



November 4, 2019

Dates to Remember

Tee Shirt Orders Due	Nov 23rd
Tight Orders Due	Nov 23rd
Ticket Orders Due	Nov 26th
Program Ad/Shout Outs	Dec 7th
Flower Orders Due	Dec 7th
Video Orders Due	Dec 14th
Picture Day	Dec 15th
Dress Rehearsal	Dec 20th @ 4:30pm
Performance	Dec 21st @ 2pm

Hello Dancers and Families,

This is your Holiday Recital Information Packet! Read it carefully and thoroughly and refer to it often. All these information and details can also be found on our studio website MCDAdance.com

Our annual holiday performance is an important part of a dancer's training in the performing art of dance. Students and staff work hard to create an interesting and unique show.

This holiday we will celebrate the magic of the Enchanted Forest with "Winter Wonderland". The dancers will embark on a journey to rescue the rabbit from the Bat Queen.

Picture Day will be at MCDA Studios. The rehearsal and performance will be held at Highland High School. Details are in this newsletter and the attached flyers.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

This is an important event in our dance season and students and staff look forward to sharing our talents with you and our community.

Recital Videos!

"Winter Wonderland" will be professionally video recorded and will be available on DVDs and digital USB/Flash Drive.

Advance orders are encouraged and will save \$5.00. The special keepsake is a valued gift to your dancer.

Pricing: \$35 per DVD or \$30 for digital download when orders are received before December 14th, or \$40 per DVD and \$35 for digital USB after December 14th.

Order forms attached.

Ticket Orders!

Tickets are sold by presale order. Forms are due by November 26th.

Tickets are: \$15.00 in advance
\$18.00 at the door

*Every guest must have a ticket/seat.
No lap sitters please.*

Memory T-Shirts!

Be sure to order your "Winter Wonderland" memory t-shirt. Every member of the cast is listed on the back!

T-Shirt Orders are due by November 23rd. Cost is \$20 per shirt. Fill out and turn in attached order form with payment.

Please check the name list at our front desk to make sure your dancer's name is spelled correctly before they are printed onto the shirts!

**More important details on the back!
Please read :)**

Tight Orders

All dancers will need matching tights for the performance.

Tights offer: *dancers a bit of modesty *a professional leg line
*ensures continuity in costuming

Please remember that tights can fade after laundering. Be sure you dancer has a good quality tights.

See the order form in your packet. Each class will need a specific color and brand of tights. Notes will be listed on the costume picture boards in the lobby.

**Order forms and payment
Due by November 23rd**

Custom Rose Bouquets Available

Cheer your dancer's performance with a custom bouquet of Blue and White Roses.

MCDA brings your order to the theater for you to pick up at the box office BEFORE the performance. Let family know they can order also!

We will have custom note cards for you to fill out at the performance.

**\$15— bouquet of 3 roses
Orders due by December 7th**



Picture Day

Professional Dance Pictures will be taken at **MCDA Studio** on Sunday December 15th! Dancers will have individual and group pictures. Time schedule is attached. It is important that everyone in a class is present for the group photo even if you are not purchasing pictures.

Dancer should arrive at their schedule time, Hair and Make Up done. We work hard to keep the process moving so everyone can get great photos in a timely manner.

Picture order forms will be available the week of December 11th at the front desk. Unique Images has been our studio photographer for 16 years and does a great job for us!

Back Stage Helpers

Back stage helpers are such a valued resource at our performance.

They keep our dancers settled, organized, healthy and safe, plus get them to stage ready to dance their best.

Please consider helping at either dress rehearsal or the performance. You will get to see your dancer perform from the wings and will experience all the magic behind the scenes.

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I also encourage dancers in 4th grade and up to learn to do costume changes on their own. The independence in preparing and taking care of themselves backstage will help them become mature performers.

Helpers in the rooms for older dancers should be focused on room management, not individual dancer management. Helping everyone that might need a hand in a quick change or with a difficult costume piece it what helps us run a smooth and efficient production.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents backstage!

## Costume Details

Costumes are ordered and will arrive in late Nov & early December. I value each dancer and their performance and it is important that we set a high standard from beginning to end. Each costume will be neatly hung, steamed and prepared with instructions before you take it home.

We always need extra help. Please consider giving a few minutes in the next few weeks as costumes arrive and help steam, and organize. We will send emails when we are ready for helpers. Remember many hands make light work.

## Dress Rehearsal

\*\*\*\*This is an important day of preparation for our young performers. Dress rehearsal gives them a chance to get a feel for the quick pace of the show, lights and scenery, and how to manage themselves backstage. Its important to me that dancers get a full, well rounded, professional dance experience during our performances. So many great life skills are learned during these events.

**This is a "closed rehearsal", only staff and one member from each family will be permitted into the auditorium, NO Siblings or extra guests please. Only staff and scheduled helpers and dancers are permitted backstage. Each family will receive a video/photography pass with your ticket order. This will give one family member the opportunity to enter the theater for video or photography.**

We will start at 4:30 for and give each class a chance to have tech rehearsal on stage. We will then have a Finale Rehearsal and then run our show in order with full costumes and lights. Please see the attached schedule as not all dancers will have to arrive at 4:30 and not all dancers will need to stay until 9:30.