

2012 Dance Recital Information

Dear Parents and Students,

The Macomb Township Parks & Rec will be providing the dance students with an exciting performance opportunity on June 9, 2012. The recital is an annual staple of the dance program. It's a rite of passage for dancers, a chance to shine in front of family and friends!

For the fifth year, students from the Macomb Township Parks & Rec dance program will join with students from Manda's Rhythm & Dance for a full recital experience. The recital offers our students a professionally directed performance that allows them to present to their families and friends the results of a season of hard work, dedication, and progress.

A big part of dance training is learning through performance. Performance opportunities can help contribute to children's success in non-dance related activities too. The performance experience helps build self-esteem and self-confidence.

The rehearsal and class process is a tremendous learning experience as well. It helps the children develop retention skills, and by working with their classmates on a group performance, they learn the positive aspects of working as a team to create the best end result.

We work hard to make the dance experience organized and fun. Please read the following dance recital information thoroughly.

Important Recital Dates:

January 21- 26: \$55 costume payment is payable to the instructor on the first day of class. Measurements will be taken so that the proper size is ordered.

March 5- June 9: Recital tickets on sale. \$14.50 each.

May 20: Picture Day at the Rec Center

June 6: Dress Rehearsal at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts

June 9: 3:30pm and 7:00pm Recitals at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts (Each class will only participate in one show.)

Costumes:

Each class will have a matching recital costume. \$55 includes the cost of one costume and a pair of tights. Each student will be measured for their costume on the first day of class. A picture of the costume will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the dance room after the costumes have been ordered.

Dress Rehearsal:

Participation in the June 6 dress rehearsal is mandatory. The dress rehearsal allows the students to become familiar with the auditorium and to feel comfortable with the performance. Lighting, music cues, and staging are rehearsed to make the best show possible. Dress rehearsal will begin at 5:00pm and start with the youngest students. Each class will be given a time slot so that it's not necessary to be at the entire dress rehearsal. One parent may accompany each dancer to the dress rehearsal. Non-dancing siblings and guests will not be permitted.

Recital:

We are thrilled to be using a professional venue this year. Our recitals and dress rehearsal will take place at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts at Macomb Community College, located in Clinton Township at Garfield Road and M-59.

Each class will participate in one show, 3:30pm or 7:00pm. We will do our absolute best to get siblings in the same show. We will list the schedule on the bulletin board in February.

At the recital, a female guardian should check in the student and they will then be under the supervision of the class mom(s). Parents or guests are not allowed in the dressing room after the children have been checked in. Students will remain backstage for the entire performance. Please do not attempt to pick up your child during the performance. All students will be under the supervision of a responsible adult and will be safe for the length of the performance. The dressing rooms will be stocked with various activities as well as a video feed of the performance.

Family members and friends are not permitted in the backstage areas during the rehearsal or recital, including during the intermission and before and after the show. There is a lot of backstage activity in a limited space, and dressing areas are private areas for the safety of our students. Those who wish to greet performers after show may do so in the lobby after dancers have been checked out.

Tickets to the recital will go on sale March 5 and cost \$14.50 each. A ticket order form will be distributed in class and you must mail the form in to order tickets. Tickets will then be distributed in class. Tickets are the only required purchase.

Flowers, recital t-shirts, and other souvenirs will be available for purchase but are not required.

Recital Photos:

Class photos will be taken on Sunday, May 20, at the Rec center. Times will be posted as they are available. All students should be present for their class picture and in costume. After the group photo, students may choose to have a solo picture taken. There is no obligation to purchase photos.

Recital DVDs:

A professional video company will be on hand to capture our recitals. The DVD will be available for purchase.

Video and Photography:

The use of any video or flash photography is strictly prohibited inside of the auditorium during the recitals. It is very distracting to other audience members and dancers on stage. Security guards and ushers will be on hand to monitor the auditorium.

Volunteer Information:

Class mothers are needed for each class to supervise the dancers and keep them safe and accounted for. Class moms do not need a recital ticket and will be able to watch their children perform from the side of the stage. They are responsible for making sure that each child is in proper costume, shoes and accessories, is backstage at the right time, and returns to the appointed dressing room after the performance. If there are too many volunteers for one class, some may be asked to work with children from another class.

A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the dance room. Each class requires at least one room mom.

The Recital is for Everyone!

When everyone puts the children first, the recital experience is one they'll never forget. We appreciate your compliance with the rules and guidelines and we hope that the annual recital will be as fun and exciting for you as it is for all of our staff. Thank you for working with us to create a memorable education experience through performance! We look forward to a great dance session!

For any questions, please direct them to Manda Moore at 586-791-3343 or manda@mandasdance.com.