

“The Freedom Of Dance” Spring Showcase 2026

For 42 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...

This year we are back on the Warren Area High School stage ~ and keeping a similar setup as last year's recitals. If this year is your first recital with us, basically it will take place over the course of a few days 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* & Adult Level will perform once **during the week on the day that they would normally attend class.** Each of these Mon-Weds. performances is expected to last an hour to an hour and a half. The Combo 2*, Combo 3, Combo 4, Middle School/High School Level, and MDDE Performance Team & Competition Teams will showcase **Saturday**, with an expected performance time of 2.5 hours-ish.

Tickets will be \$10.00 and can be pre-purchased online (website to be released in March) or Cash at door. Each dancer gets 2 FREE VIP guests, there will be no paper tickets for the VIP guests, they will check-in in VIP area ~ which is the middle lobby doors (will be clearly marked). All ticketed guests do not have to print tickets, they can be scanned off of phones. All Current Dancers can attend any show at no charge!

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. Please be sure to read over carefully :)

ON STAGE LAST WEEK OF CLASSES!

ALL DU Classes will meet ON STAGE at WAHS during normal class time the **week of: April 20th.** Instead of meeting at studio, go to HS Auditorium, where normal class will be held. One parent may sit in back of auditorium for class, if they would like. Enter thru front glass auditorium lobby doors.

2026 RECITAL WEEK ~ The Freedom of Dance

Arrive at **Warren Area High School** wearing your costume; in dance bag = dance shoes/add'l. costume pieces. For weekday shows = doors open 30 mins. before your recital time. For weekend shows = doors open 60 mins. before recital time. Guests enter thru front auditorium doors; Dancers arrive thru backstage door. All will be clearly marked, pictures/video will be posted to website & social media. Each dancer gets 2 VIP free guests (check-in in lobby middle door) to their show. General Admission for all other guests = \$10.00. Tickets will be available for purchase ONLINE ahead of time or Cash at the door. The Online Ticket Link will be emailed out and posted on social media.

2026 RECITAL participation Schedule:

Saturday, April 25th @ 2:00pm

Combo: 2*, 3, 4, Middle School/High School Level, & MDDE ~ Performance Team & Competition Team

Sunday, April 26th @ 3:00pm

MDDE Competition Team

Monday, April 27th @ 6:00pm

Monday's Twinkletoes, Pre-K, & Kinderdance

Tuesday, April 28th @ 6:00pm

Tuesday's Twinkletoes, Pre-K, Combo 1 & Adult Level

Wednesday, April 29th @ 3:45pm Wednesday's Private Lesson

Wednesday, April 29th @ 6:00pm

Wednesday's Kinderdance, Combo 1 & Combo 2*

**Combo 2 dancers will have the option of either being in the Saturday show OR the Wednesday show. You'll pick in February.*

We will once again be holding multiple smaller recitals this year. SATURDAY'S show will hold our dancers in Wednesday's Combo 2*, Thursday's Combo 3, Monday's Combo 4, Monday's Middle & High School classes and MDDE Performance Team & Competition Team dancers. SUNDAY'S show will be the MDDE Competition Team's full dance repertoire. MONDAY, TUESDAY, & WEDNESDAY will be smaller shows with that night's classes grouped together along with Comp Team dances to give a full night of entertainment!

DANCE RECITAL

Dancers will be met by a teacher at BACK DOOR of Auditorium 30 mins. before Performance time for **weekday performances.** (Doors will be CLEARLY marked!) And 60 mins. @ back door for **Saturday and Sunday performances.** All parents/guests will enter thru the MAIN FRONT DOOR of Auditorium. *One parent should take/drop-off young dancers at Back 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 Auditorium House after performance, and then can go backstage to get belongings to exit via Auditorium House. **No parents or non-dancers/teachers backstage, please!**

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.

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 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. A paper will go home before pictures (with costume/tights), 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 be only be available for students who will be dancing on 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 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 I, Combo 2*) have their dance recital during the weekdays ~ Monday thru Wednesday ~ and should arrive with their recital guests only 30 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 DOOR of WAHS Auditorium. They will see Miss Molly and assistants, where they will lead them to backstage to get dance shoes on. While parents/guests will enter THRU MAIN FRONT AUDITORIUM DOOR of WAHS Auditorium. We help dancers with shoes/costume pieces if need be. Dancers only enter thru BACK DOOR; Guests/Parents enter thru MAIN FRONT DOOR. When performance is over (about an hour), 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 door.)

The weekend (Saturday & Sunday) Dancers may begin to arrive 60 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. 2.5 hr. Show.

SEATING / TICKETS

\$10.00 general seating for all Guests! Tickets can be pre-purchased online (website to come) or Cash at door. Each Dancer gets 2 FREE VIP Guests to their show, no paper tickets ~ they will check-in middle lobby door upon arrival. All Current Dancers can get in ANY show at no charge.

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). 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 Comp Team 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 Program Book the LAST week of classes and their Recital T-shirt @ the Recital when they're done dancing. All dancers come back on stage for a "parade of dancers" at end of each show. Little Dancers released one-at-a-time from the stage.

Questions? Email Molly @ mddudance@gmail.com

Website: www.mollydiesdance.com

Molly Dies' Dance Unlimited 2026 Recital Guide



This holds SO much information it's AMAZING!!! Read, read again...refer to, keep close by! The more you read, the more you know! :)
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