Molly Dies' Dance Unlimited
2021 Recital Guide

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!!!
Keep Calm & Dance On EVERYONE!

"KEEP CALM & DANCE ON" Spring Showcase 2021

For more than 35 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, a chance to shine in front of family and friends that they 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...

Like many other aspects of life, our dance recital has been effected by Covid-19. It is essential that we maintain all current health and safety protocols. As such, we have structured the recital to move to the Warren Salvation Army (311 Beech Street) and take place over the course of a week. All of our "Little Dancers" and beginner level programs: Twinkletoes, Pre-K, Kinderdance, Combo I, Combo II, Ballet/Tap I, Jazz I, & Combo III 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 Elementary level program: Jazz II, Jazz III, Ballet II/III, Tap II/III & Sapphire Dance Express will showcase on Friday, with an expected performance time of 1 hour. The Middle School, High School and Elite Dance Express Program will perform 2 showtimes on Saturday, with an expected performance time of 2 hours.

Each dancer will be permitted only 2 Guests to their performance (MDDU siblings may come as an additional guest to their sibling's recital). We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but this is how it will have to be. You will be permitted to record your dancer and send to anyone you wish! You will also be able to purchase a compilation DVD of the whole week long event for $25. There will be NO Admission fee to the performances.

We know there are many changes this year, and we thank you for your flexibility and understanding. We've created this guide in an effort to clarify what we expect from our dancers and families in terms of commitments and responsibility to the annual recital.

<u>**There will be NO Dress Rehearsal this year, so Dancers must attend last 2 classes to be in their Showcase.</u>

RECITAL WEEK SCHEDULE

*instead of having class this week, you will meet only at Salvation Army for your Showcase Recital Performance!!!

Monday, May 17th

5:00pm showtime for Monday's Pre-K

5:45pm showtime Monday's Kinderdance

Tuesday, May 18th

5:00pm showtime for Tuesday's Combo I

5:45pm showtime for Tuesday's Twinkletoes

6:30pm showtime for Tuesday's Pre-K

Wednesday, May 19th

5:00pm showtime for Wednesday's Twinkletoes

5:45pm showtime for Wednesday's Kinderdance

6:15pm showtime for Wednesday's Combo I

7:00pm showtime for Wednesday's Combo II

Thursday, May 20th

5:00pm showtime for Thursday's Kinderdance

5:45pm showtime for Thursday's Ballet/Tap I, Combo III & Jazz I

6:45pm showtime for Thursday's Pre-K

Friday, May 21st

6:00pm Elementary Dancers ~ Jazz II, Jazz III, Ballet II/III, Tap II/III & Sapphire Dance Express

Saturday, May 22nd

1:00pm & 4:00pm Middle School/High School & Ruby & Emerald Dance Express

Sunday, May 23rd

4:00pm Dance Express Company

DANCE RECITAL – Week of May 17th

Dancers will be met in the lobby by their teacher or teacher's assistant. Audience members may enter thru lobby, either 5 mins. before for weekday performances, or 10 mins. before during weekend performances and then proceed to the performance area, the Gym.

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 the gym area where the dancers will return to. We will have a photo-station setup for this. Please do not walk on dance floor.

Each dancer will receive TWO tickets to the recital. There will be No Admission fee. Due to the limited tickets, performances can be filmed and shared with other friends and family members. We will also have a compilation DVD of the week-long event for sale for $25.00.

Costume / Make-Up

As crazy as it sounds, Dancers should arrive to perform in their first costume! Save your dance shoes though and bring those in your dance bag. Weekday show dancers will go to their blue dot with their dance bag and extra costume pieces. Weekend performers will go to their Dressing Room with their dance and 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 (except Twinkletoes 2 low ponytails) ~ Dancers with short hair must pull their hair away from the face and slick it down.

We will go over costume pieces, accessories, and how that all works later ~ recital tights are given in April. Recital T-Shirts will be give at the Recital for Finale!

<u>Performances will all take place at:</u>

The Salvation Army
311 Beech Street
Warren, PA 16365

*Everyone will enter through the main office doors.

Dressing Rooms

Dressing rooms will 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" that dance during the weekdays (Monday thru Thursday) should arrive with their recital guests 5 mins before performance time (just like normal class time). Dancers should arrive in costume all ready to go with dance shoes & extra costume pieces in dance bag. Dancers will enter and go to a blue dot, where they will then put on proper dance shoes and get ready to change costume pieces if their dance requires that. The weekend (Friday thru Sunday) Dancers may begin to arrive 30minutes prior to performance time. They 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.

Due to limited seating, we request that audience members arrive no more than 10 minutes prior to the performance time for weekend performance, and no more than 5 minutes ahead of time if it's a weekday performance, and adhere to all Covid-19 mandates, which may include wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing as much as possible. *Only 2 guests per dancer (MDDU siblings may come as an additional guest, not included in the 2, to sibling's recital)

Again, we recognize that this year's recital will be very different from previous years. We are doing our very best to make sure the dancers and the audience members are safe, while still having an amazing and memorable experience!

Audience Etiquette

With the need of a different setup this year, no stage access or lighting, audience will be closer and on the same level of dancers. We are prepping our dancers for this, but know it can be distracting (especially to our little ones) for the dancers. Please be mindful of this.

Each dancer will be allowed to bring 2 Guests. We apologize for the inconvenience but it is just the way it has to be this year. You may video your dancer and send to those guests that are unable to attend. There is NO admission fee. (MDDU siblings may come as an additional guest)

Enthusiastic applause is encouraged; however, it is never appropriate to scream out a child's name or yell in any way.

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. 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. 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! Program Ads will come out next, as well as breakdown for Picture week, in-studio Pictures, week of April 12th! Enjoy the journey!
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