



## 2025 RECITAL HANDBOOK

RECITAL SCHEDULE Mt Pleasant High School, 1155 S Elizabeth St, Mt Pleasant, MI, 48858

Friday May 16 4:30 -6:30 Dress Rehearsal Show A (please check for your dancer's time slot!)

Friday May 16 6:30-8:30 Dress Rehearsal Show B (please check for your dancer's time slot!)

Saturday, May 17 2:00-3:45 (approx.) Saturday Show A

Sunday, May 18 2:00-3:45 (approx.) Sunday Show B

### SATURDAY/ SUNDAY SHOWS \* 1 hour and 45 minutes (approximately)

We try to keep our shows short, sweet, and FUN! Each show will feature different levels and genres of dance. There will be no intermission. Dancers will stay backstage for the entire show. Older MPSD dancers and adult volunteers will help with costume changes so parents can enjoy the show! Performing dancers must be to the theatre early to ensure they are ready for curtain! Please check the SHOW ORDER for your dancer's class(es) to know which show they will be featured in!

### DRESSING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS –For all rehearsals and performances:

- Stage Right Dressing Room - Claire, Skyler, Addeline, Olivia, Sofia, Lesley, Andrew, Alivia
- Stage Left Dressing Room - Francesca, Val, Allison, Aniston, Sam, Gigi, Solarah, Teagan
- Choir Room - All Other Dancers
- Band Room - Adult Dancers

\*Dancers using Dressing Rooms may leave items overnight as the spaces will be locked.

Please, no exceptions to the designated students in dressing rooms. It's important to avoid the hurt feelings "exceptions" will cause. We are VERY FORTUNATE to be able to use the spaces we have!!

NOTE: Dancers who need to change in the dressing rooms should have a nude leotard to wear under their costumes. This allows for modesty and eliminates any potentially concerning situations. If you do not have a change, a nude leotard is NOT necessary.

Costumes should be hung on railings in the Choir room or over chairs. NOT placed on the floors or hung over bags or benches.

NO PHOTOS may be taken in any of the Dressing Rooms.

### RECITAL TICKETS

WHEN: Monday, April 14, 2025 @ 1pm!

WHERE: Online at [recitalticketing.com](http://recitalticketing.com) or day of show at the door–cash only!

WHAT: Cost \$16 per person for all shows. (Tickets must be purchased for each show!)

If you have special seats in mind please purchase them ahead of time as tickets are all reserved seating! You are also welcome to purchase tickets at the door the day of the show with cash (no credit cards or checks accepted on show day!) If you have questions, contact Andrea at MPSD.

## PICTURE DAY SCHEDULE

WHEN: Saturday April 12th

WHERE: Mt Pleasant School of Dance

WHO: Guys and Dolls Photography

- Wear clean, hole free tights, shoes, have hair pulled back neatly into a bun, and tasteful make up if desired.
- Dancers should not wear tattoos, nail polish, or jewelry.
- You can order all your pictures the day they are shot with Carrie from Guys and Dolls Photography!
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## HAPPY ADS:

### **Order Happy Ads and Flowers:**

Take the stress out of show day by having your dancers' flowers ready and waiting!

[Happy Ad Order Form Link](#)

- Recognize your dancer with a Happy Ad or Personal Program Photo!

RECITAL 2025 DIGITAL DOWNLOAD is now available for pre-sale purchase!

**Pre Order your video using this form:** [2025 Spring Recital Video Order Form](#)

- You can watch the recital on any device, tablets, phones, computers and some smart TV's
- You can download the video whenever you want
- An option to purchase a USB drive is available as well.

## MERCHANDISE ORDER (DUE BY APRIL 13!)

**Recital T-shirts and studio apparel** [Recital Merchandise Link](#)

## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

**Saturday May 17: Show A**

**Sunday May 18: Show B**

**Dancers Arrive: at Noon for each show.** Dancers enter through the auditorium entrance, to the right of the main entrance. To reduce congestion, only 1 adult should accompany younger students to check-in.

**On Stage warm up: 12:30-1:30pm** Warm up as a group will be given by MPSD instructors during the first 30 minutes. Classes that need additional time will be able to use the stage to rehearse for the remaining 30 minutes.

**Auditorium Open: 1:30** No students in auditorium in costumes at any time during performances.

**Recital Begins: 2:00pm Saturday and Sunday**

No parents except predesignated volunteers backstage. Feel free to send your younger dancers with something to keep them occupied (ie tablet, book, crayons, coloring books. Please NO MARKERS or PENS, these have damaged costumes in the past!). Please meet dancers in the lobby after the concert for pictures!





## SPRING RECITAL SHOW A - SATURDAY

Opening	Adult Hip Hop
Creative Movement (Thurs)	Modern
Pre-Tap	Mini Movers
Tap III	Ballet III
Musical Theatre I	Jazz IV
April Come She Will	U Can't Touch This
Proud Mary	Wannabe
Eleanor Rigby	Bye Bye Bye
Vienna	Senior Solo - Claire
Pointe II	Lyrical III
Senior Solo - Andrew	Ballet IA
Hip Hop I	Variations
Tap I	Jazz II
Girls Just Want to Have Fun	Thunderstruck
Neutron Dance	Diamonds
Whip It	Landslide
Teachers	Bohemian Rhapsody
Ballet V	Finale





## SPRING RECITAL SHOW B - SUNDAY

Opening	Beg/Int Teen Ballet
Creative Movement C (Mon)	Jazz I
Pre-Ballet	Tricks/Tech
Contemporary	Teachers
Ballet II	Senior Solo - Claire
April Come She Will	U Can't Touch This
Proud Mary	Wannabe
Eleanor Rigby	Bye Bye Bye
Vienna	Ballet IB
Creative Movement B (Wed)	Ballet IV
Ballet VI	Lyrical IV
Tap II	Thunderstruck
Hip Hop III	Diamonds
Girls Just Want to Have Fun	Tap V
Neutron Dance	Adult Tap
Whip It	Landslide
Senior Solo - Andrew	Bohemian Rhapsody
Jazz III	Finale



### DRESS REHEARSAL

Friday, May 16th: Show A Dress Rehearsal beginning at 4:30pm, Show B Dress Rehearsal beginning at 6:30pm. Please be READY to go at these times, not running into the theater.

ALL IN COSTUME, ALL IN MAKEUP AND HAIR DONE, ALL ON STAGE. Each class will have a chance to come onto stage in show order and walk through their dance with the instructor and then run their dance with music.

WEAR COSTUMES FOR DRESS REHEARSAL for us to set lights, and check costumes, and for dancers to get used to dancing in costumes.

- Professional photographers are taking pictures – be in full hair, make up and costume for them!
- Dress rehearsal is the only opportunity for most students to see other dances on the stage. Watch your friends dance!
- Use designated dressing rooms, and go straight to the auditorium, ready to dance.

ALL DANCERS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE BEGINNING OF DRESS REHEARSAL EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT SCHEDULED TO BE ON STAGE UNTIL LATER. We are often able to move ahead of schedule and need all dancers in costume and ready !

Dress Rehearsal	Call Time
SHOW A (Saturday Show)	Friday May 16, 2025: 4:30-6:30 pm
SHOW B (Sunday Show)	Friday May 16, 2025: 6:30-8:30 pm

- Please arrive 10 minutes before your child's call time listed above.
- Please sign your child in at "dancer drop off". Your child will be with MPSD staff backstage during their rehearsal time. Your child MUST BE SIGNED IN AND OUT. This is for the safety of the dancers and we take it VERY seriously.
- Please do not enter the theatre – this is a **CLOSED** rehearsal. Dress rehearsal is closed to ALL parents except designated volunteers.
- Dress rehearsal is mandatory for all dancers participating in the recital. It is imperative that all dancers have the opportunity to be introduced to the stage.
  - Absolutely no jewelry, colored nail polish or stick-on tattoos are permitted to be worn during the rehearsal or the show.
  - We are not responsible for any lost items.
  - Please Note! Tights are considered an undergarment. Additional underwear should not be worn under tights as they will show under the costume.

### END-OF-YEAR REMINDERS

May 5th 9th — Last Week of Classes

May 12-16th — Make Up Week (Any classes cancelled by the studio will be made up during this week.)

- Proof read the rough draft of the recital program at the entrance to the studio for any errors in your dance or name. Make corrections on the program please.
- Make sure your dancer has the appropriate tights and shoes for their costume! (Listed below)



- Check Lost & Found ☺
- Check your dancer(s) progress!

### COSTUMES

Please make sure your child has the proper color tights and shoes for their costume:

- **Creative Movement (A/B), Mini Movers, Ballet Dances**- pink tights, pink ballet shoes (girls). Black leggings and black shoes for boys.
- **Beg/Int Teen Ballet** - Black tights, black ballet shoes
- **Tap Dancers**- tan tights, black shoes
- **Jazz Dancers Levels I and II** - tan tights, beige slip-on jazz shoes
- **Jazz Dancers Levels III and IV** - Convertible tan tights and half soles
- **Contemporary / Lyrical**- convertible tan tights, half-sole shoes
- **Musical Theatre I** - tan tights and tan jazz shoes
- **Hip Hop** - black or neutral colored tennis shoes with tan tights

### Helpful Hints:

- Be careful not to lose accessories, hair pieces, belts - they are impossible to replace. **DO NOT PLAY IN OR WEAR COSTUMES PRIOR TO REHEARSALS!** Keep them nice for pictures, rehearsals, and shows.
- STEAM wrinkles out (in hot steamy bathroom), or **LIGHT COOL IRON WRONG SIDE CAREFULLY** with a barrier item such as a thin towel or sheet. Hang to keep neat.
- Hang tutu skirts **UPSIDE DOWN** from crotch fabric, to keep fluffed out, and up.
- Write out the order of your dances if you have more than one dance to plan your costume changes. Including color of tights and accessories you need.
- Wear a nude leotard under your costume for quick changes!

Young dancers (in Level II and lower) should arrive at Mt Pleasant High School in their first costume with makeup and hair done!

### STAGE MAKE-UP

Parents, help younger children. Stage makeup is similar to street make-up, just a little more pronounced. **BLEND!** You need to be seen from the balcony, and the amount of light directed on you is extremely bright and will wash out your features. Do not share make-up (especially mascara and liner) without clean or disposable brushes/q-tips. You should invest in your own; sharing make-up also shares bacteria. Older students should practice and learn how to apply their own make-up. Younger students, try to learn, too! We will have people to **HELP & CHECK** your make-up, but don't rely on them - there isn't time for them to do everyone! Do makeup at home, then bring it with you for touch ups.

Here are some hints and items you should have:

- Blush, in a color which complements your coloring.
- Powder shadows - in natural colors (bronze, etc) no blues or greens. Maybelline and others offer great "kits".
- Eyebrow pencil, eyeliner, mascara - brown (fair haired) or black (dark haired).
- Moist lipstick - clear red shades (bronze for boys)
- Brushes, q-tips and/or throw away sponges for applying make-up, & a box of soft tissues and/or baby wipes.
- Bring plenty of supplies for your hair; bobby pins, coated rubber bands, clips, spray. Scrunchies don't hold!
- No glitter make-up unless directed for the entire class for a specific dance and costume look.

### HAIR

All hair should be up, beautifully pulled away from the face.. This is a wonderful opportunity to have dancers' hair



done for this special occasion! Short hair can be done nicely by braiding hair away from the face. Preference is to have all hair UP, off the neck. But short styles need to be cleanly pulled back from the eyes, especially. Help your dancer so their hair is NOT a distraction during their special time on stage!

### EXPECTATIONS FOR Mt Pleasant High School

It is because of your help and responsibility that we can use the MPHS Auditorium.!

- ABSOLUTELY NO CHEWING GUM in the school!
- Always WALK in the halls and in the auditorium. No running.
- No tap dancing on the tile floors! Tap on stage only.
- No wandering around the High School. You should be either in the dressing room or auditorium at all times.
- Leave all costumes and dance bags in dressing rooms.
- Have names inside costumes & shoes! Each year costumes are taken by mistake
- No student should leave the building until his/her belongings are packed and any trash is disposed of.
- NEVER TOUCH ANY STAGE ITEMS - curtains, lights, props, equipment, or anything else!
- NO ONE ON STAGE, or touching anything on stage before, during, or after any rehearsals or performances! The High School has charged studios in the past for damages to equipment, which is VERY costly!

### PHOTO & RECORDING INFO

ABSOLUTELY NO RECORDING (video or still) during PERFORMANCES.

It is dangerous for dancers; it is incredibly distracting and rude to other audience members; it is not allowed in ANY theater. Please be considerate of all audience members and our show and do not use cameras or phones during performances!

Note: You cannot post photos of other people's children on Facebook or any other social media site without their permission. Your MPSD registration contract serves as a photo release for your child only for photos and video taken for or by MPSD, not private individuals.

ANY PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS (anyone taking photos to sell or distribute in any way) MUST GET PERMISSION FROM MPSD PRIOR TO REHEARSAL WEEK to take any photography.

### MPSD FALL CLASSES

Fall class schedule and dancer placement information will be sent home with students in their folder the last week of classes May 5-9th.

**FALL REGISTRATION OPENS May 5th**

#### 2025 Company

The Nutcracker Reimagined  
Auditions will be on

Sep 7, 2025

More information to come!

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To register and for more information regarding  
Summer/Fall Classes visit our website:

<https://mpschooldance.com/>



