



## **Recital 2016 Handbook**

- Everything you need to know about recital and events leading to recital –

### **Important Dates to Remember:**

Detailed explanations of each of these events are enclosed in the handbook

**T shirt Order Forms Due: Fri April 15**

**Class Mom Forms Due: Fri April 15**

***Senior Pictures and bio due: Friday May 6***

**Ticket Sales: online reservations begin Sunday May 15**

**Picture Days: Friday May 6 and Saturday May 7**

**Last official day of classes: Saturday June 18**

**Dress Rehearsal Days: Tues May 24-Thurs 26 (see assignment form) \*\*\*no regular classes these days**

**Recital: Saturday May 28 at 10, 2:00 and 6:30**

## **Recital T-shirts and Class Mom information:**

- **Deadline Friday, April 15th**

### **T shirts**

Each year we create a t shirt that depicts the theme and date on the front and each and every dancers name on the back. By mid-March we will be posting a listing of all of our dancers performing. Please be sure you or your dancer checks to be sure their name is there as well as proper spelling. In order to guarantee before recital delivery please be sure your order form is into the office with payment by Friday April 15. Please print form found in the Recital Center of the website

### **Class Moms-deadline Friday April 15th**

In order to successfully perform a show we need the help of several moms to be Class Moms. What does this involve? Watching your child's class before and after they have performed and getting them to the stage area when needed (don't worry we give you direction). If your form is into the office by the deadline of April 15 **you will be eligible for \$10 MHDC bucks to be used for summer or fall.** We will have a meeting to review all you need to know on Friday May 6 at 7pm. This meeting is not mandatory, but helpful. Form is available in the recital center of the website.

## **Senior Picture/Bios and Ticket Day:**

### **Senior Picture/Bios deadline May 6**

Each year we display our graduating seniors for all to see as they enter the auditorium. In order to put our display together we will need a picture of you (can be as small as wallet or up to 5x7) as well as a brief bio about how long you have been with MHDC, your favorite MHDC memory and what your future plans are-ie: college attending and anticipated major if you know or the kind of work you may be pursuing.

## **Ticket Sales Kickoff-reserve your tickets online starting Sunday May 15!**

New this year!!! Tickets will be reserved on line-no more waiting in line!! You then pick up next time you are in at the office! We will accept only cash or checks for ticket purchases. Please be watching for a newsletter with additional login information and start time for this day!!!

### **Commonly asked questions...**

**Why do we need to purchase tickets?** For many of you who may be new to dance recitals-you may wonder why this is not part of your annual tuition. The cost of tickets covers the rental for Stockbridge Theatre, stage lights, lighting technician, sound system, sound technician, stage hands, security and much more.

**Ticket Cost:** \$21 for general seating, \$23 for preferred seating.

**Do we need tickets for our younger children coming to see the show?** Any child 5 or under that can sit on a lap will not need to purchase a ticket.

**Is there a limit to how many tickets we can purchase?** You will only be able to purchase 12 tickets at a time

**What if we are in need of handicapped seating?** Please notify Michele at [mhdcdance@comcast.net](mailto:mhdcdance@comcast.net) no later than May 10. Handicapped seating are those who are in a wheelchair.

**If my child/children are in 2 different shows do I need to purchase tickets for both?** If you have one child (or 2) that were assigned to 2 different shows with no other options you will receive complimentary tickets for the second show-this would have been listed on the show assignment sheet. If you have one or numerous children taking multiple classes-yes, you will need tickets for both-or even better you could volunteer to be a class mom for the second show. Please note we try our

best to get all classes in one show, but with over 500 dancers it is virtually impossible.

## **Picture Days: Friday May 6 and Sat May 7-at MHDC**

During these days we will be taking pictures of our classes in recital costumes. Please refer to the Recital Center on our website for the schedule. **Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to your scheduled time in costume** (note: when you receive your costume you will have a checklist that includes how hair and accessories are to be worn). You will also have the option to have your child individually taken (or siblings). To do this you will need to arrive early to do so or plan to stay after as the group photographer and individual pictures are shot in different rooms. You need not pay any money this day. There are no regular classes this day as the dance rooms are utilized for pictures. If your dancer will not be able to make it that day please let us know so we are not waiting for you to arrive. Pictures taken this day will be available at your dress rehearsal (in the foyer) for you to see. At that time you decide if you choose to purchase. They are sold in sheets much like Picture People. They will have a group available for each dancer in the class-this is a great keepsake.

## **Dress Rehearsals:**

**Tuesday May 24, Wednesday May 25 and Thursday 26- all are held at Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy**

Enclosed you will find the schedule for dress rehearsals. In general, most dancers attend only one dress rehearsal. So, please be sure to find your dancers' class on the schedule posted on the websites Recital Center.

**\*\*\*Important**-this is the day you can take all the pictures and videos of your dancer-**no picture taking or videos** are allowed at the performance.

**What to expect at dress rehearsal:** Dancers will need to arrive and report to their assigned dressing room (this will be noted on their costume checklist) and be ready in costume and with hair done 20 minutes prior to assigned time (makeup is optional this day-depends on what you would like for your onstage pictures). \*\*\*Be sure to leave plenty of time for traffic and parking. Dancers will be brought to the stage to perform their number. In general, dancers will walk through their routine without music first and then with music. If the teacher is satisfied, they will be brought back to the same dressing room for you to pick up. At this time you are done-you can expect us to be within 10-15 minutes of this assigned time-we generally do not run behind unless dancers arrive late. So, please help us to stay on time. \*\*\*Don't forget to see your pictures from picture day available in the foyer.

## **What To Expect Recital Day-Saturday May 28**

Please arrive **no less than 30 minutes before your show time** with your dancer ready in costume, hair done and with makeup (female dancers' only-see below for specifics). Your dancer and a female (best if it is the same person who brought the dancer on dress rehearsal day) will be allowed into the main auditorium area to go to the dressing rooms-the same as they were assigned for dress rehearsal. All other family members may find their seats (will open 45 minutes ahead of show time) or if it is a beautiful day wait outside. Because your dancers' safety is the most important thing, we have a security system in place. Our youngest dancers are housed in Dressing Room A and B -parents will be given a pick up bracelet when your dancer is dropped off to be shown to the class mom at pick up time. Once your dancer is settled, we ask that you also find your seat. This day will be a bit more chaotic than dress rehearsal as all dancers will arrive at the same time and not on a staggered schedule. Therefore, the sooner we can settle the dancers the better.

**Makeup:** Each female dancer should wear the following. Eye shadow- either purple or brown tones, blush, lipstick red or deep wine, mascara and eyeliner. For our younger dancers who may not sit still for this, start with blush and lipstick. Why do we have the dancers wear makeup? The stage lights white out faces.