

Hello!

We are just under 2 weeks away from our annual dance recital!! Myself and the dance staff are over the top excited to see all the dancers shine, I know it will be an extraordinary show!

Here are a few final reminders, policies and details that should answer most questions. Please make sure you read all the information below. All recital info, including class specifics (hair, costume, tights, etc..) are posted on the bulletin board at the studio as well as on the UMDGC recital web site.

Both Dress Rehearsal and recitals are at Upper Merion Area High School Auditorium, 435 Crossfield Road, KOP.

This week is the final week of Spring classes, there are no classes the week of June 14th, **UNLESS specified by instructors.**

DRESS REHEARSAL

FRIDAY, JUNE 18th

ALL dancers must attend dress rehearsal in order to perform in the recital.

ARRIVAL TIMES (UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)

ALL PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN CLASSES 5:30 p.m.

ALL OPENING NUMBER DANCERS: Ready to dance at 6:30 p.m.!

ALL OTHER CLASSES: 7:00 p.m.

Please be punctual!

Full costumes are required, make up is optional. If costumes need hemming/altering, please be sure it is done prior to dress rehearsal. Friends/family are welcome to attend dress rehearsal, photos and videos can be taken as well. 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. All dancers must be in the auditorium when not onstage or changing. Dress rehearsal could run as late at 10:30 p.m. for older dancers. Numbers are set in an order to allow for both portraits and costume changes. Be advised you may be waiting to go onstage for an extended period of time. We need everyone there at the same time so if a number needs to be pulled out of order, everyone is present. Dancers may bring things to do as well as snacks/food and eat in the auditorium but OUT OF COSTUME ONLY!

Please Note: Dress rehearsal may be the only time students get to see the other dance numbers, we are unable put a video feed backstage for them to watch the shows.

Instructors will also be rehearsing their recital dance, most likely towards the end of the rehearsal.

PORTRAITS

Classes will perform onstage and go directly to take their group portraits. Portraits will NOT be taken before classes perform onstage. Individual portraits are optional, can be purchased if desired. Parents are NOT permitted in the portrait area.

Order envelopes and price lists will be given out to students in class this week will also 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 or stay to watch the remainder of the rehearsal. Please direct ALL questions regarding portraits to our photographers from Kids At Heart Photography.

RECITALS

SATURDAY, JUNE 19th 7:00 p.m.

& SUNDAY, JUNE 20th 2:00 p.m.

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

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

Dancers should come in full costume, make up is required. Faces get pale under bright lights. Eye shadow, lipstick and blush are recommended. Minimal glitter is acceptable. No excessive jewelry (unless it is part of the costume) No bracelets, watches or SILLY BANDS permitted on stage or in portraits. 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 DVD

The show is being professionally videotaped by Vision Productions. Order forms available at the studio and on the recital web site under other information.

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 UMDGC. Payment and order forms can be turned into UMDGC.

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. during performances only. Tickets in advance are \$10, Tickets at the door are \$12. Ages 5 and under are free. Tickets at the box office payable by cash or check only, NO credit cards accepted. If you paid in full BEFORE the first day of class in Jan, you must pick up your free tickets at UMDGC by Thurs. June 17th. NO tickets will be given out/ sold during dress rehearsal.

Other Important Info:

- In the event of an emergency, dress rehearsal and/or performance days, phone the studio and leave a voicemail message.
- For safety and security reasons, ONLY dancers, authorized volunteers and staff are permitted backstage during the performances. STRICTLY ENFORCED! There are plenty of staff and volunteers backstage to make sure all students are well taken care of.
- Please make sure all dancers eat a substantial meal before performances. Dancers will not be permitted to bring dinner/ full meals backstage.

- All dancers will be signed in before coming backstage. Pre-K and Kindergarten dancers are within the first 10 numbers of the show. Although dancers are encouraged to stay for the entire performance and finale, you may sign them out and collect them at Intermission ONLY. Once dancers are signed out, they cannot return backstage.
- 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. No strollers are permitted in the auditorium. Audience members in wheelchairs are welcome to sit along the aisles. Please allow them to come into the auditorium first.
- 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. Please remember to bring all costume accessories AND shoes. No extra shoes will be available to borrow.
- Please put your dancer's name on ALL belongings. UMDGC is NOT responsible for lost/stolen items/valuables.
- In order to make the recital a positive experience for everyone, all dancers must abide by all backstage rules and policies, including using respectable language and volume.

*** Dancers do not need to be signed out AFTER the recital, and will be dismissed with other dancers their own age. Ms. Nicole will give further details both at dress rehearsal and at both shows.***

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

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