



Recital Details – Spring 2026

Dress Rehearsal & Recital Performances Friday & Saturday, May 8th & 9th

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 is located at the 10 Mile Road entrance of the school.)

Dress rehearsal is MANDATORY for all dancers. If a student is not present at 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 8th from 4:30-8:00pm

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 & PRE-ACRO STUDENTS ONLY:

We will escort all Pre-Ballet age students backstage as a group. 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 your child will need to carry the bag her/himself. Immediate after bows, **Pre-Ballet age dancers will be brought to the lobby to be reunited with a parent/guardian.**

Pre-Ballet age dancers in **Show 1** will be released at the **END** of the show. Pre-Ballet age dancers in **Show 2** will be released at **Intermission** (please send 1 parent to the lobby to collect your dancer & they may join you to watch the rest of the show!)

RECITAL DAY PERFORMANCE TIMES

Arrival times are as follows for all 3 performances:

SHOW 1: Dancer Drop off 10:15am, Showtime 11:00am

SHOW 2: Dancer Drop off 12:30pm, Showtime 1:30pm

SHOW 3: Dancer Drop off 5:00pm, Showtime 6:00pm

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 and 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/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 Recital Performances.

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...

Before the show: make sure you check the fit of your dancer's costume & **make any necessary adjustments**, give their tutu a steam, be sure you have all the accessories/hair pieces, and have purchased the correct colored Shoes & Tights for their performance!

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 for detailed instructions. Please have your performer in stage makeup, including: neutral colored eye shadow, red lipstick, mascara 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 be nude or clear, and should not show outside the costume if possible. **All dancers are required to wear the specified color/style of dance shoe to perform in the recital.**

Staff members will be available to assist with minor touch-ups backstage, 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.

AUDIENCE: Tickets and Show times...

Spectators may enter the auditorium 30-45 minutes prior to the start of each show. Audience members needing extra time/assistance getting to their seats, please arrive early and proceed directly to the auditorium entrance for assistance. All spectators must have a DRT ticket to attend the recital in person and must sit in their assigned seat. Please visit our ticketing website at 28385.danceticketing.com to purchase your tickets today!

AFTER FINAL BOWS: How to reunite with your performer...

PreBallet students: Pre-Ballet dancers will then be brought to the lobby area to be reunited with their parents immediately after their bows! Dancers released after intermission of Show 2 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.

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 Day 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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| ___ Costumes (& all additional pieces!) | ___ Dance Shoes for each routine |
| ___ Undergarments (if necessary) | ___ Extra Tights (Pink or Tan) |
| ___ Hair ties, bobby pins, clips | ___ Hair spray! |
| ___ Small Snack (crackers, fruit snacks, etc.) | ___ Light Zip-up jacket to wear over costume |
| ___ Black no-show socks for Pom/Hip Hop | ___ Cover-ups to stay warm in the dressing room |
| ___ Makeup (For dancers 12+ only!) | ___ Small bag with a book/game/toy to stay busy |

****Please DO NOT send valuables, makeup, messy or allergen-related snacks (Absolutely NO Nuts or Dairy-related Foods!) with your young dancers!***

Please note that all dancers in only 1 routine should arrive dressed in their costume with hair and makeup completely done and performance ready! They do not need to have additional clothing/items other than dance shoes, a small snack/water bottle, 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.

***For any additional Recital Questions- please contact Miss Abbie at abbie@midamericanstudio.com
We cannot wait to see all of you Dancing on Planes, Trains, & Automobiles this Spring!***