



### Recital Details

**Dress Rehearsal & Recital: Saturday, December 9, 2017**

Your child's costume(s) were handed out or will be handed out as they come in. These are your costumes, and you are welcome to make any necessary alterations. *After the recital*, students are free to wear their costumes to class or as they please. Please put your name on each piece of your costume. Your original Costume Order Form indicated whether or not you'll need to provide any additional items, such as proper shoes, black pants, tights, etc. This info is also available on the "Downloads" page of our website, titled "Costume Details". If your child needs any of these items, please get them as soon as possible to avoid last minute issues if items become out of stock.

For both the dress rehearsal and the recital, students will need to be dropped off at the *AUDITORIUM ENTRANCE* of:

**Novi High School**

**24062 Taft Road, Novi, 48375**

(The auditorium entrance is closest to the 10 Mile entrance of the school)

***Dress rehearsal is MANDATORY. If a student is not at the dress rehearsal, formations will be adjusted to ensure the best performance for everyone involved. There are no exceptions to this rule.***

### **KNOW YOUR 'BOW LETTER' & ROUTINE NAME...**

When the Recital Line Up (order of the show) is released, it will include a column listing each class's BOW LETTER. We ask that students remember this letter so they line up correctly for the final bows. ***If your child is in more than one routine***, they bow with the LAST routine they perform with (this includes MAS Company members). This will all be practiced at the dress rehearsal. Please make sure that your child knows the name of their routine(s), as our staff members will be calling off those names backstage to line up for the performers. NOTE: PreBallet classes will bow separately and do NOT need to remember a bow letter.

### **ARRIVAL TIMES FOR PERFORMERS...**

#### ***PRE-BALLET (AND PREBALLET+TAP) ONLY:***

Please arrive for dress rehearsal promptly at 1:20pm on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and wait with your child in the lobby to the left of the stairs. We will escort all Pre-Ballet students in groups backstage to practice bows, and the routines for each of these classes. Afterwards, teachers and classroom assistants will take all students to their backstage area to await the start of the recital. Students will be chaperoned backstage at all times. You may pack a backstage bag for your child (containing light, non-messy snacks, books, games, etc.), but we recommend you pack lightly as your child will need to carry the bag backstage herself. During the recital, these students perform their bows before intermission. After their bows are complete and intermission has begun, please have one parent come on stage to pick up your child and her belongings from backstage.

#### ***ALL OTHER STUDENTS (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes and up)***

Please arrive for dress rehearsal promptly at 11:45am on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. We will run the final bows first, so ALL students must arrive ready to perform at 11:45am. Please be on time. Upon arrival, students should report directly to the auditorium and look for their bow letter, which will be taped to the ends of the rows. Find your bow letter and take a seat with all of your belongings, then wait for further instructions from our staff. Following bows, we will rehearse each class's routine. When your dances are finished, you should take your belongings with you to your dressing area to await the start of the show. After the recital is finished, students should collect their belongings from their backstage area, then meet family and friends in the lobby.

## PARENTS:

**Parents may sit and watch in the auditorium during dress rehearsal, but are not permitted backstage due to the large amount of people involved.** Please be assured that your children will be supervised backstage by Mid American Studio staff and volunteers at all times. The auditorium must be cleared at 1:30p so that we may finish our final preparations for the show. You may wait in the lobby until the auditorium opens for the audience at 2:00p.

### ***“May I leave and come back between rehearsal and recital?”***

Due to the short amount of time between the two, **students will not be permitted to leave the premises between dress rehearsal and recital.** We suggest you eat before you arrive. You are welcome to send a light, non-messy snack with your child to take backstage. Please note: because parents are not permitted backstage, any extra items (snacks, backpacks, etc.) must be brought with the performer upon arrival to dress rehearsal. Avoid any foods that may spill or stain your child’s costume. We suggest pretzels, water, fruit, cheese sticks, granola bars, etc. If your child will be eating in their costume, please pack them a zip-up/button-up shirt (to avoid pulling clothing over their hair and makeup) or an oversize t-shirt for them to wear to protect their costume from food messes.

## **COSTUMES, HAIR, & MAKEUP:**

**All students should arrive to dress rehearsal and recital in full costume, hair, and makeup for their first performance.** The purpose of dress rehearsal is to get students familiarized with the stage, and for the sound and lighting technicians to prepare for the actual show. It is crucial that dress rehearsal be taken just as seriously as the actual show.

See our “Recital Hair and Makeup” handout (also available online) for detailed instructions. Please have your performer in stage makeup at your discretion; we ask that all female students are wearing silver/gray or brown eye shadow, red or pink lipstick (something brighter and more bold than their natural lip color), and **have their hair in a bun**. Supplies for putting hair into a bun (bobby pins, bun forms, hair nets) are available for sale in the Spirit Shoppe. We will also post a bun tutorial on the bulletin board and via email. Please plan ahead and note that undergarments should not be visible while in costume (i.e. colored bra straps, underwear, etc.). Shoes are a part of the uniform costume look; therefore students **must wear the required footwear in order to perform** in the recital.

There are mirrors available backstage. Staff members and volunteers will be available to help with make-up and hair touch-ups, but not full make-up application or hair styling.

We suggest putting your last name in all costume pieces and belongings to avoid lost or misplaced items.

## **SPECTATORS:**

Spectators may enter the auditorium beginning at 2:00pm and the recital will begin at 2:30pm. **All seats are assigned. See the Ticket Order Form for more info.**

## **AFTER THE BOWS: When and how to reunite with your performer...**

During the recital, all Pre-ballet students will perform in the first half of the recital. They will do their own special “Pre-Ballet Bows” at the halfway point of the show, and we will then take a short 10 minute intermission. One parent of these students should report to the stage to pick up their child during intermission (after the Pre-Ballet Bows), then proceed backstage to collect their belongings. You may leave after intermission, or purchase a ticket for your student to sit in the auditorium to watch the remainder of the show. Tickets are not required for children sitting on a parent’s lap.

**\*\*Only parents of Pre-ballet students are allowed backstage during intermission.\*\***

All other students must stay backstage for the entire recital. After the final bows, students 4<sup>th</sup> grade and younger will remain on stage. We ask that one parent meet their child at the entrance to the stage, and take them to their backstage area to collect their belongings. Students 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up may meet their parents in the lobby *after* cleaning their backstage area and gathering their belongings. Remind your child to clean up their area in the dressing room when they are done, as well as keep track of their costume(s), make-up, etc.

## PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY...

Each family will receive a copy of the recital DVD, as it was included in your recital fee. DVDs can be picked up at Mid American Studio during regular business hours. If you have not picked up your DVD by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, it will be assumed that you do not want your copy. You will be notified by e-mail once the DVD's are available at Mid American Studio.

Photography (no flash, please) and video-taping are allowed at both the rehearsal and recital. Please be courteous to those around you—no stands or tripods are permitted.

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We are looking forward to our 21<sup>st</sup> Recital, and are very proud of all our performers. Please contact [Natalie@pompon.com](mailto:Natalie@pompon.com) or (248)477-5248 if you have any questions.

**Thank you!**

## Recital Checklist

### BEFORE the Recital Day, be sure you've...

- ✓ **Gathered your recital make up**, complete with lipstick, eye shadow, etc.
- ✓ **Checked 'Costume Notes' online** to see if you need to bring any extra items on your own (tights, pants, etc.)
- ✓ Purchased the **required footwear** for your class.
- ✓ Tried on your costume. Will you need to find any **undergarments**?
- ✓ Memorized your **bow letter**.
- ✓ Memorized the **name of your dance** (as listed on the attached Recital Line-up).
- ✓ Purchased your **tickets!** See the **Ticket Order Form** for details. Anyone who wishes to sit in an auditorium seat at any point during the show (including performers) will need a ticket.

### RECITAL DAY CHECKLIST: Please bring the following items to the recital...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes for each routine               | <input type="checkbox"/> Full costume (top, bottom, & any extra pieces) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undergarments                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety pins                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair ties, bobby pins                | <input type="checkbox"/> Hair spray and/or hair gel                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-messy snack (if needed)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cover-up shirt to wear when eating             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make up (eye shadow, lipstick, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cover-up to stay warm in dressing room.        |

