



## Upper Merion Dance & Gymnastics Center, LLC.

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We are SUPER excited for our 7<sup>th</sup> annual dance recital; "Get Up & Dance!"

Please read the important recital information and policies listed below. Although it is lengthy, it includes information for recital weekend as well as some new polices. Dates, times, directions, tights, and accessories, etc. are available on umdgc.com under the dance recital link. Most questions can be answered below or on our recital web site. If you have other specific questions or concerns please ask Michelle or your instructor.

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

### **DRESS REHEARSAL: PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL.**

FRIDAY, JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>

ALL PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN CLASSES: 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

**NEW FOR THIS YEAR! ALL OTHER CLASSES ARE AT STAGGERED TIMES STARTING AT 6:30 p.m. CHECK THE RECITAL WEB SITE UNDER CLASS SPECIFIC INFO OR THE SCHEDULE POSTED AT THE STUDIO FOR ARRIVAL TIMES.**

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/alterations that you have it done prior to dress rehearsal. Dancers should be in the auditorium ready to dance, when called to come backstage. DANCERS, PARENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO WATCH THE OTHER NUMBERS AT DRESS REHEARSAL. PLEASE BE QUIET, RESEPECTFUL, AND COURTEOUS TO THE DANCERS ONSTAGE. WE ARE WORKING TO GET LIGHTS, SOUND & SPACING ONSTAGE CORRECT, SO REHEARSAL CAN BE TIME CONSUMING, PLEASE BE PATIENT.

Dancers may bring snacks/food to eat during dress rehearsal, but OUT OF COSTUME ONLY! If parents must bring siblings to dress rehearsal, PLEASE make sure they are properly supervised at ALL times. Running around in the auditorium or loitering in the hallways is not permitted.

### **RECITAL PORTRAITS**

*Kids At Heart Photography* will be taking both group and individual recital portraits at dress rehearsal for optional purchase. 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 portraits. Individual portraits are taken after the group shot and are optional. Sibling portrait package is also available. Portraits will NOT be taken before classes perform onstage. Portraits will be mailed home this year. Please direct ALL questions regarding portraits to Kids At Heart Photography. Order envelopes and price lists will be given out to students the last week of classes but will be available at dress rehearsal. It's best to have order forms filled out ahead of time to speed portraits along. **All dancers may leave when they are finished taking portraits if they choose.**

### **RECTIALS**

SATURDAY, JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

& SUNDAY, JUNE 19<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.**

BOTH SHOWS ARE APPROXIMATELY 2 hrs and 15 min's INCLUDING INTERMISSION.

If possible, please have dancers 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. Please make sure dancers eat before the recital to sustain energy. We prefer dancers not bring snacks/food backstage.

Unless it's part of the costume, No excessive jewelry, bracelets, or watches permitted on stage. Small stud earrings are permitted. No stickers on shoes or temporary tattoos. CLEAR nail polish only!

**Dancers are strongly encouraged to bring a water bottle. Absolutely NO gum! Once dancers are signed in, they cannot go out to the front lobby until they are either signed out at intermission or the after the recital is finished.**

### **RECITAL VIDEO**

The show is being professionally video taped by *Vision Productions*. 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 available on the recital site soon and extra copies will be 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. Tickets in advance are \$10, Tickets at the door are \$12. Ages 5 and under are free. Tickets at the door, payable by cash or check only. If you paid in full by the first day of your class in Jan, you must pick up your free tickets by Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. NO tickets will be sold during dress rehearsal. A limited number of extra shirts may be sold at the recital.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFO:**

In the event of an emergency, dress rehearsal and/or recitals, phone the studio and leave a message. All dancers, parents, volunteers and staff MUST abide by all rules and polices. Any dancers not complying with any and all rules at dress rehearsal or the recital may be pulled from performances. Please make the recital a positive experience for everyone!

- Due to insurance and security reasons as well as school district rules, ONLY dancers, authorized recital volunteers and staff are permitted backstage on recital days. **STRICLTLY ENFORCED!**
- All dancers will be checked in before coming backstage for the recital. Dancers who have performed in the first act are permitted to leave at INTERMISSION ONLY. All dancers leaving at intermission must be signed out by a parent/guardian. Once dancers are signed out, they cannot return backstage for the finale or for any reason. Dancers performing after intermission must stay for the finale.
- Auditorium doors will open one half hour before show time, no earlier. Parent volunteers cannot save seats for other family members in advance.
- For the safety of all dancers, NO flash photography is permitted during performances.
- To ensure a proper costume fit, NO underwear under costumes w/tights, with the exception of pre-school and kindergarten classes. Please remember to bring all costumes, accessories AND shoes. No extra shoes or tights will be available to borrow dress rehearsal or recital!
- If applicable, older dancers must wear clear strap or strapless bras only. If it's visible you can't wear it.
- Please put dancers' on ALL belongings brought backstage; this includes clothing, shoes, costumes, toys/games etc. UMDGC is NOT responsible for lost/stolen items.

Thank you very much for your continued support. We look forward to a GREAT show!

Miss Michelle & Staff