



Recital Details – Spring 2024

Dress Rehearsal & Recital Performances Friday & Saturday, May 10-11th

For both Dress Rehearsal and 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 Rd. 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.

Parents – you are more than welcome to sit in the auditorium to watch dress rehearsal- *this will be the only time you are allowed to take photos/videos of the performances if you wish to do so.*

KNOW YOUR DANCE ROUTINE NAME...

Students should learn and memorize the title of their dance routine, as they will need to know this when our staff members are calling out routines to line up backstage. Please make sure that your child knows the name of their routine(s). Pre-Ballet classes will remain in their groups at all times, so they do not need to memorize their title.

ARRIVAL TIMES & DAY-OF SCHEDULE...

DRESS REHEARSAL: Friday, May 10th from 5:00-8:00pm

Dress Rehearsal is mandatory for all performers! Please review the Dress Rehearsal Schedule and plan to arrive with your dancer dressed and ready 30 minutes ahead of their stage time! Auditorium doors open at 4:30 pm, and dress rehearsal will begin promptly at 5:00 pm! Each dancer needs to sit in the auditorium in the assigned row for their class and wait to be called up to the stage by their instructor. Each group will get to practice their routine on stage with their music and receive feedback from their instructor! They will then be escorted back to their seats in the auditorium where they can continue to watch Dress Rehearsal, head to the Dressing Rooms to change for their next routine, or are free to leave with a Parent/Guardian.

Parents may sit and watch in the auditorium during dress rehearsal but are not permitted backstage during rehearsal or recital. We ask that 1 parent sit with the younger classes while they wait for their stage time. Please be assured that your children will be supervised backstage by Mid American Studio staff and volunteers at all times!

PRE-BALLET & RHYTHM STUDENTS ONLY:

Arrive promptly 35 minutes before the start of each show (11:25 am or 3:25 pm) on Saturday, May 11th and wait with your child in the lobby to the left of the stairs. We will escort all Pre-Ballet students backstage as a group just before doors-open. Students will be chaperoned by Mid American Staff members backstage! 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 performance, these students perform their bows before Intermission. **Pre-Ballet age dancers will be brought to the lobby to be picked up by a parent/guardian during Intermission. No other students will be released at this time.** Your Pre-Ballet dancer is then free to join you to watch the rest of the show!

ALL OTHER STUDENTS

Arrive between 11:00-11:30 am or 4:00-4:30 pm with hair and makeup complete and dressed in costume for your first routine. Upon arrival for the show, please wait in the lobby area to the left of the stairs. Once a few dancers from your class have arrived, Mid American Staff will escort you to the backstage and dressing room areas. **All students will remain backstage for the duration of the show!** Dancers are not permitted in the auditorium during the shows or Intermission. After final bows ALL DANCERS will be escorted to the Lobby to be picked up by a Parent/Guardian. **Parents are NOT permitted Backstage during ANY of the shows.**

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. 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 food that may spill or stain your child's costume. We suggest water, pretzels, fruit snacks, cheese sticks, granola bars, etc. To protect your child's costume(s) we recommend you pack a zip-up jacket or button-up shirt to wear over their costume until performance time.

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 all dancers attend Dress Rehearsal.

See our "Recital Hair and Makeup" sheet available online for detailed instructions. Please have your performer in stage makeup. We ask that all girls wear neutral colored eye shadows, red or pink lipstick (something more bold than their natural lip color), and blush. **All dancers must have their hair in a slick bun!** Supplies for putting hair into a bun (bobby pins, bun formers, hair nets) are available for sale at the studio. Undergarments should not be worn while in costume (i.e. underwear are not necessary under tights). Bra straps *must not be seen*, or you will be asked to remove it. If you need to wear a bra with your costume, be sure that it has nude or clear straps. Shoes are a part of the costume; therefore all 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. Please **DO NOT send extra makeup with your child** if she is under the age of 10. It is impossible to get lipstick out of tights without washing them!

AUDIENCE: Tickets and show times...

Spectators may enter the auditorium 30 minutes prior to the start of each show, doors will not open any earlier. All spectators must have a ticket to attend recital in person and must also sit in their assigned seats. Please visit our ticketing website at 28385.danceticketing.com to purchase your tickets today!

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. Pre-Ballet dancers will then be brought to the lobby area where they were dropped off to be reunited with their parents! After intermission, Pre-Ballet dancers are invited (and encouraged!) to sit in the audience with their parents to watch the rest of the show!

All other students must stay backstage for the entire recital. After final bows, students 10 and younger will be escorted back to the lobby area to be picked up by a parent/guardian. Students 11 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), shoes, etc. One parent may come backstage to assist your child with cleanup at the end of the show.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

Each family will receive a video copy of the recital performances, included in your pre-paid recital fee. Videos will be available via Digital Download, 3-5 weeks after the show. You will be notified by e-mail via the email address on your dancer's MindBody Account once your video is ready to be downloaded. Any additional emails will require an additional fee. Videos come directly from Pask Video & Photography.

There is NO flash-photography or videotaping during the recital performance. It is very distracting to both the performers and the audience members around you to have cell phones and cameras waving around during the show. Please *feel free to take photos during the dress rehearsal* but leave your cell phone and camera put away during the show. *Thank you!*

We are looking forward to sharing a wonderful Spring Dance Recital Performance with you!

Please contact abbie@midamericanstudio.com if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Recital Checklist

BEFORE the Recital Day, be sure you...

- ✓ **Memorize the title of your dance routine-** dancers need to know this backstage.
- ✓ **Check the 'Costume Notes' sheet** to see if you need to bring any extra items of your own (tights, pants, etc.)
- ✓ **Try on and hang up your costumes!** Will you need to find any additional undergarments?
- ✓ **Purchase the required shoes** for your class(es)!
- ✓ **Gather your recital make up**, complete with lipstick, eye shadow, mascara, blush, etc.
- ✓ **Purchase Recital tickets for your friends and family!** Anyone who wishes to attend the Recital Performances will need a ticket!
- ✓ **Pack your Recital Day Dance Bag-** Include the following items below!

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Costumes (& all additional pieces!) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes for each routine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undergarments (if necessary) | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Tights (Pink or Tan) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair ties, bobby pins, clips | <input type="checkbox"/> Hair spray |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Snack (crackers, fruit snacks, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cover-up shirt or Zip-up jacket to wear while eating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black no-show socks for Pom/Hip Hop | <input type="checkbox"/> Cover-ups to stay warm in the dressing room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Makeup (For dancers 11+ only!) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small bag with books, game, toy (to stay busy!) |

****Please note that all dancers in only 1 performance should arrive dressed in their costume with hair and makeup completely done and performance ready! They do not need to have additional items other than dance shoes, a small snack, book, coloring pages, toys, etc. in their Dance Recital Bag! Dancers should have everything they need in their dance bag, as parents are NOT allowed in the backstage area during the show.***

****Please DO NOT send valuables, messy or allergen-related snacks, or extra makeup with your young dancers!***