



## Upper Merion Dance & Gymnastics Center, LLC.

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Greetings!

We are looking forward to our 5th<sup>th</sup> recital, "Everybody Dance Now"  
Please review the important recital information and policies listed below. Although it is lengthy, it includes all of what you need to know for the upcoming recital. Information regarding dates, times, directions, tights, and accessories, etc. are available on [umdgc.com](http://umdgc.com) under the dance recital link. **Please refrain from asking the front desk/phoning the studio with questions that can be answered below or on the web site.**

**Dress Rehearsal and Recitals are at: Upper Merion Area High School Auditorium at 435 Crossfield Road, King of Prussia, 19406**

### **DRESS REHEARSAL:**

*FRIDAY, JUNE 12th. All dancers should be ready to dance.*

*ALL PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN CLASSES: 6:30p.m.*

*ALL OTHER CLASSES: 7:30 p.m.*

ALL dancers must attend dress rehearsal in order to perform in the recital. NO EXCEPTIONS!  
Full costumes are required, make up is optional. Please make sure if costumes need hemming/altering that you have it done prior to dress rehearsal, Dancers may bring snacks/food and eat in the auditorium but OUT OF COSTUME ONLY! Friends/family are welcome to attend dress rehearsal. If you must bring siblings to dress rehearsal, PLEASE make sure they are properly supervised at ALL times. Dancers should be in the auditorium ready to dance, when called to come backstage, there is NO LOITERING in the lobby/hallways. Dress rehearsal could run as late at 10:30 p.m. for older dancers. **Please Note:** Dress rehearsal may be the only time students get to see the other recital numbers, as we are unable to put a video feed backstage for them to watch the shows.

### **RECITAL PORTRAITS**

A new photographer from Kids At Heart Photography will be taking both group and individual recital portraits, for optional purchase at dress rehearsal. Parents are NOT permitted in the portrait area and may not take any portraits with the backdrop. Classes will perform onstage and go directly to take their group portraits. Individual portraits are taken after the group shot and are optional. Portraits will NOT be taken before classes perform onstage. Portraits will be mailed home. Please direct ALL questions regarding portraits to Kids At Heart Photography.

Order envelopes and price lists will be given out to students in class and will be available the day of portraits. It's best to have order forms filled out ahead of time to speed the portraits along.

All dancers may leave when they are finished taking portraits.

### **RECTIALS**

SATURDAY, JUNE 13th 7:00 p.m.

& SUNDAY, JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.

ARRIVAL TIMES FOR DANCERS: 6:15 on SAT. 1:15 on SUN.

**PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN DANCERS MAY COME AT 6:30 SAT OR 1:30 SUN. BUT NO LATER.**

Please have your child come in full costume with hair and make up done unless otherwise specified. Faces get pale under bright lights. Eye shadow, lipstick and blush are recommended. No excessive jewelry (unless it is part of the costume) bracelets or watches permitted on stage. Small stud earrings are permitted. No stickers on shoes or temporary tattoos. CLEAR nail polish only!

**Dancers should bring a water bottle ; dry snacks are permitted, but nothing that stains please. Absolutely NO gum!**

### **RECITAL VIDEO**

The show is being professionally video taped by Bradley Digital this year.

No video cameras are permitted during recital performances; videotaping is ONLY permitted during dress rehearsal. All questions, comments, and concerns regarding the video should be directed to the videographer, NOT MICHELLE OR UMDGC. Order forms will be given out students. Extra copies are available at the studio as well as under the recital link.

### **T-SHIRTS & TICKETS**

Pre-ordered recital t-shirts may be picked up in the lobby at dress rehearsal. A limited amount of extra shirts MAY be available for \$15. Tickets in advance are \$10, Tickets at the door are \$12. Ages 5 and under are free. Payable by cash or check only, NO credit cards accepted. \* If you paid in full by the first day of class in Jan, you must pick up your free tickets by Thurs. June 11<sup>th</sup>. NO tickets will be sold during dress rehearsal.

### **Other Important Info:**

- Due to insurance reasons, and school district policy, ONLY dancers, authorized volunteers and recital staff are permitted backstage during the performances. STRICTLY ENFORCED!
- All dancers will be signed in before coming backstage. Pre-school and kindergarten dancers are encouraged to stay for the entire performance. However, if you wish to come get them, you may only do so during INTERMISSION at the sign in desk. All dancers leaving early must be signed out. Once dancers are signed out, they cannot return backstage for the finale or for any reason.
- Auditorium doors will open to the public no earlier than 6:30 p.m. on recital nights. Parent volunteers are asked NOT to save seats for other family members in advance.
- For the safety of all dancers, NO flash photography is permitted during recital nights.
- To ensure a proper costume fit, NO underwear under costumes w/tights, with the exception of pre-school and kindergarten classes. Please remember all costume accessories AND shoes. No extra shoes will be available to borrow dress rehearsal or recital!
- Please put your dancer's name on ALL belongings that are brought backstage; this includes clothing, shoes, costumes, toys/games etc. UMDGC is NOT responsible for lost/stolen valuables (cell phones, ipods, etc..) The best option is to leave them at home.
- In the event of an emergency, dress rehearsal and/or recital nights, phone the studio and leave a message.
- All dancers, as well as volunteers and staff must abide by all backstage rules and polices, including using respectable language and volume. Please make the recital a positive experience for everyone!

\*\*\*Dismissal this year will be more structured than years before. Dancers will be dismissed with other dancers their own age. Ms. Nicole will give further details both at dress rehearsal and the nights of both shows.\*\*\*

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We cannot wait to show off all the hard work the dancers have put forth to prepare for the recital! Thanks in advance for your cooperation. If you have any other questions, please direct them to Michelle or your instructor.

Sincerely,

Ms. Michelle & Staff