

READ CAREFULLY

Recital- May 18, 19, & 20

MILAN HIGH SCHOOL 200 Big Red Dr.

Dress Rehearsal- May 16

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Dress rehearsal is an important evening. The PRIMARY purpose of dress rehearsal is to prepare students for the recital with as little confusion as possible. The performers will need to get used to their costumes, the dressing rooms, the stage, and various lighting effects. It is mandatory that dancers and gymnasts attend dress rehearsal.

Unless a parent/guardian is signed up to help backstage, only one parent/guardian per student is permitted into the high school during dress rehearsal. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! Students have been given one dress rehearsal pass for their parent or guardian (enclosed). Videotaping and flash photography **will be** permitted during dress rehearsal only. **Flash photography and videotaping will not be permitted during the recital.** In between numbers, at dress rehearsal only, students may quietly watch others perform. It is our goal to have minimal distraction from the audience during dress rehearsal.

Dress Rehearsal is broken into 4 different performance times.

2:30-4:30	Rehearsal for soloists & duets
4:30-6:30	Rehearsal for students performing in the 3:30 Saturday & Sunday matinee shows **This includes all student classes 2nd grade and younger: creative movement, Kindergarten, 1st/2nd combos. If you are uncertain as to when your child will perform, please contact the studio.
6:30-9:00	Rehearsal for non-competition routines 3rd grade & older performing in the 7:00pm evening shows. ***This includes 2/3 combo classes.
9:00-10:00	Rehearsal for all competition group routines

Dressing rooms are provided to all performers during rehearsal & recital.

Parent volunteers (females) are needed to help in the dressing rooms during all shows. Dad's can be of great help by providing dressing room security in the hallways. Sign-up sheets are in the studio lobby.

DRESSING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

3:30 Sat & Sun Matinee Performers

CHOIR ROOM (Creative Movement & Kindergarten/1st Classes)

BAND ROOM (Grades 1st/2nd)

**Some classes span between grades; There will be signs directing students to their designated dressing rooms.*

7:00 Fri & Sat Evening Performers

CHOIR ROOM (2nd-4th grades)

BAND ROOM (5th-adult)

Upon entering the auditorium area of the high school, a staff member will escort your child to his or her dressing room. Performers must remain in the dressing room throughout the entire recital. During dress rehearsal, performers must be in the dressing room 10 numbers (30 minutes) prior to their performance. A detailed line-up of the show order will be posted in the dressing rooms. The line up will also be available in the studio lobby two weeks prior to dress rehearsal. Please refer to this line-up if your child is in multiple dances so they are dressed in the proper costume for their first performance. All dressing rooms for the 3:30 matinee performances will be staffed with current Dance Xplosion staff/instructors and trained backstage parent volunteers. Additional parent help is appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be available in the studio lobby for parents who wish to volunteer backstage. For the safety of our students, volunteers signed up **MUST** remain in the dressing room during the entire performance. Only volunteers with badges will be permitted in the dressing rooms and backstage. All first time volunteers are required to attend the May 14th meeting at 7:00pm held at the studio. Returning volunteers are always welcome to attend the meeting as well.

Please read the checklist on the back to further prepare you for this exciting weekend!!

DRESS REHEARSAL & RECITAL CHECKLIST

- GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP-** PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT APPEARING ON STAGE IN A RECITAL, BEFORE A LARGE AUDIENCE, IS QUITE AN EXPERIENCE. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT PERFORMERS ARE WELL RESTED AND RELAXED FOR THE REHEARSAL AND RECITAL.
- CHECK THAT YOU HAVE ALL COSTUME PIECES AND ACCESSORIES-** DANCERS MUST BE FULLY DRESSED IN THE REQUIRED ATTIRE TO PERFORM ON STAGE. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE EVERYTHING!
- PACK A BAG-** ITEMS OF NECESSITY: BOBBY PINS, SAFETY PINS, HAIRBRUSH AND A WATER BOTTLE (NO JUICE OR FOOD- WE DON'T WANT TO STAIN THE COSTUMES). OTHER POSSIBLE ITEMS: MAKE-UP, CURLING IRON, HAIRSPRAY, IPOD W/ DANCE MUSIC (TO PRACTICE BACKSTAGE), GAMES/BOOKS (TO PASS THE TIME), A CHANGE OF CLOTHING FOR AFTER THE PERFORMANCE, AND A HANGER FOR THE COSTUME ON THE RIDE HOME.
- LABEL EVERYTHING** WITH YOUR DANCER'S NAME- AND I MEAN EVERYTHING! (SHOES, TIGHTS, HAIRBRUSHES, ACCESSORIES, ACTIVITIES/TOYS, ETC.)
- HAIR-** PLEASE REFER TO YOUR COSTUME DIRECTION SHEET (HANDED OUT WHEN COSTUMES WERE DISTRIBUTED) FOR SPECIFIC HAIR DIRECTIONS.
- MAKE-UP-** ALL DANCERS **MUST** WEAR MAKE-UP TO AVOID LOOKING WASHED OUT UNDER THE POWERFUL, BRIGHT, STAGE LIGHTS.
 - LIPSTICK- DISTINCT RED (NOT PINK, ORANGE, OR BROWN)
 - BLUSH- PINK OR ROSE
 - EYE SHADOW- BROWN
 - EYELINER- APPLY TO UPPER & LOWER LIDS (UNNECESSARY FOR YOUNG DANCERS)
 - MASCARA- BLACK
- PUT ON COSTUME-** COME DRESSED IN THE COSTUME THAT YOU WILL PERFORM IN FIRST. PLEASE REFER TO THE RECITAL LINE UP WHICH WILL BE POSTED IN THE STUDIO LOBBY.
- ARRIVE PLENTY EARLY!** - ...FOR DRESS REHEARSAL AND RECITAL. THIS MEANS AT LEAST 20 MINUTES BEFORE THE SHOW. WE WILL NOT WAIT FOR LATE DANCERS.
BE PLENTY EARLY!!!!
- LOCATE DRESSING ROOM-** ROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE POSTED IN THE ENTRANCE WAY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. PARK IN THE BACK LOT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL & ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN BACK ENTRANCE. **DO NOT USE SIDE DOORS!!** PARENTS, PLEASE ESCORT YOUR CHILD TO THE DRESSING ROOM HALLWAY NEAR THE AUDITORIUM ENTRANCE. SIGNS WILL DIRECT YOU. THERE WILL BE DRESSING ROOM MOMS AND TEACHER ASSISTANTS IN EACH CLASSROOM WITH NAME BADGES IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES. THEY WILL TAKE YOUR CHILD AT THE DOOR. PLEASE MAKE YOUR "DROP-OFF" QUICK. THE DRESSING ROOMS ARE SMALL AND WE DO NOT HAVE A LOT OF SPACE FOR EXTRA BODIES. ONLY BACKSTAGE VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE DRESSING ROOMS.
- PICK YOUR CHILD UP AFTER THE FINALE- DO NOT PICK UP YOUR CHILD EARLY!** THE DANCERS MUST STAY IN THEIR DRESSING ROOMS UNTIL THE FINALE WHERE THEY WILL ALL RETURN TO THE STAGE FOR ONE LAST SONG. ALL DANCERS (EVEN THE LITTLE ONES) PARTICIPATE IN THE FINALE. AFTER THE FINALE, CHILDREN MAY BE PICKED UP FROM THE DRESSING ROOMS. **DANCERS MUST BE PICKED-UP BY FEMALES ONLY.** WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BOY'S DRESSING ROOM, ALL DRESSING ROOMS ARE FEMALE ONLY. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW DADS, BROTHERS, OR MALE FRIENDS/RELATIVES TO BE IN THE DRESSING ROOM HALLWAY AT THE END OF THE SHOW.