



## Recital Details – Spring 2025

### Dress Rehearsal & Recital Performances Friday & Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

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.***

#### 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 group at all times, so they do not need to memorize their title.

#### ARRIVAL TIMES & DAY-OF SCHEDULE...

##### ***DRESS REHEARSAL: Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-8:00pm***

**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 the 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 dress rehearsal from the auditorium but are not permitted backstage.** 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 4:25 pm) on Saturday, May 10th and wait with your child in the lobby to the left of the stairs.**

We will escort all Pre-Ballet age students backstage as a group just before doors-open. Students will be chaperoned by Mid American Staff members backstage! You may pack a small backstage bag for your child (containing light, non-messy snacks, books, etc.), but we recommend you pack lightly as your child will need to carry the bag 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 reunited with a parent/guardian during the 10 minute 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***

**Arrival times are: 11:00-11:30 am for the 12:00 pm show or 4:00-4:30 pm for the 5:00 pm show!**

**Dancers must arrive 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, 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 hair, makeup, and costume 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, 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 beneath dance 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 to perform** in the recital.

There are mirrors available backstage. Staff members will be available to assist 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 makeup stains out of tights/costumes on performance day!

## AUDIENCE: Tickets and show times...

Spectators may enter the auditorium 30 minutes prior to the start of each show. Audience members needing extra time/assistance getting to their seats, please arrive early. All spectators must have a ticket to attend the recital in person and must also sit in their assigned seats. Please visit our ticketing website at [28385.danceticketing.com](http://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 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 performers must stay backstage for the entire recital. After final bows, all dancers will be escorted back to the lobby area to be reunited with a parent/guardian. 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 if necessary.

## PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

**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 actual show.

Each family will also 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 the video is ready to be downloaded/viewed. Any additional emails will require an additional fee. Videos come directly from Pask Video & Photography, NOT Mid American Studio.

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

**Please contact [abbie@midamericanstudio.com](mailto: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 dance 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"/> Dance 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"/> Light Zip-up jacket to wear over costume     |
| <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 a book/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, etc. in their 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, extra makeup, messy or allergen-related snacks (Absolutely NO Nuts or Dairy-related Foods!) with your young dancers!***