



Recital 2019 Information Packet

Dear MPD School of Dance Parents,

We are so excited for our 5th annual Spring Recital! This year's theme is "Blast from the Past". **The show will be held at Lake Park High School West Campus in Roselle on Saturday, June 1 at 3:00pm.**

Please read the information in this pack very carefully and be sure to add all the dates and times to your family's calendar. All schedules and details included are very important. Well-informed parents can help the performance season run smoothly and be less stressful for everyone! All of this info will be on the Medinah Park District website and the Innovation Arts Connection website as well.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ Recital CD Orders Due: Friday, March 22
- ✓ Sweetheart and Mom's Dance Registration Due: Friday, March 29
- ✓ Opening Number Registration Due: Friday, April 12
- ✓ Last day to order recital t-shirts: Wednesday, May 1
- ✓ Tickets on sale: Friday, May 3 at 9:00am
- ✓ Last day to sign up as Backstage Volunteer/Stage Helper: Friday, May 17
- ✓ Last day to order Program Ads: Friday, May 17
- ✓ Last day to order Recital Flowers: Friday, May 17
- ✓ Dress Rehearsal #1 and Picture Day: Wednesday, May 29
- ✓ Recital: Saturday, June 1, 3:00pm
- ✓ Ice Cream Social: Wednesday, June 5, 6:00-7:00pm

COSTUME INFORMATION

- **COSTUMES**—Costumes should NOT be worn for any reason except for Picture Day, Dress Rehearsals and Recital Day. Costumes CANNOT be replaced if damaged or lost.
- **TIGHTS AND HEADPIECES**—Tights are required for a female dancer's costume and will be provided with your costume. Please wear the assigned tan tights. These tights should only be worn on Picture Day, Dress Rehearsals and Recital Day. All barrettes and hats are to be worn on the dancers right side of her bun or ponytail. All classes must have their hair in a bun or ponytail or pulled back and out of face. Your dance educator will let you know specific hair assignments for your class. Please

make sure all hair is pulled back and out of the dancers face. Additionally, please arrive on Picture Day, Dress Rehearsals and Recital day with hair done! There will not be time to do hair or make up before either event.

- **MAKE-UP**—Light make-up is recommended due to the bright stage lights. Blush, lipstick and mascara are encouraged. Eye shadows, eyeliner and other applications are welcome. Sticking to neutral colors is ideal because it will compliment all costumes and lighting. Dancers must have their make-up completed by their call time for the Dress Rehearsal and the Recital.

- **PROHIBITED DURING DRESS REHEARSALS, PICTURE DAY & RECITAL:**
 - ✓ Glitter
 - ✓ Jewelry of any kind
 - ✓ Nail Polish
 - ✓ Temporary Tattoos
 - ✓ Exposed Undergarments (Underwear does not need to be worn with tights. Nude leotards can be purchased for quick changes.)
 - ✓ Tights with runs or holes

RECITAL KEEPSAKES

Recital T-shirts

Souvenir T-shirts are \$12 each (or \$15 for personalized T-shirts). You can purchase your t-shirt by filling out the attached T-shirt Order Form and return it to Miss Lora by Wednesday, May 1.

Recital DVDs

DVDs are \$25 each. You can purchase a DVD by filling out the attached Zaker Videography Order Form and return it to Miss Lora by Saturday, June 1. DVDs will be mailed to you approximately 8 weeks after the recital.

All items are a great keepsake to remember your dancer's 2018-2019 Dance season.

PRACTICING AT HOME

Choreography Videos

All classes will videotape their recital choreography in class. Each class video will be posted as a private Youtube video and the link will be provided to each class and posted on our private Facebook group. These videos are intended for dancers to practice with at home. They are not to be distributed or shared publicly. If you are not part of our private Facebook group and would like to be please send an email to Lora at lora@innovationartsconnection.com.

Recital Music Downloads

Recital CDs will be available for all Recital Dancers to purchase for \$2 cash only. Recital CDs will include all cut and edited music for the Spring Recital. Having the exact cut of the music can help dancers practice their choreography at home. All CD orders and payments must be turned in by 3/22. CDs will be distributed the first week of April. CDs will not be made after this point.

SPECIALTY RECITAL DANCES

Opening Number

Is you dancer interested in learning more recital choreography? Do you have a friend who couldn't make it to dance classes but really wants to participate in the recital? Want to perform on stage with a low commitment fun dance? Sign up for Opening Number! All dancers (new and experienced) 7+ years are welcome to register for Opening Number. Dancers who register will work together to learn a fun upbeat dance that will be performed at the beginning of the recital. Opening Number dancers will wear their own black jazz shoes, black jazz pants, and Recital T-shirt. Registration is \$70 (Recital T-shirt included). If you are interested in participating please complete the Opening Number Registration Form and turn into Miss Lora. All payments will be turned into Miss Lora (checks made out to "Innovation Arts Connection") **All interested dancers must sign up by Friday, April 12.**

Mom's Dance "Boy Band Remix"

Moms, Aunties, Grandmas, do your dancers get their moves from you? Want to show off your dance skills to your kids and burn some calories in the process? Participation is based on a first come first served basis. A maximum of 10 positions are available. All moms, aunts, grandmas are encouraged to sign up for this recital piece regardless of dance experience. This is for moms, grandmas and aunts only. Kids will not participate with the moms. Participation in 3 full rehearsals and dress rehearsal are mandatory (performers who do not attend at least 3 of the rehearsals and/or do not attend dress rehearsal will not be permitted to perform in the Mom's Dance at the recital). Mom's will be provided a video to practice with at home. It is encouraged that all participants practice daily. Clean gym shoes are required for rehearsals and recital. Dancers will be provided with a Recital T-shirt that will serve as their costume for the recital. Professional pictures (during dress rehearsal) are encouraged but not required for Mom's. See attached flier for specific dates. **All interested dancers must sign up by Friday, March 29.**

Sweetheart Dance "The Way You Look Tonight"

Calling all dance dads, uncles, grandpas, and all around special guys...it's your turn to steal the show in a fun routine with your dancer! This is a great way to connect, bond and support your dancer. Participation is based on a first come first served basis. A maximum of 10 positions are available. Dads and dancers (ages 5 and up) are encouraged to sign up for this recital piece. Participation in 3 rehearsals and at dress rehearsal are mandatory (performers who do not attend at least 3 of the rehearsals and/or do not attend dress rehearsal will not be

permitted to perform in the Sweetheart Dance at the recital). Sweethearts and dancers will be provided a video to practice with at home. It is encouraged that all participants practice daily. Jazz or ballet shoes are required for dancers and comfortable, clean gym shoes for the sweetheart. Sweethearts will also be required to wear a shirt that is a similar color to their dancer's recital costume for the recital. Professional pictures (during dress rehearsal) are encouraged but not required for Sweethearts. See attached flier for specific dates. **All interested dancers must sign up by Friday, March 29.**

PROGRAM ADS

Medinah Park District School of Dance is offering ad space in our Spring Recital Program. This is a great opportunity to promote your business or services to a large audience! Ads are available in business card size and are first come first serve. All ads are \$20.00 and must be paid in full and submitted to Lora Vodicka by Friday, May 17 to appear in the program. Please send your ad to lora@innovationartsconnection.com as a jpeg. Cash or check is accepted. Checks can be made out to "Innovation Arts Connection". Please include "Dance Recital Program Ad" in the subject line. Feel free to share with friends and family.

RECITAL DECORATIONS

Blank record, CD, iPod and cassette tap templates will be passed out in class to your dance. Please decorate the template at home. You can use any medium and supplies you like including crayon, marker, paint, etc. You are also encouraged to include a "Blast from the Past" picture of your child. This could be a baby picture, first or previous dance recital picture, etc. Feel free to create multiple templates and include pictures of other family members in dance attire. Bring all completed templates to dress rehearsal. We will use your creations to decorate the lobby during the recital. If you would like more templates please ask your dance educator for extra copies. It is your responsibility to take your artwork after the recital is over. All unclaimed pictures and artwork will be thrown out if not claimed within a week of the recital. Have fun with this project and do not feel pressured to make it perfect. The intention is to connect our dance families, share stories and bond as a community. Make sure to check out the decorations before the show....they are ALWAYS fun to view. Finally, you will also see a "love note" from Miss Lora for each dancer on the decoration wall. At the end of the recital you are welcome to take yours home.

RECITAL FLOWERS

2-3 assorted colored roses and carnations with babies breath & greens wrapped with recital color wrapping will be available for pre-order for \$15 each. You will be able to pick up your flowers the day of the recital at the ticket sales booth. To order please complete the attached order form and turn into Miss Lora by Friday, May 17.

PICTURE DAY AND DRESS REHEARSAL

PICTURE DAY AND DRESS REHEARSAL ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 29:

During this day you will want to make sure your dancer is looking their best! They will get their professional pictures taken by our new photographer: Photography by Feltes and we will have a photographer doing action shots onstage while they practice. Dancers will start on stage practicing their dance in costume with full lights and sound 1-2 times. Immediately following their dance an IAC helper will take them to Professional Photographer for their group and individual pictures. Please note that parents are not allowed in the back hallway while dancers are getting photographed. Too many adults makes dancers feel self-conscious and confused and can make the photo process much more stressful than it needs to be. Parents will be expected to meet their dancer in the lobby after their photo is done. At that point dancers will either need to quickly change for their next dance or they are free to go home.

Dancers who have costume changes should bring all costume pieces and practice doing their changes on their own. Dressing rooms will not be open during Dress Rehearsal. Dancers may use the bathroom in the lobby. Dancers with costume changes are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** purchase a nude leotard to wear under their costumes for quick and easy quick changes. You can order these online (discountdance.com, amazon, etc.), at our studio shop on Curtain Call for Class (Studio Name: Innovation Arts Connection, Studio Keyword: Innovation25) or visit Dance N Tees in Schamburg.

Please arrive in full costume, hair and make up **30 minutes prior** to your assigned call time. We are hoping to run ahead of schedule so that we can get out early. Being early to your call time ensures we can do this.

Medinah Park District and Innovation Arts Connection employees are not responsible for your child during the Dress Rehearsals. Please stay with your child for the entirety of the Dress Rehearsal. This rule includes all dancers including older dancers. Please make sure someone is supervising your dancer. If you miss your rehearsal time we will not go back to run it again. If you miss your Group Picture we will not be able to take another one. Please be sure to be on time and present for your assigned time!

The front 6 rows will be roped off so that there are no distractions at the front of the stage during rehearsal. We ask that you sit toward the back of the theatre and with your assigned group (rows will be labeled with signs) and keep all belongings and feet out of the aisle so that dancers can get to the stage quickly. Parents and dancers may sit and watch the rehearsal while waiting to practice. Please be respectful of the dancers on stage. Please silence phones and electronic devices, refrain from talking and please no food or drink in the theatre. Sit quietly so that the dancers may pay close attention to all directions they are given on stage. Additionally, please make sure dancers not on stage, siblings of dancers and other children are not running around in the theatre. It is very unsafe for children to be running around during the Dress Rehearsal because the

theatre is not properly lit. You will be asked to stay in the lobby of the theatre if your children are not following these safety directions.

You will be responsible for helping your child with costume changes during Picture Day/Dress Rehearsal. Dressing rooms are not available during dress rehearsal. There is a bathroom in the lobby.

It is very important that all dancers participate in the Dress Rehearsal so that they are prepared and ready for the recital. Dancing on a big stage with bright lights and loud music is much different than the dance studio.

Additionally, it is important to have all dancers in their Group Picture. We hang a group composite of all Recital Classes in the studio every year. Dancers LOVE to see themselves in these photos. All dancers are welcome and encouraged to posse for the group shot even if you choose not to purchase professional pictures. Picture Day order forms are attached. A Feltes representative will be available on Picture Day to answer questions. Please complete your order form or arrive early to ask questions and complete your order form so that it is ready at your child's call time. This saves us so much time and helps us to run the Picture Day and Dress Rehearsal on time. ***The reason we are usually behind is due to Picture Order Forms not being complete. Note: the photographer will not take your child's individual picture without an order form in hand!***

PICTURE DAY/DRESS REHEARSAL SCHEDULE 2019:

*****SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****

(Pictures first)

4:15-4:35 Thursday Ruby Hip Hop "Ice Ice Baby"

4:35-4:55 Monday Sapphire Hip Hop: "Up Town Funk"

4:55-5:15 Monday Ruby Classic Combo: TAP "Bushel & a Peck"

5:15-5:35 Thursday Sapphire Foundations Combo: BALLET "Hey Jude"

5:35-5:45 Monday Ruby Classic Combo: BALLET "I Hope You Dance" **NO PICTURE**

5:45-6:05 Sweetheart Dance "The Way You Look Tonight"

6:05-6:15 Thursday Sapphire Foundations TAP "We Will Rock You" **NO PICTURE**

6:15-6:25 Thursday Sapphire Foundation JAZZ "I Wanna Dance" **NO PICTURE**

*****BRING JAZZ SHOES AND ACCESSORIES BACK STAGE WITH YOU DURING TAP. WE WILL DO A QUICK CHANGE BACKSTAGE**

6:25-6:45 Thursday Diamond Hip Hop: "Independent Woman"

6:45-7:05 Moms Dance "Boy Band Remix"

7:05-7:35 Scene It "Fairy Time"

7:35-7:55 Sapphire Company "Jellicle Cats"

7:55-8:15 Diamond Company "Greatest Showman"

8:20-8:40 Full Company "Fields of Gold"

8:45-9:05 Full Company Company "Back in Time"

9:10-9:30 Nisha's Solo Company "Hey Ya" PICTURE OPTIONAL

9:30-9:50 Emilie's Solo Company "Rosie the Riveter" PICTURE OPTIONAL

TICKETS

- Tickets will be on sale Wednesday, May 1 at 9:00am!
- All tickets can be purchased online with Tutu Tix for \$11. **Please visit: <https://www.tututix.com/client/medinahpark/>**
- On this link you will be able to choose your exact seats...no more first come first serve!
- Children under 3 and sitting on a lap of a parent are free.
- Tickets purchased at the door will be \$15 each.

RECTIAL DAY

The Dance Recital will start promptly at 3:00pm. All students must arrive to the high school by **NO LATER THAN 2:30pm**. Dressing Rooms will open at 2:15pm. Dancers should be ready with hair, makeup and in their costume for their first number. The IAC staff will not have time to do hair before the show.

- **SIGN IN/OUT**— All parents must sign their students in and out of the dressing rooms at the table in the hallway leading up to the dressing rooms. **Parents, siblings and family members are not allowed backstage or in the dressing rooms at all.** IAC staff will be located in the dressing room and backstage to supervise and assist dancers during the show.
- **PICTURES AFTER THE RECITAL**—After the recital is complete and your dancer is signed out you may take pictures on the stage. After all dancers are signed out the Dance Teachers will head to the stage to greet dancers and families. Please save all pictures, gift giving, etc. for that time in order to get all dancers quickly and safely back to their parents.
- **COSTUME CHANGES**—All costume changes should be brought in a brown paper bag or giant ziplock bag per costume with clearly labeled costume tag including. Costume Tag Templates will be distributed at your last class. Please make sure these tags are filled out for each costume and secured to the outside of each bag. Dancers with more than 3 costume changes may also want to bring all costume bags in a laundry basket or large bag to keep together. IAC staff will help dancers with costume changes and having all costumes clearly labeled helps us out greatly! All costumes, accessories and shoes should be labeled with dancer's first and last name as well. I highly encourage you to do this BEFORE Dress Rehearsal so that incase you leave something or get it mixed up with another dancer's things we can find it quickly. **Dancers will NOT be allowed to change in the bathroom!!!** If your dancer is uncomfortable changing in front of others please purchase a nude leotard* to wear under her costumes. Other undergarments, including underwear, colored bras and tank tops, ARE NOT ALLOWED!!! All bras must have nude or clear straps. Thick strapped sports bras are not allowed.

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- **BACKSTAGE/DRESSING ROOMS**—Dancers may not bring any belongings backstage. Shoes, coats, water bottles, toys, etc. should remain with the parent. **NO FOOD OR DRINK allowed backstage. ABSOLUTELY NO ipods, cell phones, or any other electronic devices backstage.** If a dancer brings an electronic device backstage we will bag it and label it with their name. It will be kept at the check in desk during the show and can be check out after the show concluded. We are not responsible for lost items. Only IAC and MPS staff and dancers are allowed backstage and in the dressing rooms. Dancers will be dropped off and picked up in the hallway leading up to the dressing rooms. **Parents, siblings and family members WILL NOT be allowed anywhere backstage including the dressing rooms.** This is for the dancer's safety and for issues with space in the dressing rooms.
- **POST SHOW**—Please stay in your seats and allow 10-15 minutes for all dancers to get back to their dressing rooms and grab all there costumes. Mr. Miss Lora will call 1 class at a time to be dismissed. At that time **please send ONLY 1 parent to pick up your child** in order to keep the hallway open and not congested. Also, please send a parent that Miss Lora will recognize. It is very important to us that your child gets safely to you. **Finally, PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD OUT!** Any child not signed out by 5:00pm will receive a phone call home. Please follow these directions so that we can smoothly get everyone where they need to go. Thank you for your patience.

BACKSTAGE VOLUNTEERS

New this year! We need 4-6 female volunteers to help in the dressing rooms with quick changes and keeping the dancers calm and entertained during the show. All volunteers must be at least 16 years old and must complete a background check. **Backstage Volunteers will be required to arrive at 1:45pm on Saturday, June 1pm** and must stay in the dressing rooms until all dancers have left after the show.

They are responsible for the following:

- Getting dancers organized my class in the dressing room
- Helping dancers pre-set costume changes
- Taking dancers to the bathroom pre-show
- Keeping all dancers together and safe in their assigned room during the show (coloring sheets and movie will be provided)
- Help dancers with costume changes and shoes changes
- Walking with assigned classes to stage entrance when called to line up
- Walking with assigned classes to dressing room
- Help dancers line up for curtain call

- Help collect costumes/shoes/etc. during curtain call and getting them back to the dancers
- Help dancers line up to get picked up
- Help clean up dressing room

Please note, **BACKSTAGE VOLUNTEERS ARE ALLOWED ON STAGE OR IN THE WINGS BACKSTAGE.** You will, however, be able to watch you dancer perform from the auditorium. After walking dancers to the stage entrance, you will walk around to the house and watch the dance from an assigned seat in the house. Afterward, please quickly meet your class back in the hall to escort them back to the dressing room. **YOU DO NOT NEED A TICKET FOR THE SHOW and you will receive 1 free ticket for volunteering that another family member can use.**

Sign up is first come first serve. If you are interested in signing up please email Lora at lora@innovationartsconnection.org by **Friday, May 10.**

STAGE HELPERS

Dancers in 5th grade and older are eligible to be Stage Helpers. Stage Helpers learn choreography from our early childhood classes on their own time with choreography videos and perform on the sides of the stage with the early childhood classes. They will also help the early childhood dancers enter and exit the stage. All Stage Helpers must provide their own all black dance attire. This is a big responsibility. Stage Helpers will be expected to know these dances without any help. Failure to learn choreography can hinder the performance of the early childhood dancers. Please only apply if you have the time to practice on your own. If you are interested in serving as a Stage Helper please contact Miss Lora at lora@innovationartsconnection.com by Friday, April 5.

TRAVELING TUTU GIVEBACK

At the Recital and Ice Cream Social we will be collecting used dance shoes and costumes to donate to Traveling Tutus. This organization collects dance items and distributes them to children all over the world. Please visit their website for more info: www.travelingtutus.org. Thank you for your donation!

SPRING RECITAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL CELEBRATION

Please join us for an evening of celebrating a wonderful year of dance! The celebration will be on **Wednesday, June 5 from 6:00-7:00pm.** Dance and theatre families are welcome. IAC will provide ice cream. Used dance shoes will be on sale for \$5 a pair and you can sign up for Summer Dance and Theatre at this time. Meet us on the back patio of the Connolly Recreation Center!