



# Spring Recital Information Packet

## Show Dates, Time & Location:

### **MONDAY - THURSDAY: MAY 17TH - 20TH**

- Show Times each night: 6:30 pm | **Dancers must arrive in full hair and makeup by 6:00 pm**
- Dressing Rooms Open each night at 5:00 pm
- Each show has approximately 24 numbers. Running length for each show will approximate 1.5 hours, including a 10-15 minute intermission.

### **LOCATION:**

Wichita Grand Opera Theatre (formerly called Wichita Center for Performing Arts)  
9112 E. Central Ave.  
Wichita, KS

## Mandatory Dress Rehearsal - SUNDAY, MAY 16th

- We will have a MANDATORY dress rehearsal for all dances EXCEPT TINY DANCER CLASSES on Sunday, May 16th. Dress Rehearsal will begin 12:00 pm for the first "block" of dances. **Click here** to review the Call Times & Running Order for the Dress Rehearsal.
- Please **ARRIVE 5 minutes BEFORE** your assigned call time in FULL HAIR & MAKE UP and wearing your costume for your first number. You must be in the auditorium waiting at your assigned Call Time. Dancers will be able to use the Dressing Rooms to change in between numbers.
- There will be seats marked in the auditorium for the dancer(s) to watch the rehearsal while they wait for their time on the stage. Staff members will come and find them when it is time for them to go to the stage for their performance. Once you arrive, please check your bags in your assigned dressing room (room assignments will be posted the week prior to Recital) and find your dancer(s) class in the marked auditorium seats.
- Dancers are encouraged to watch as much of the rehearsal performance as possible as they will not be allowed to go in and out of the auditorium during the performances.
- Parents are welcome to stay in the building during Dress Rehearsal to help with dancer changes and to watch from the audience. **Please use social distancing and wear a mask when doing so.**

\*\*\* **TINY DANCER CLASSES:** All Tiny Dancer classes (Taps & Twirls and Kinder-Kidz) will do their Dress Rehearsal on the SAME day as their performance. **Click Here** to review those times. These classes will NOT need to attend the Sunday Dress Rehearsal. We do this so that Tiny Dances only have to do hair and make up once :)

## **MASK policy for Wichita Grand Opera Theatre - Audience & Performers**

- Dancers will NOT be required to wear masks on stage! We will get to see their smiling faces :)
- Audience members will be asked to wear masks while the lobby and theatre areas.
- Dancers, ages 6+ will be required to wear masks in the dressing rooms & if watching in the audience during Dress Rehearsal or performances

## **Costume Information & Details**

- An image of the costume for each dance has been uploaded to the Parent Portal. Log in to your Portal and click the "Costume" icon. Continue to check it for updates.
- Costumes fees have been posted to your online account and are DUE IN FULL no later than March 15.
- Information about costume accessories (color of shoes, tights, and hair) have been uploaded to the "Costume" section of your Parent Portal. Please check it for details about the costume accessories you will need to provide/wear.
- **NO EATING will be allowed while in costume!**
- Costumes can be picked up beginning the week April 26th. Please be sure that all costumes have been picked up by Thursday, May 13th. All costume fees must be **paid in full** in order to pick up a costume.

## **Dressing Room Information**

- Dressing room assignments will be posted online on the "Spring Recital Information" webpage the week prior to Recital.
- We have a large volunteer staff who will be in the dressing rooms to assist your dancer(s) with any needs they might have. These volunteers will be well trained and will help keep your dancer safe and on time. Unless you are volunteering, you do not need to plan to stay in the dressing rooms.
- Please have young dancers bring an activity to keep them busy during their waiting time in the dressing room (iPad, coloring book and washable crayons/colored pencils, board games, etc.).
- As a courtesy to the audience, **dancers/parents are not allowed to go back and forth between the dressing room and the auditorium.** We ask that dancers stay in the dressing room for the duration of the act they are dancing in. Our parent volunteer team will assist with any needs they might have and ensure their safety to and from the stage.
- Water bottles can be brought into the dressing room, but no other drinks are allowed.
- No men allowed in the women's dressing rooms.
- Be mindful of taking pictures in the dressing rooms as dancers may be changing in the background.
- **Masks must be worn by both dancers and volunteers in the dressing rooms.**

## Tickets & Watching the Show

- Tickets for RESERVED seating will be available for purchase beginning May 3rd. Online ticket purchases can be made through May 19th at 11:59 pm. General Admission tickets will also be available for sale at the door, but not before then. **No tickets are available for sale at the studio.**
- **To purchase tickets, log into your Parent Portal or [CLICK HERE](#). Before you click though, READ the pink information below... PLEASE!**
- **\*\*\*VERY IMPORTANT:** When purchasing tickets online, please ensure that you leave one empty seat in between your party and any parties on either side of you. Red seats are taken and white seats are available. Please ensure that there is one white box in between your party and a party that has already purchased tickets. This is the measure of social distancing that has been given to us by Wichita Grand Opera Theatre.
- **\*\*\* ALSO IMPORTANT!** Due to the small venue and reduced capacity (due to social distancing requirements) and to ensure that all parents get an opportunity to watch the performance, **we are limiting tickets to 3 per dancer per show through May 11th.** After May 11th, we will release any unused tickets and parents are welcome to purchase additional tickets if they are available.
- Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (ages 4 - 16), and lap children (ages 3 and under) are free of charge. A small convenience fee will be added to all tickets purchased online.
- If your dancer is only in the 1st act and wishes to watch the 2nd act, please purchase a ticket for your dancer as well.
- To avoid distractions to our audience, we ask that you remain seated for the duration of the act.
- Audience members will be asked to wear a mask while in the theatre.
- **\*\*\*VERY IMPORTANT:** When purchasing tickets online, please ensure that you leave **one empty seat** in between your party and any parties on either side of you. Red seats are taken and white seats are available. Please ensure that there is **one white box** in between your party and a party that has already purchased tickets. This is the measure of social distancing that has been given to us by Wichita Grand Opera Theatre.

## Hair Requirements

- All dancers should wear their hair in a traditional "ballet bun". There should be no part and the hair should be pulled straight back into a bun such that you can see the top of the bun when looking at the dancer. Tutorials are available on the Spring Recital webpage if you are in need of additional hair guidance.
- **TINY DANCER HAIR EXCEPTION:** Dancers in the Taps & Twirls or Kinder-Kidz classes are asked to wear a traditional ballet bun if their hair is long enough. If not, please just ensure that it is pulled back from the face in some manner.

## Make up Requirements & Suggestions

- Make up is required for all dancers so that the audience can see their face on the stage. We ask that you use eye shadow, pink blush, and red lipstick. Mascara, eyeliner, and false lashes are optional.
- Eye shadow recommendation: We recommend using Maybelline number "040 Charcoal Smokes". An Amazon link to this recommended shadow can be found by [clicking here](#). Any similar shadow is also acceptable.
- Lipstick recommendation: We recommend using the "Blue Red" color of Lipsense lip color. It is available at Attitudes. We use this lip color because it does not smear, bleed, or even come off (without soap and water)! If you do not want to purchase a Lipsense lip color from us, you may choose any true red lip color, but please try to use one that is a "color-stay" formula so that the lipstick does not stain the costumes or get all over the kids' teeth and face (and wipe off on their mask!)
- Make Up Tutorial: **You can view a quick make up tutorial by [clicking here](#).** Please note that the eyeshadow used in this tutorial is different than the one we now recommend, but the technique is the same.

## Merchandise & Flower Sales

- We will have brand new MDM branded merchandise and other items available for sale in the lobby area at the performance. There will be limited quantities and we will take orders for items that may sell out. We will also have some CLEARANCE merchandise available during all performances.
- PRE-ORDER your dancer a lovely flower bouquet for \$10 by [clicking here](#). Let us do the shopping for you so you don't have to worry about it! Pre-order your bouquet online and it will be ready for you to pick up at the recital! Don't forget to get one for Grandma & Grandpa too :) We will have a **very limited** supply of bouquets available at the recital for those who don't preorder. To be sure you have flowers, PRE-ORDER now! **ORDERS DUE MAY 7th!**

## Professional Pictures, Videos and DVD Orders

- You are welcome to take videos and non-flash pictures of the DRESS REHEARSAL performances, but **NO video taping or flash photography is allowed during the performances.**
- MDM owns the right to all of the choreography performed during the Spring Recital. Please do not post choreography in its entirety on any social media site.
- A professional video of ALL performances (all 4 days) is included with your Recital Fee and will be distributed to families over the Summer. There is no need to order this... it was included in your Recital Fee already!
- We will have the opportunity for professional photos taken by Greg Patterson of all the students in their Spring Recital costumes **at the Dress Rehearsal.** Instructors will assist dancers in taking a group photo BEFORE their dress rehearsal stage time. Individual pictures will be optional and details regarding ordering those will be emailed soon.

## **Volunteer Help Needed!**

It takes MANY volunteers to facilitate this production! If you are able to volunteer to help with our many backstage and dressing room needs, please click the "Volunteer" icon on your Parent Portal. [CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER.](#) Thank you in advance for helping when and where you can...we couldn't offer these performances without your help!

## **Practice!**

Our instructors are busy uploading the recital music and videos to your Parent Portal. To locate these, click the "Class Files" section of your Portal. These files should be complete by May 1st and your dancer will have everything they need to practice their recital dances at home!