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# SPRING RECITAL SURVIVAL PACKET

**IMPORTANT- **DO NOT LOSE THIS INFORMATION.** YOU MUST READ ALL CONTENTS OF THIS PACKET IN ORDER TO SURVIVE THE RECITAL EXPERIENCE!**

| RECITAL (dancers 5+) | DRESS REHEARSAL (5+ Only) |
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| **Sunday June 11th 3:30 pm**<br>**Arrive at 2:30 pm for drop off / doors for seating will open at 3:00 pm** | **Friday June 9th 6:30-9:00 pm**<br>**Arrive at 6:00pm** |

MFA STUDIOS
Around The World
Spring Recital 2023

It is with great pleasure that we welcome your participation in this year's Spring Recital Performance **MFA Studios Around the World**.

We strive to produce a performance/recital that is a glimpse of what the children have learned throughout the year and an opportunity for you to join them in their accomplishments. This packet of information serves as an important communication with parents. We appreciate the opportunity to share this special event with you and your family.

**Where:** Riverbend High School **12301 SR-620**
**Fredericksburg, VA 22407**

**Dress Rehearsal:** THE DRESS REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY. We will work very hard to ensure that the dress rehearsal process is enjoyable and stress-free; however, it is always the most difficult part of the show. For some this will be the first "rehearsal experience for many children and parents so there are few things you can do to prepare yourself.

** **We do not allow parents to watch while running the dress rehearsal****

**IMPORTANT: Please arrive fully dressed, hair in Bun on the crown of their heads , and make-up (blush, mascara, eyeliner, and lipstick), and ready to perform.** If you have more than one costume, come dressed in the first costume that will dance. Please allow for traffic. Due to time constraints we will not be able to wait for dancers or re-run dances if a dancer is missing at dress rehearsal.***You may leave dress rehearsal immediately following the completion of your child's routine unless in multiple classes.***
**Frequently asked questions and general rules:**

1. **Who supervises the children backstage?** All classes of dancers ages 8 and under are supervised by an Adult parent/Teen volunteer or teacher during the entire run of the show. The volunteers are responsible for all dancers while they are backstage. All parents must sign their child in and out of the backstage area.

2. **What does my child do backstage?** They will play games, read stories and watch dance videos. Dancers will leave the dressing room to go on stage to perform.

3. **Does my dancer need to stay for the entire show?** Children in the first act can be dismissed at intermission. All other Children will be a part of the finale bow.

4. **Where do I Pick up and Drop off:**
   Children will be Dropped off/dismissed from the dressing area once the parents sign the child in/out.

**Recital Tickets: Tickets are available at https://buy.tututix.com/MFAStudios**

**Recital Flowers: Flowers are available at https://buy.tututix.com/MFAStudios**
Flowers & Special gifts will also be available for purchase at recital

**SHOW DETAILS**:
LENGTH:
Each recital lasts approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. At the end of each show, there is a large finale where all performers take a bow and MFAStudios staff members are introduced. Performers should plan on staying backstage for the entire performance.

**ARRIVAL:**
**Performers should arrive one hour before the show**. Have hair and make-up done BEFORE you arrive. There will be a sign-in sheet located at the drop off entrance. Only designated volunteers and performers will be allowed backstage during the show until after the finale.



**WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING:**

- DANCE SHOES – double check that these are in your bag!
- costumes (if in more than one number)
- extra tights (in case of a run)
- bottle of water (no colored drinks please)
- Crackers or cookies without dye or coloring
- a game, toy, book, etc
- wet wipes to clean any sticky hands (you don't want to get your costume dirty!)
- stain remover wipes (just in case!)
- hair brush, hair ties, bobby pins, hair net
- sweater shirt or jacket to keep you warm between performances
- Label ALL costume pieces, leotards, tights, shoes, and any miscellaneous items with the performer's name and deliver to assigned area in an organized manner, ready for costume changes. Be sure that all costume pieces AND shoes are marked with the performer's name. No jewelry (except wedding bands) or nail polish may be worn. Underwear should not be worn as tights have a cotton lining that serves as a substitute.
- If the performer is in multiple dances, please make sure that individual costumes are organized with all accessories, tights, and shoes. Ziploc bags are great for keeping costumes clean and organized. Students should wear tan tights and pull pink tights over the tan tights as needed.

**Tights will be for sale at the Studio & Rehearsal prior to the event.**

**MAKE-UP:**
Stage lights wash out performers. We recommend using heavy make-up including red lipstick, pink blush, eye shadow, mascara, foundation, and eyebrow pencil for light eyebrows. NO nail polish – not even clear or light pink!

**HAIR:**



**Should be worn in a bun for all classes**.
Fairy Ballet Can be worn in any style the parent is comfortable with.




**PICTURES AND VIDEOTAPING:**
It is distracting to the audience and dangerous to performers when the auditorium lights are down.

**BACKSTAGE ETIQUETTE:**

NO switching dressing rooms or assignments.
NO touching anyone else's personal property.
NO locking dressing room doors.
BE QUIET when not on stage.
Make sure your things are together labeled with the performer's name.
DON'T go behind the stage without being called by the runner.

**QUESTIONS:**

**Call us at 540-693-5286 or e-mail us at Info@mfastudios.com**

**This is an event that you and your child will remember**
**make it a fun and happy Memory**!

Hello! Thanks for your interest in helping out this year!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RECITAL**
(If you have a child in High School that needs community Service Hours this is a perfect opportunity!)

**JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

**USHERS:** Will seat ticket holders to their seats and hand out programs

**MULTIPLE CHANGE DRESSING ROOM ATTENDANT:** (1 adult woman per class)
Stays in dressing rooms. Helps with changes, supervision, and organization. Required at rehearsal. Good for those who want the performers to look their best. Four (4) hours maximum per recital.

**BACKSTAGE RUNNER:** (2 adults dressed in all black per recital)
Moves mats and gets performers from dressing rooms to stage. Required at rehearsal. Good if you like to be VERY active and in the wings. Must wear all black. Four (4) hours maximum per recital.

**BACKSTAGE MOMS:** Your job is to supervise your specific class during the dress rehearsal and the show. Dancers 5 years and younger are picked up during intermission therefore the backstage volunteer may leave as soon as all students are dismissed.
IMPORTANT! Backstage volunteers usually can only watch the class perform from the side of the stage since they need to be with the class for the entire time before the show and then assist with the dancers after they perform. Parents ARE allowed to pick up their kids during intermission; Tip: bring fun; quiet things to keep your kids busy (i.e. iPads, iTouches, coloring books and crayons, memory games, go fish cards etc.) This will make them happy and your life easier!

**CONCESSIONS:**
Help sell baked goods, flowers and drinks to recital patrons and performers.
Pre-performance: If you are signed up to help prior to a performance, please meet at the concession table one hour prior to the show. Anyone signed up for intermission concession sales must come out to the concession stand 1-2 numbers BEFORE intermission starts! If your dancer happens to be in one of those numbers, please just rush out as soon as possible! This is a short 20 minute, fast-paced job.

**SIGN IN/OUT ATTENDANT**: This Volunteer will help check in students prior to show, and help check out students during intermission and at dismissal.

**Concession Supplier:** We are allowing “volunteers” to “donate” select items in lieu of volunteering for a job. These donations will help repair the studio over the summer, new equipment and keep us running through the summer months for the New Year. Please bring one of the following:

- water, soda, juice boxes etc.
- small bags of chips, cookies, fruit snacks etc.
- cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.

**Bathroom Runner:** This Volunteer will bring children to the bathroom prior to running rehearsal and show. (We do not wipe or change diapers) Hand washing is the only assistance we can give.

**Recital Box:** These boxes have all emergency and go to items for the show to run without complication. This person will handle any costume issues that arise at dress rehearsal and show.