounts on costumes

*For class costumes that are make your own or less than the standard \$85, no discount will apply unless otherwise indicated by OCPAA office staff

TICKETS

Tickets for each performance go on sale **May 29** - *shows SELL OUT so purchase early*

- A link to purchase tickets will be emailed out prior to the link becoming active
- The link will also be emailed and posted on our Facebook page and website
- Ticket prices will be \$25- \$35 per seat plus applicable fees/taxes
- Tickets are digital/print at home
- OCPAA does not handle ticket sales. We cannot assist with refunds, exchanges or provide any specific details pertaining to tickets or the venue. Please contact Nechita Theater directly at (714) 282-4699 or tickets@lhsoc.org
- For Special Needs/Handicap seating: please call at 714-998-5151 x640.

NEW INFO! PICTURE DAY & DRESS REHEARSALS - Monday, 6-9 to Thursday, 6-12

Pictures chronicle our Finales throughout the years. Photos from this day may be used on our website, social media and on display in our studio. Please be considerate of the other dancers in your routine by showing up to picture day.

- A professional photography team will take the pictures of each dance and you may also select to have individual photos taken of your dancer as well as sibling photos.
- Ordering info to follow
- All images are delivered online
- Each class will practice in their costume at or around their normal class time during the week and then have their group and individual photos taken during the same general time period.
- A full schedule will be sent out in advance. Sometimes, due to scheduling, we will need to hold the dress rehearsal for certain classes outside of their regular class time. If this should occur you will be notified in advance.

DIGITAL RECORDING OF FINALE

Please note that the digital recording fee is MANDATORY for all students participating in the recital. This is because it is a digital video and can be easily shared. Fee: \$15 per student/\$25 per family with 2+ students participating.

AT THE RECITAL - Dressing Rooms/Parent Volunteers

PARENT DRESSING ROOM VOLUNTEERS - [[PARENT VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES DOCUMENT](#)]

- **UPDATE: SIGN UP HERE BY 6/9 >>>>> <https://forms.gle/XJJCoQcYWLH5svRW8>**
- Parent Volunteers are what helps our Finale happen! They remain with the children in the dressing room and ensure they are well looked after.
- Parent Volunteers are not allowed backstage and therefore will not be able to watch their child perform.
- Feel free to use a buddy system.
 - If parents feel more comfortable leaving their child with an adult friend instead of one of the volunteers please coordinate so that one parent is backstage watching the kids for a show and then switch off for the next show so each parent has a chance to watch their child perform.
 - Remember each child will be performing in two shows.

DRESSING ROOM GUIDELINES

- Students will be assigned to dressing rooms and parents must take the dancers directly to this room to be checked in.
 - Parents may make dressing room friend requests on the costume order form
 - There will be short timeframe to request room changes - details will be emailed
- Only Parent Volunteers that have signed an agreement will be allowed in the dressing rooms.
- Please make sure your child knows their teacher's name and their dance name
- Dancers must remain in the dressing room at all times when not performing
 - You may check on your child in the dressing room at any time.
 - **If your dancer has hair and costume changes and you are watching the performance, you may run to the dressing room and help your child change.**
 - We also ask that a mobile # is left on the check in sheet.
- *It is recommended that you pack the following items for your child to have in the dressing room:*

- Water	- Bottoms and socks/shoes to wear with finale T-shirt
- Blanket to sit on	for closing number
- Fully labeled costume components	- Wet wipes/tissues
- Labeled finale shirt	- Non-messy activities – books, small toys, crayons/coloring books - no markers!
- It is highly recommended that you label all items sent with your child
- Due to allergies, please do not send any food items to share or that might be common allergens.
- Food may not be eaten in the dressing rooms

DRESSING ROOM RULES

- a. Food and drinks are prohibited in the dressing rooms as well as the theater.
 - If children are very hungry they may be taken outside for a small snack break under parent or volunteer supervision.
 - PLEASE BE AWARE OF ALLERGIES
- b. Only water bottles will be allowed.
- c. No men, brothers, boys allowed in girl's dressing rooms
- d. Coloring on walls, floors, furniture, etc. CANNOT be tolerated. Markers will not be allowed in dressing rooms.
- e. There is no running or yelling allowed while preparing to go on stage. The children are bound to be very excited, but for everyone's safety and also at the request of OLU, please remind your dancers to walk.

WRISTBANDS

All students must have wristbands put on them by their parent when they are signed into their dressing room. The wristbands will help organize the students for the big final performance on stage at the end of each show and is also a SAFETY feature. This is mainly for the younger students. Please use a pen to write the student's First Name and Last Initial plus the DRESSING ROOM # they are assigned to for the show you are checking them in to. This will help us make sure we get our littlest dancers back to their dressing room. Most of the older students do not require this but it is up to the judgment of the parent.

FINALE ETIQUETTE AND GUIDELINES

- Arrive 30-45 minutes prior to the start of the Finale in as much costume as possible. You don't want to miss the parade of dancers at the very start of the show!
- In the audience please be considerate of all the performers and remain throughout the duration of the Finale. No one wants to perform to an empty theater.
- Absolutely no video or photos allowed during the performance. Violators will be asked to leave.
- Dancers must remain in the dressing room at all times when not performing
- Dancers are not allowed to sit in the audience during the Finale.
- All dancers are required to stay until the end and perform in the closing number.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE

- Tuition must be up to date and paid in full for June for all participants. You may not set a future drop date and prorate tuition for the month after the recital is over.
- Please make sure your current email address is on file in the office, as important Finale information will be emailed out over the next few months.
- Flowers and back-stage-o-grams will be available for purchase during the Finale.
- A document outlining the CHECK IN and CHECK OUT process will be sent to all participating families once the dressing room volunteers and room assignments have been confirmed.

CLASSES PARTICIPATING IN THE RECITAL

Each class must have 3 total students confirmed to participate (we will contact you and REFUND any fees if your class participation is canceled)

Class	Instructors
Jazz 4-5 Wed 3:45	Aimee W.
Jazz 6-8 Mon 4:30	Autumn H.
Dance Basics 2-4 Tue 3:45	Autumn H.
Jazz 6-8 Tue 4:30	Autumn H.
Jazz 9-18 Tue 6:00 (C08 OPT)	Autumn H.
Jazz 4-5 Mon 4:30	Candice M.
Parent & Me Wed 10:30	Candice M.
Dance Basics 2-4 Fri 10:00	Candice M.
Ballet/Jazz 2-3 Fri 10:45	Candice M.
Jazz 6-8 Sat 9:00	Candice M.
Jazz 4-5 Sat 9:45	Candice M.
Jazz 6-8 Sat 10:30	Candice M.
Jazz 9-18 Sat 11:15	Candice M.
Ballet 6-8 Tue 3:45	Crystal W.
Ballet 4-5 Tue 4:30 (C01 OPT)	Crystal W.
Ballet 9-11 Tue 5:15	Crystal W.
Ballet 6-8 Mon 3:45	Heather T.
Parent & Me Sat 9:00	Heather T.
Ballet/Tap Combo 2-4 Sat 9:45	Heather T.
Ballet 4-5 Sat 10:30	Heather T.
Hip Hop 6-8 Thu 3:45	Krys D.
Hip Hop 6-8 Wed 3:45 (C06/C07 OPT)	Savanna U.
Hip Hop 9-18 Wed 7:00 (C08 OPT)	Savanna U.
Hip Hop 4-8 Tue 3:45	Zarina C.
Hip Hop 9-18 Tue 4:30	Zarina C.
Hip Hop 6-12 Tue 5:15	Zarina C.
Jazz 6-12 Tue 6:00	Zarina C.

Classes that will NOT participate in the recital:

- *All Acro/Tumbling Classes, All Song/Pom Classes, All Stretch/Flexibility classes*

Class	Instructors
Technique For High School Dance Mon 6:00	Garrett M.
Song/Pom JV Prep 11-18 Tue 3:45	Sabrina B.
Song/Pom Technique - Varsity 11-18 Tue 4:30	Sabrina B.
Stretch/Flexibility 9-18 Tue 6:45	Autumn H.
Jazz Int/Adv 12-18 Tue 7:30 (C10 OPT)	Autumn H.
Tumbling 4-5 Sat 9:00	Mia C.
Tumbling 6-8 Sat 9:45	Mia C.
Tumbling 9-18 Sat 10:30	Mia C.
Tumbling 6-8 Sat 11:15	Mia C.
Tumbling 6-12 Mon 3:45 (C06 OPT)	Will T.
Tumbling 4-5 Mon 4:30 (C02 OPT)	Will T.
Tumbling 6-8 Mon 5:15 (C05 OPT)	Will T.
Intermediate Acro 12-18 Mon 7:30 (C10 OPT)	Will T.