My Dance Studio, Inc. Presents…"Push it to the Limit"

Friday, June 22, 2018, 7:00 PM
MANDATORY Tech/Dress Rehearsal, Thursday, June 23rd 4:45 PM
Picture Day April 14th 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Recital Information

Recital is coming!! Recital is coming!! Welcome to your "recital packet"! This packet contains a lot of detailed information for this year's recital, "Push it to the Limit". Please review this packet in its entirety as most, if not all, of your questions will be answered in this packet. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and dedication to our dance family; you are very appreciated. The students have been working very hard and are extremely excited to show off what they have been learning all year! Please feel free to stop by the front desk with any additional questions, comments or concerns regarding recital. Thank you!

Recital Tickets
Recital tickets will go on sell, Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 8:00 am and can be purchased at https://www.tututix.com/tickets/. Tickets can also be ordered from the studio's Facebook Page, or via a toll-free call center at 1-855-222-2TIX (1-855-222-2849).

Each family must purchase a minimum of 5 tickets to guarantee all recital expenses are covered. Ticket prices at $16. We are blessed to have acquired such a beautiful theater for our recital so we appreciate your support through ticket sells. If you do not meet your ticket quota your account will be charged an additional fee. Please make sure you note the dancer's name when purchases tickets online so we can guarantee you family is credited for the seats.

You can choose to receive your tickets electronically via email or smartphone, or you can choose to have Tutu Tix's staff print and mail full color, foil-embossed, keepsake tickets directly to you. They even print your dancer's name directly on the tickets! Tickets are mailed out immediately, and usually arrive within one week of purchase.

This is a very exciting family event and a great occasion to get distant family members together for a celebration (and a whole lot of bragging!!) Grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, your dancer's school teacher, friends - your dancer has been learning and training hard all year and all the students are growing very excited for their upcoming performances! Available (if any) upper level seats may be purchased at the door for $15.00

Technical Dress Rehearsal – Thursday, June 21, 2018
NEW VENUE
Waterford Mott High School
1151 Scott Lake Rd. Waterford, MI 48328
Call Time – 4:45 PM ALL Students (Company and opening dance 4:30 PM)
Technical dress rehearsal is just that! Dressed for rehearsal so lighting and staging can be set. Your dancer will arrive in full hair, make up, and costumes and we will perform the entire recital. We know this is a very busy day for all and we stress the importance of being on time. We rent the facility by the hour and have a strict time outline. This is not the time for any unnecessary distractions, eating, excessive playing, etc.

Dress rehearsal is a time to work out any "kinks" before our actual performance on Friday. Please arrive with your dancer's hair in a bun (we realize you may be visiting the salon Friday morning/early afternoon so we do not require a complete professional look to the bun as we do for recital) Please apply your make up just as you will on Friday. Arrive dressed in the costume you will be performing in first and bring your other costumes clearly labeled in garment bags. We now have garment bags on sell at the studio. Please see the front desk. Do not wear your dance shoes outside! Change into your dance shoes when you arrive. **Dancers and Parents must stay for the entire rehearsal.** Dancers under the age of 4 years old will rehearse 1st and can leave once they practice on the stage. Each dancer will participate in a finale and need to stay to rehearse this part of the show. Thank you in advance.

What to pack for dress rehearsal: Costumes, a clear drink (no colored drinks for the children please! This will eliminate any spills on the floor or on and near costumes) dance shoes, and tights.

No Food Allowed!
Sorry, no food allowed at dress rehearsal. Please give your dancer plenty of time to eat a nice meal before coming to dress rehearsal. They will need their energy and no snacks are allowed in the venue. Colorless drinks are ok and may be packed in your dancers bag.

Costumes
Your dancer should have all pieces to their costumes or will receive them soon. (Please refer to costume inventory sheet coming soon)

Alterations-Must be completed by May 21st
This is the time to get your costume out and determine if you need any alterations. MDS has a seamstress that we recommend. Alterations run approximately $10.00 and up. If you need alterations please contact Ms. Theresa, directly. Her number is 248-894-0141.

Tights
Tights can be ordered and purchased from MDS for $15 by May 14th. Tights MUST be **Flesh Tone**. Tights should appear invisible on stage. For select ballet classes, tights must be the Capezio brand in Pink. Tights must be a dance tight with the built in under-brief and not nylons. Please see your dancers instructor or wait for the costume inventory list to confirm tight color.
NOTE: All students participating in **lyrical** classes should purchase **convertible tights.**

Undergarments
No visible undergarments should been seen under costumes. If you require the support, please consider purchasing a clear strapped or strapless nude colored bra. Please no printed bras under costumes! Performers cannot have bra straps showing through or poking out of costumes. Trims & Togs carries a nice line of clear strap bras that that can be adjusted to fit a variety of ways.

Very important parent note! **Please no underwear under tights!!** A "new" dancer may find it strange that we require your dancer not to wear underwear bottoms under their tights during recital performance. Underwear bottoms can be seen when doing certain kicks and leaps, and are VERY visible under stage lights and on the DVD video!! Therefore, **PLEASE**, no underwear during recital! Costumes and tights

completely cover each dancer appropriately. If you have an older dancer who may require underwear that evening, please see a female MDS staff member for suggestions.

Hair

Hair is a slicked back (no flyaways) in a bun. It's a **low bun with a part over the left eye**. No barrettes, headband or beads; however, bun should be secured by a hair net with bobby pins, NOT hairpins. A natural bun can be worn and hair braided flat to the head is acceptable as long as the bun is in the correct location. No loose or individual braids.





Make Up

Stage make up is much different than everyday make up. Make up is generally applied heavier for performances so it will stand out on stage and in pictures/video. For fairer complexions, make-up should be applied lighter. No additional glitter or sparkles should be added. Make up must be completed as listed below.

REQUIRED MAKEUP?

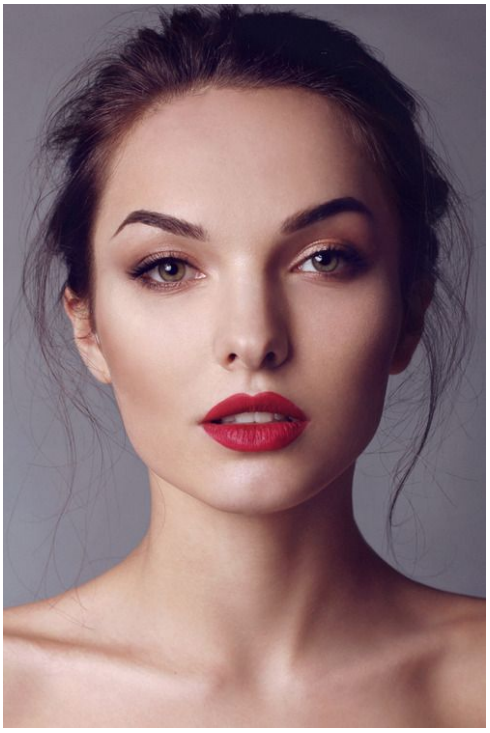
Lips-A flattering fire engine red-no orange or pink tents please

Cheeks-Dark gold, brown or mauve to highlight cheekbone

Eyes-Gold Shadow with brown in the crease; black liner and mascara encouraged

TIPS-1.) Go heavy on the blush 2.) Be sure to fill in eyebrows 3.) Practice before hand☺

Products can by found at Ulta, local drugstores and online.



Nails
No colored nail polish is allowed at recital. You may wear a natural nail, clear coat, or French/American manicure. This applies to fingernails and toenails. Our backstage staff will remove nail polish if dancers wear it.

Jewelry
Unless jewelry is part of your costume, please do not wear any jewelry including rings, necklaces, earrings, hair accessories, ankle bracelets, etc. Non approved accessories can create hazards while performing on stage. Please do not send valuable jewelry backstage. Our backstage staff will remove it if dancers wear it.

Recital night
Friday, June 22, 2018
Dancer Call Time: 6:15 PM
Guests can begin to enter at: 6:15 PM, if you are late your dancer will run the risk of not performing!
Show scheduled to begin at: 7:00 PM

What to Expect on Recital Night

Cell phones, Contact with your child, taking pictures & labeling personal items
We need every ounce of each dancers attention during dress rehearsal and recital. Also, we ask that valuable electronics not be brought backstage. Parent volunteers may bring tablets and portable DVD players for younger students.

Yes! Pack a camera! While waiting between dances, your dancer can capture precious moments behind the scenes. If you only have a camera on your phone PLEASE make sure the phone is on vibrate and we request no texting during rehearsal.

Please talk with your dancer about the importance of keeping track of their items. Costumes and shoes begin to all look the same and can easily be confused with someone else's. Parents, we recommend you write your child's name on the inside of their shoes with permanent marker. You can also mark their costumes on the size tag if you'd like.

What to pack for RECITAL:
Arrive in the costume you will perform in first
Costumes
Accessories
Competition earrings (if applicable)
Dance Shoes
Clear drink
Dry and residue free snacks (ex. Crackers)
Blanket/Sleeping Bags (younger dancers prefer to seat on floor)

Parent note: Chaperones will have coloring books, board games/activities to keep the children occupied back stage. Please do not pack cell phones, ds's, computers, etc. as MDS staff and volunteers are not responsible for such items.

When you arrive by your call time (Please arrive ON TIME!) Enter near the Theater entrance of the school and drop your child off in their assigned room. A volunteer will check your child in at the desk and brought to a "holding area" for the dancers waiting to perform. Dancers will wait with the chaperones until it is their time to perform. (you will have a program to follow so you know when your dancer will perform) After their performance, the dancers will be brought back to the waiting area until the grand finale. After the recital has ended, please make your way to where you dropped your dancer off for pick up. At this time, you can make your way outside for lots of picture opportunities with classmates and teachers.

Recital Etiquette…NO CAMERAS or personal VIDEOS

Please remind your guests of the following recital etiquette ☺

No flash photography! You may take pictures during dress rehearsal only. No cameras, photos of any kind or videos may be taken the night of recital. FLASHES and visible cameras CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO DANCERS PERFORMING ON STAGE as well as a distraction! Please remind your guests of this important rule.

It is very distracting to dancers performing on stage if guests get up and out of their seats. It is also inconsiderate to guests next to you and behind you trying to watch their student on stage. Therefore, we respectfully request that all guests remain seated during performances. It is acceptable to get up and out of your seat, or return to your seat in between performances when MDS Security opens the doors for you. If a MDS volunteer asks you to wait for a moment, please keep in mind they are doing this for the safety of all of our dancers. Thank you in advance.

Recital DVD

Your recital fee included the cost of 1 DVD. You can also order additional DVD's at the recital for $15.00. Generally, DVD's are available 6-8 weeks after recital. We will notify you via email and on Facebook when DVD's arrive. DVD's must be picked up at the studio.

For the comfort of our guests, videotaping is NOT allowed during recital. Please notify your family members and guests attending. If videotaping is occurring during the recital, MDS recital security will ask the guest to stop videotaping for the safety of our dancers and the comfort of our guests. Thank you for your cooperation!

Flower and Candy Bouquets Sales

Flowers will be available for sale at the recital. Bouquets are $8.00 each. Consider purchasing your flowers at recital instead of the florist as we use this as a fundraiser for our scholarship students! Thank you!

Souvenir Booklet

To commemorate our 10^{th} season we will be doing a souvenir yearbook. Every family will get one copy. Additional copies will be sold. Photographers have been and will be at the studio taking group photos. We are trying to have each dancer pictured in at least one photo in the book. In addition we hope that dancers and businesses purchase ads. Please see the souvenir sponsorship sheet. Ads can be an advertisements or well wishes for your dancer.

Recital T-shirts

Your recital fee included the cost of 1 recital t-shirt per dancer. Additional shirts can be purchased for $15 for parents and family. The final date to place an order for t-shirts will be May 10th. The tentative design is below. The shirts are grey unisex crew neck tees.



Recital Volunteers

If you are interested in helping backstage during recital please let us know at the front desk. We need at least 1-2 parents for each class to remain backstage with students for the entire show. Volunteers can watch their child perform from the side of the stage. Volunteers do not need a ticket to the show and should remain backstage with their assigned dancers the entire show. Volunteers should bring blankets and small board games for the students to play with while waiting for their turn on stage. Please remember, you are responsible for each dancer in your group.

Special Note

Dress rehearsal and Recital night are filled with lots of emotions. The dancers are filled with excitement and nerves, parents are frazzled from getting your dancer ready and fed. MDS staff will be working on the program and any last minute emergencies. Therefore, we would like to stress the importance of dancer behavior on these evenings and ask that you remind your dancer about the proper way to behave backstage and on stage. (Teachers will be teaching this in class as well) This is a very fun night for everyone involved however we all work together to have things run as smoothly as possible. If a recital volunteer cannot answer your question, please email Ms. Jenna at jennamds@yahoo.com. Teachers will be very busy on both nights and we respectfully request you do not pull them from what they are working on to ask questions, or attempt to call or text them on these nights. Thank you in advance!

We post many photos and videos on our Instagram and Facebook pages! Not yet a follower? "Like" us today at My Dance Studio, Inc. and follow us @mydancestudioinc. Also, check out our website at www.mydancestuioinc.com. All recital information is listed here as well.