

"For The Love Of Dance" Spring Showcase 2023

For 39 years Dance Unlimited has provided students with an exciting performance experience through its Spring recital. The recital – that annual staple of the dance school – conjures images of childhood and Americana for many. It's a rite of passage for thousands of youngsters, and a chance to shine in front of family and friends that the dancers anticipate with nervous excitement. The recital offers our students a professionally directed performance that allows them to present to their families and friends the results of a year's hard work, dedication, and progress.

For This Year's Performance...

We are moving this year's performance back to the Warren Area High School stage ~ and keeping the same setup as last year's recital. If this year is your first recital with us, basically it will take place over the course of a week with your dancer/family only having to attend one of those recitals (unless you have multiple dancers!). How that setup works = All of our "Little Dancers" and adv. beg. level programs: Twinkletoes, Pre-K, Kinderdance, Combo 1, Combo 2, & Combo 3, will perform **during the week on the day that they would normally attend class.** Each of these Mon-Thurs performances is expected to last 20-30 mins.

The Combo 4, Performance & Competition Team will showcase **Friday**, with an expected performance time of 1 hour. The Middle School, High School and Dance Express Program will perform 1 show on **Saturday**, with an expected performance time of 2 hours.

Each dancer is allowed to bring as many guests as they would like! No limited seating this year. Entry is by Donation (no tickets needed) ~ you will see dancers taking donations upon arrival in the lobby of auditorium. We thank you in advance for all donations given ~ it takes a lot of work to put on a recital and many behind-the-scenes expenses...we're just so excited we are able to offer "donation to enter" so SO many people are able to attend to watch your dancer.

I've created this guide in an effort to clarify the setup of the recitals, answer all questions one may have, and what to expect from our dancers and families in terms of commitments and responsibility to the annual recital.

****There will be NO Dress Rehearsal, so Dancers must attend last 2 classes to be in their Showcase.**

2023 RECITAL WEEK ~ For The Love Of Dance

Arrive at **Warren Area High School** wearing your costume, dance shoes/add'. costume pieces in dance bag. For weekday shows = doors open 10 mins. before your recital time. For weekend shows = doors open 30 mins. before recital time. Guests enter thru front auditorium doors; Dancers arrive thru side door. Guided videos will go home, & everything will clearly be marked! All shows are Donation.

Tuesday, May 2nd

5:15pm showtime for Tuesday's Twinkletoes

5:45pm showtime for Tuesday's Pre-K

6:15pm showtime for Tuesday's Combo 1

7:00pm showtime for Tuesday's Combo 2

Wednesday, May 3rd

5:30pm showtime for Wednesday's Kinderdance

6:15pm showtime for Wednesday's Combo 1

7:00pm showtime for Wednesday's Combo 2

Thursday, May 4th

5:15pm showtime for Wednesday's Twinkletoes

5:45pm showtime for Thursday's Kinderdance

6:15pm showtime for Thursday's Combo 1

7:00pm showtime for Thursday's Combo 3

Friday, May 5th

7:00pm showtime for Monday's Combo 4 AND
Dance Express Performance Team & Competition Team

Saturday, May 6th

1:00pm Dress Rehearsal for Monday's MS/HS Dances

4:00pm showtime for Monday's MS/HS Classes =
= Ballet/Lyrical, Lyrical, Jazz/Funks, Taps, Pointe
AND Dance Express Performance & Competition Team

Sunday, May 7th

2:00pm Dance Express Company ~ Competition Team

Monday, May 8th

5:15pm showtime for Monday's Twinkletoes

5:45pm showtime for Monday's Pre-K

6:15pm showtime Monday's Kinderdance

DANCE RECITAL

Dancers will be met by a teacher at BACK Side DOOR off of Auditorium 10 mins. before Performance time for **weekday performances.** (Doors will be CLEARLY marked!) And 30 mins. @ back door for **Friday, Saturday, Sunday performances.** All parents/guests will enter thru the MAIN FRONT DOOR of Auditorium. *One parent should take/drop-off young dancers at Back side Door Entrance. You will get/pick-up dancer after performance in the Auditorium House where Miss Molly will release one at-a-time with their belongings. Weekend performers will be able to come out to see guests in Theatre House after performance, but will have to exit via back stage door with their belongings. **No parents backstage.**

Family members and friends are NOT permitted in the dressing rooms during the recital. Please remind your family and guests to be respectful of these areas. Those who wish to greet performers after the show or present flowers may do so after the recital in Auditorium house, but please be mindful if there's a performance after you.

Costume / Make-Up

As crazy as it sounds, Dancers should arrive to perform in their first costume & tights, fully dressed! Save your dance shoes though and bring those in your dance bag. Weekday show dancers will enter thru back side door with their bags and we will help them get in dance shoes, etc. Weekend performers will enter thru back door & go to their Dressing Room with their dance bag/garment bags.

A touch of makeup can help any dancer SHINE on the stage. A little blush, mascara, and red lipstick is certainly appropriate.

ALL dancers hairstyle requirement is a High Bun ~ Dancers with short hair must pull their hair away from the face and slick it down. A paper went home before pictures, follow that paper for correct tights, wearing of accessories, etc.

Any ?'s, don't hesitate to email: mddudance@gmail.com

Performances will all take place at:

Warren Area High School Auditorium

345 E. Fifth Avenue
Warren, PA 16365

*ALL dancers enter thru Back Side Door
*ALL Parents/Guests enter thru Main Front Doors

Dressing Rooms

Dressing rooms will only be available for students who will be dancing on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. **NO NON-DANCERS ARE PERMITTED IN DRESSING ROOM.** No Moms. No friends. No one other than dancers! *since hair styles are staying the same, the only thing dancers have to change is their tights and costumes. There will be helpers if help is needed. Students must respect other students' space and property in the dressing rooms. As the dressing rooms will only be available for the older dancers, it is the dancers' responsibility to keep them organized and clean. **No food or drink is allowed in the dressing rooms.** With the shows not being as long, there won't be a lot of downtime in the dressing rooms ~ activities may be brought to keep entertained but, at the risk of owner!

Arrival Times for Dance Recital

"Little Dancers" (Twinkletoes, Pre-K, Kinderdance, Combo 1, Combo 2, & Combo 3) have their dance recital during the weekdays ~ Monday thru Thursday ~ and should arrive with their recital guests only 10 mins before performance time. Dancers should arrive fully dressed in costume, all ready to go, with dance shoes & extra costume pieces in dance bag. One Parent should take/drop-off DANCER AT BACK Side DOOR of WAHS Auditorium. They will see Miss Molly and assistants, where they will lead them to stage to get dance shoes on. While parents/guests will enter THRU MAIN FRONT DOOR of WAHS Auditorium. We help dancers with shoes/costume pieces if need be. Dancers only enter thru BACK Side DOOR; Guests/Parents enter thru MAIN FRONT DOOR. When short performance is over, Miss Molly will release dancers one at-a-time (just like normal class) inside the Auditorium House. You'll clearly see Miss Molly over on side of stage ~ one parent come to get dancer. (So you do not have to go back outside to back side door.)

The weekend (Friday thru Sunday) Dancers may begin to arrive 30 minutes prior to performance time and DANCERS enter THRU BACK DOOR. (guests will enter thru main front door) Dancers may arrive in their first costume or change into costume upon arrival. Dressing Rooms will be marked. They should have all proper dance shoes in dance bag along with all costume pieces in a garment bag.

SEATING / TICKETS

There is no limited seating this year!! ALL our welcome to any recital/show! There are no tickets for shows, entry is by donation. The more the merrier! Weekday performances= Please only arrive 10 mins. prior to your time session, as people in show before you will need time to leave.

Audience Etiquette

Enthusiastic applause is encouraged; however, it is never appropriate to scream out a child's name or yell in any way. Please be mindful of Theatre rules and respect for the Theatre. Because we present a professional performance, we ask that everyone remain seated during the entire performance. If you do leave the performance area during the show you will be allowed to exit and re-enter only between dances. This rule is strictly enforced; please do not create a disturbance in regard to this policy.

Children must remain seated for the entire performance. If you think they will have a hard time remaining seated during the performance, please do not bring them to the recital. Allowing children to run around or otherwise disrupt the performance is not fair to other audience members. Parents who bring infants to the performance should quickly exit the performance area if the infant begins to cry or create a distraction for the audience.

The use of flash photography is strictly prohibited during the recital. It is important that you pass this policy on to your recital guests (all the information, really). You may video record your child's performance. A collaboration DVD of the whole recital will be for sale for \$25.

Please remember to turn off all cellular phones and all electronic devices.

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When everyone puts the children first, the recital experience is one they'll never forget. We appreciate your compliance with the rules and guidelines in this brochure and hope that the Molly Dies Dance Unlimited annual recital will be as fun and exciting for you as it is for all of our staff & dancers. Thank you for working with us to create a memorable educational experience through performance for all of our students. We know it may "look" different this year, but it will not "feel" different! We will go above and beyond to make an awesome recital showcase experience for you all!

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Dance Express Company will be selling Flowers, Popcorn/ Water, trinkets, etc. in the Lobby during each show.

Photo Buttons may be purchased prior to recital via email: mddudance@gmail.com. Same for PROGRAM ADS.

Dancers will receive their Recital T-shirt & Program Book at the Recital on-stage presentation.

Questions? Email Molly @ mddudance@gmail.com

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Molly Dies' Dance Unlimited 2023 Recital Guide

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MOLLY DIES' SCHOOL OF DANCE 2023
39TH ANNUAL DANCE UNLIMITED RECITAL



@Warren Area High School Auditorium

This holds SO much information it's AMAZING!!! Read, read again...refer to, keep close by! Many changes happening this year ~ but all for the good and it's going to be AWESOME!!!
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