



Recital Details – Fall 2018

Dress Rehearsal & Recital: Saturday, December 8

(Doors @ 2:00pm, Show begins @ 2:30pm. See below for performer arrival times.)

Your child's costume(s) were handed out or will be handed out as they come in. These are your costumes, and you are welcome to make any necessary alterations. After the recital students are free to wear their costumes to class or as they please. **Please put your name on each piece of your costume.** Your original Costume Order Form indicated whether or not you'll need to provide any additional items, such as proper shoes, black pants, tights, etc. This info is also available on the "Downloads" page of our website, titled "Costume Notes". If your child needs any of these items, please get them as soon as possible to avoid last minute issues if items become out of stock.

For both the dress rehearsal and the recital, students will need to be dropped off at the *AUDITORIUM ENTRANCE* of:

**Novi High School
24062 Taft Road, Novi, 48375**

(The auditorium entrance is closest to the 10 Mile entrance of the school)

Dress rehearsal is MANDATORY. If a student is not at the dress rehearsal, formations will be adjusted to ensure the best performance for everyone involved. There are no exceptions to this rule.

KNOW YOUR 'BOW LETTER' & ROUTINE NAME...

When the Recital Line Up (order of the show) is released, it will include a column listing each class's BOW LETTER. Students should learn and memorize this letter so they line up correctly for the final bows. **Performers in more than one routine:** bow with the LAST group you perform with in the show order. This will be practiced at the dress rehearsal. Please make sure that your child knows the name of their routine(s) as our staff members will be calling off those names backstage to line up for the performers. Pre-ballet classes will bow separately and do NOT need to remember a bow letter.

ARRIVAL TIMES & DAY-OF SCHEDULE...

PRE-BALLET (AND PRE-BALLET/TAP) ONLY:

Arrive promptly at 1:20pm on Saturday, December 8th and wait with your child in the lobby to the left of the stairs. We will escort all Pre-Ballet students backstage to practice bows, then routines for each of these classes. Afterwards, teachers and classroom assistants will take all students to their backstage area to await the start of the recital. Students will be chaperoned backstage at all times. You may pack a backstage bag for your child (containing light, non-messy snacks, books, games, etc.), but we recommend you pack lightly as your child will need to carry the bag backstage her/himself. During the recital, these students perform their bows before intermission. After PreBallet bows, parents will be invited on stage to take photos and pick up their children and belongings. You are then free to leave or may watch the rest of the show. Please note: any person (including PreBallet performers) who would like a seat will need to purchase a ticket.

ALL OTHER STUDENTS (K-2nd grade classes & up)

Arrive promptly at 11:45am on Saturday, December 8th, with hair/makeup complete and dressed in the costume for your first routine (per the line-up). We'll run the final bows first so ALL students must arrive at 11:45am. Upon arrival, report directly to the auditorium and look for your bow letter which will be taped to the ends of the rows. Find your bow letter and take a seat with all of your belongings, and wait for further instructions from our staff. We'll practice final bows first, then each routine in order. Note: students in multiple routines should sit with their LAST routine (to practice final bows), but will be dressed for their FIRST routine (to be ready for first routine practice.) When your dances are finished rehearsing, take your belongings with you to your dressing area to await the start of the show. Students will remain backstage for the duration of the show. After final bows, parents are welcome to come on stage for photos and to collect belongings from backstage areas.

PARENTS:

Parents may sit and watch in the auditorium during dress rehearsal but are not permitted backstage during rehearsal or recital due to the large amount of people involved. Please be assured that your children will be supervised backstage by Mid American Studio staff and volunteers at all times.

WHAT TO BRING BACKSTAGE...

Please make sure your name is on all costume pieces and belongings to avoid lost or misplaced items.

See the 'Recital Checklist' at the end of this packet for a list of suggested items to bring to the recital (you are not required to bring any of these). Because parents are not permitted backstage, any extra items (snacks, backpacks, etc.) must be brought with the performer upon arrival. You are welcome to send a light snack with your child, but should avoid any foods that may spill or stain your child's costume. We suggest pretzels, water, fruit, cheese sticks, granola bars, etc. To protect your child's costume(s) we recommend you pack a zip-up or button-up shirt (to avoid pulling clothing over their hair and makeup) or an oversized t-shirt for them to wear.

COSTUMES, HAIR, & MAKEUP...

All students should arrive to dress rehearsal and recital in full costume, hair, and makeup for their first performance. The purpose of dress rehearsal is to get students familiarized with the stage, and for the sound and lighting technicians to prepare for the actual show. It is crucial that dress rehearsal be taken just as seriously as the actual show.

See our "Recital Hair and Makeup" handout (also available online) for detailed instructions. Please have your performer in stage makeup at your discretion. We ask that all girls wear silver/gray or brown eye shadow, red or pink lipstick (something brighter and more bold than their natural lip color), and **have their hair in a bun**. Supplies for putting hair into a bun (bobby pins, bun forms, hair nets) are available for sale at the studio. We will also post a bun tutorial on the bulletin board and via email. Undergarments should not be visible while in costume (i.e. colored bra straps, underwear, etc.). Shoes are a part of the uniform costume look; therefore students **must wear the required footwear in order to perform** in the recital.

There are mirrors available backstage. Staff members and volunteers will be available to help with make-up and hair touch-ups, but not full make-up application or hair styling.

AUDIENCE: Tickets and show times...

Spectators may enter the auditorium beginning at 2:00pm and the recital will begin at 2:30pm. **All seats are assigned. See the Ticket Order Form (previous handout) for more info.**

AFTER FINAL BOWS: When and how to reunite with your performer...

PreBallet students: Pre-ballet students will perform in the first half of the show and will have their final bows just before intermission. An announcement will be made at the start of intermission inviting PreBallet parents to step onto the stage to pick up their children and proceed backstage to collect their belongings. You may leave after intermission, or purchase a ticket for your student to sit in the auditorium to watch the remainder of the show. Tickets are not required for children sitting on a parent's lap.

****Only parents of Pre-ballet students are allowed backstage during intermission.****

All other students must stay backstage for the entire recital. After final bows, students 4th grade and younger will remain on stage. We ask that one parent meet their child at the entrance to the stage, and take them to their backstage area to collect their belongings. Students 5th grade and up may meet their parents in the lobby after cleaning their backstage area and gathering their belongings. Please remind your child to clean up their area in the dressing room when they are done, as well as keep track of their costume(s), make-up, etc.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

Each family will receive a copy of the recital DVD, as it was included in your recital fee. DVDs can be picked up at Mid American Studio during regular business hours. If you have not picked up your DVD by February 1st, 2019, it will be assumed that you do not want your copy. You will be notified by e-mail once the DVD's are available at Mid American Studio.

Photography (no flash, please) and video-taping are allowed at both the rehearsal and recital. Please be courteous to those around you—no stands or tripods are permitted.

*We are looking forward to our 23^d Recital and are very proud of all our performers!
Please contact natalie@pompon.com if you have any questions.
Thank you!*

Recital Checklist

BEFORE the Recital Day, be sure you've...

- ✓ **Gathered your recital make up**, complete with lipstick, eye shadow, etc.
- ✓ **Checked 'Costume Notes' online** to see if you need to bring any extra items on your own (tights, pants, etc.)
- ✓ Purchased the **required footwear** for your class.
- ✓ Tried on your costume. Will you need to find any **undergarments**?
- ✓ Memorized your **bow letter**.
- ✓ Memorized the **name of your dance** (as listed on the attached Recital Line-up).
- ✓ Purchased your **tickets!** See the **Ticket Order Form** for details. Anyone who wishes to sit in an auditorium seat at any point during the show (including performers) will need a ticket.

RECITAL DAY CHECKLIST: Please bring the following items to the recital...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes for each routine | <input type="checkbox"/> Full costume (top, bottom, & any extra pieces) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undergarments | <input type="checkbox"/> Tights (full footed or convertible. No footless tights.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair ties, bobby pins | <input type="checkbox"/> Hair spray and/or hair gel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snack (if needed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cover-up shirt to wear when eating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make up (eye shadow, lipstick, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cover-up to stay warm in dressing room. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hip hop & Pom students: black no-show socks (optional) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety pins | |