

Mid American Studio

RECITAL - Saturday, December 12th, 2009



We are excited to offer our students the opportunity to showcase what they've learned this session in front of a large audience. Youth students have the *option* of performing in the recital. We encourage the students to participate to increase their self-confidence and showcase their talents! You may be asking yourself, "What is involved in order to participate in the recital?". Please take a moment to read over the frequently asked questions below. More specific information will be handed out with costumes in November.

1. When and where is the recital?

The recital will be held on Saturday, December 12th at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Seaholm High School is located at 2436 W Lincoln Street, between 14 Mile and Maple Roads off of Evergreen (also called Cranbrook).

In order to participate, students must be able to attend the dress rehearsal and the recital. It is **mandatory** that the performers attend the dress rehearsal in order to participate in the recital. The dress rehearsal will take place on Friday, December 11th. Students will need to arrive at the Seaholm Auditorium at 5:30 pm for dress rehearsal on Friday. They will check in with Mid American Studio staff members, as well as other volunteers. Parents may choose to stay during the dress rehearsal, or the students can be dropped off for the duration of the rehearsal. We ask that parents are NOT backstage due to the amount of people involved. Students are welcome to bring snacks and water. Mid American Staff members will be supervising the students during this time. Once a student has rehearsed all of their routines, they are free to leave. A line up of the routines will be included with your child's costume in November. Rehearsal should be done no later than 9:00 pm.

For the recital, students will need to arrive at 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 12th at the Seaholm Auditorium. At this time, we will rehearse the final bows with all recital participants. It is extremely important that all students arrive on time. Doors will open for spectators at 5:30, and the show will take place at 6:00 pm. The show should be complete between 7:30 and 8:00 pm.

Students with multiple costume changes will be in dressing rooms. Students who do not require costume changes will be supervised in a general area. This area will include any boys participating in the recital. Students are encouraged to bring games, cards, homework, etc. Parents should not plan on staying back stage during the actual recital. The Mid American Studio staff members will be in the dressing and general areas. We have also arranged for volunteers to help backstage with costume changes, hair and make up, etc. The show moves along very quickly, and the dressing rooms get very crowded when there are parents in addition to all of our performers. ** Please note that 3-5 year old Music, Movement and Ballet students will receive specific backstage details with their costume!

2. What do the students wear?

Students will wear a uniform look, however, the staff members have selected dancewear that can comfortably be worn in the future to class or other fitness activities. Too often studios select pricy costumes that cannot be worn again. Some of the selections include just the costume top, and they may need black pants, blue jeans, etc. This is noted on the attached price list. If there are no additional pieces listed, this means that the costume price includes the top and bottom. Some costumes also have additional pieces included such as hats, leg warmers, suspenders, etc. The attached form has the prices for each of your child's costumes. Costumes need to be ordered by **October 10th** if your child will be participating in the recital. Any questions on costumes and shoes should be addressed at the front desk. If you are in need of shoes or jazz pants for the recital, please be sure to purchase / order them with enough time to ensure that you have them for the recital. Thank you.

3. How much are tickets?

Tickets are \$5.00 per person if purchased in advance, and \$7.00 at the door. They can be purchased at Mid American Studio during the entire month of November. Seating is general admission. Feel free to bring family and friends to see the talent of our students! Video cameras are allowed. Flash photography is not allowed, however, feel free to take photos on the stage at the conclusion of the recital.

4. What is the recital fee?

There is a \$15 *per family* recital fee (if you have more than one child participating, you will only pay one \$15 recital fee). This fee covers things such as the rental of the auditorium; professional sound and light technicians for the recital; insurance for the event; printing of tickets and programs; processing, ordering, and distributing costumes, etc.

Additional information:

Lockwood Media Group will be producing our recital DVD again. Their website is www.lockwoodmediaonline.com. A sample of last year's recital can be seen in the parent waiting room in upcoming weeks. Order forms for DVD's will be included with your child's costume, and will also be available at the recital.

THE ATTACHED FORM NEEDS TO BE TURNED IN
NO LATER THAN **OCTOBER 10th**
IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RECITAL.

Please turn in the form marked 'no' if you are not participating.

To make sure that all students that intend to participate are accounted for, we will contact anyone who we do not have a form for.

Please help us to avoid calling by returning this form in a timely manner.

Thank you! We are looking forward to the remainder of the session with your child!

REMINDERS

Join us for Parent Viewing Week during the last 15 minutes of class during the week of October 12th.

**There are no youth classes during the week of
THANKSGIVING, Tuesday, Nov 24th – Saturday, Nov 28th**