



RECITAL & DRESS REHEARSAL: Dec 9, 2017 *Frequently Asked Questions*

We are excited to offer our dancers the opportunity to showcase what they've learned this session in front of a large audience on a *real* stage! Students are not required to perform but are strongly encouraged for their own benefit. Participating in the recital builds self-confidence, character, and team and communication skills (with peers and adults). Besides the experience being fun and inspiring, observing the other dancers at the recital will also deepen your child's understanding and appreciation of the art.

Before you decide whether or not to perform in the recital, please take a moment to read over the frequently asked questions below. More detailed information will be handed out with costumes in November.

1. When/where is the recital?

Dress Rehearsal AND Recital:
Saturday, Dec. 9th, 2017
Novi High School Auditorium
24062 Taft Road
Novi, MI 48375

TENTATIVE schedule*:

11:45am	Students are dressed (in costume) and ready in auditorium.
12-2pm	Dress Rehearsal. We begin with final bows (all dancers), and continue practicing each routine in recital order.
2-2:30pm	Students return to dressing rooms and wait for show to begin.
2pm	Doors will open for spectators.
2:30pm	Recital begins. Show will end at approx. 4:00-4:30p.

***PreBallet (& PreBallet/Tap)** students need not be present for all of Dress Rehearsal. Specific times will be provided with your costume.

PARKING: Please use the lot by the tennis courts. Walk to the circular drive entrance and the auditorium entrance is on your left.

In order to participate, dancers **MUST** attend Dress Rehearsal AND the Recital. A lineup of the routines will be included with your costume in November. We will begin dress rehearsal with the final bows (involving ALL students), then run each dance in order. It is imperative that students arrive on time so they do not miss their rehearsal. Parents can choose to sit in the auditorium for the rehearsal, or can simply drop off their students. Due to the number of people involved, parents are asked **NOT** to go backstage. Staff members will be present in every backstage area to supervise students and assist with bathroom trips, hair/makeup touch-ups, etc. You may send your student backstage with snacks, water, coloring books, games, etc., but they must bring it backstage themselves.

During the show: Students with multiple dances will be in dressing rooms to the side of the stage. Students who do not require costume changes should come fully dressed for their routine (costume, hair and makeup), and will be supervised in a general area. This area includes any boys performing in the recital. Students are encouraged to bring snacks/activities along, and our staff will also facilitate a "show and tell" of each routine. Students get to perform their dance for the group and watch the other dances as well. It's a great chance to practice and bond with their classmates!

2. What do the dancers wear? Do I need to buy any extra attire?

Dancers will wear a uniform costume look. We strive to select costume items that are affordably priced and can be comfortably worn in the future for class or other fitness activities. Please see the attached Costume Order Form for specific costume pricing and additional items needed for each class. Most costume pricing includes a full top and bottom, but some classes will purchase only a top and must provide the specified bottoms on their own (black jazz pants, for example). **Any items in the "Also needs" column of the order form are NOT included in the costume price and must be provided by the student.** Many "Also needs" items (including shoes, tights, and jazz pants) can be purchased in our Spirit Shoppe. If you need to purchase any "also needs" items, please be sure to purchase or order early enough that you'll have it in time for the recital.

In order to participate in the recital, Costume Order Forms must be turned in (complete with all measurements and payment) no later than September 30th. **Costumes ordered after the deadline will have an additional late fee to cover individual shipping/handling, and will only be ordered once the costume company has confirmed that we will receive it in time for the recital.**

3. How much are tickets?

Tickets are \$8.00 per person and should be purchased in advance. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door for \$10. Your recital fee includes 2 recital tickets, and you will have the opportunity to add more tickets (at the \$8 price) to your order at a later date. **More info regarding ticket sales will be distributed in October.**

4. What is the recital fee?

There is a \$45 per family recital fee (if you have more than one child participating, you will only pay one \$45 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. The Recital Fee also includes TWO tickets (per family) to the recital. See #3 ("How much are tickets?") for more info.

Also included in your Recital Fee is a DVD of the full Recital, produced by Pask Video Productions! In past years, the DVD was sold separately for \$30 in addition to the recital fee. We have negotiated a fantastic rate by doing it this way and are able to provide every student with a wonderful memory of their performance(s). You will receive an e-mail notice (also posted on Facebook, Twitter and our website) once DVDs are in the studio and ready for pick up. It usually takes less than 2 weeks for them to be delivered here. **We will continue stocking DVDs until February 1st. After Feb 1st Recital DVDs will no longer be available, so please claim yours as soon as possible!**

DEADLINE: SEPT 30, 2017

THE ATTACHED **COSTUME ORDER FORM** NEEDS TO BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN **SEPTEMBER 30th** IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RECITAL.

Please turn in the form marked 'NO' (upper left corner) if you are not participating.

To make sure that all dancers who intend to participate are accounted for, we will contact anyone who did not return a form before the deadline. 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

Important Dates:

- **10/31: Halloween**, NO YOUTH CLASSES. Make-up date is 11/21.
- **Parent Week: 11/13-11/18**
- **11/22-11/26: Thanksgiving Break**, NO YOUTH CLASSES.

Stay Informed → Follow us online!

News and updates are shared via: e-mail, handouts, our in-studio bulletin board, website, Facebook and Twitter. We recommend you follow **at least one online source** to get the most up-to-date information.



Facebook.com/MidAmericanStudio



@MidAmericanStu



www.midamericanstudio.com