

DX Recital- May 15, 16 & 17

MILAN HIGH SCHOOL 200 Big Red Dr.

Dress Rehearsal- Wednesday, May 13

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 attend dress rehearsal.

Only one parent/guardian per student is permitted into the high school during dress rehearsal. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! Students will receive one dress rehearsal pass for their parent or guardian. Parents will assist their dancer in locating their assigned dressing room upon arrival, where it will be staffed with teachers and parent volunteers (See details below). After dropping your child off to their designated dressing room, parents can view the rehearsal from the auditorium and use this opportunity to take pictures and videos. Videotaping and flash photography is permitted during dress rehearsal only. **Flash photography and videotaping will not be permitted during the recital.**

Dress Rehearsal is broken into 3 different performance times.

•*There will not be a solo/duet dress rehearsal this year.*

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| 4:30-6:30 | Rehearsal for students performing in the 3:00 Saturday & Sunday matinee shows
<i>*This includes all 2nd/3rd grade classes and younger: creative movement, kindergarten combos. If you are uncertain as to when your child will perform, please review the recital line-up on our website or contact the studio.</i> |
| 6:30-9:00 | Rehearsal for non-competition routines 3 rd grade & older performing in the Friday 7pm & Saturday 11:00am shows. <i>*This includes 3/4, 3/5 and all classes 4th grade and above.</i> |
| 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 and dress rehearsal. A sign-up genius will be emailed for those interested in volunteering. **Dads can be of great help by providing dressing room security in the hallways. Volunteer through sign-up genius.*

DRESSING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS (HS Band & Choir Rooms)

There will be signs posted on the band & choir room doors identifying each groups designated dressing room by their dance routine song title.

3:00 pm Sat & Sun Junior Performances

CHOIR ROOM (Creative Movement & Kindergarten/2 Classes)

BAND ROOM (Classes 1st/2nd and 2nd/3rd)

7:00 pm Fri & 11:00 am Sat Senior Performances

CHOIR ROOM (3rd-5th grades)

BAND ROOM (MS-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 only, students may sit in the auditorium to watch the other groups dance with their designated dressing room parent. Dancers who watch dress rehearsal, must be back in their dressing room 10 numbers (30 minutes) prior to their performance to practice lining up & stage entrance. A detailed line-up of the show order will be posted in the dressing rooms. The line-up is also available in the studio lobby and on our website. 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 recitals with younger performers will be staffed with current Dance Xplosion staff/instructors and trained backstage parent volunteers. Additional parent help is appreciated. A sign-up genius will be emailed for parents who wish to help backstage. For the safety of our students, volunteers signed up to help backstage will receive a special backstage badge and **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 11th meeting at 7:00 pm held at the studio. Returning volunteers are always welcome to attend as well for recital refreshers.

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 before you leave your home!
- Pack a bag-** Consider packing the following: bobby pins, safety pins, hairbrush, water bottle (NO JUICE OR FOOD- we don't want to stain the costumes), Make-up, curling iron, hairspray, device 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
 - Eyeliners- Apply to upper & lower lids (Unnecessary for young dancers)
 - Mascara- Black
- Put on Costume-** Come dressed in the costume you will perform in first. Please refer to the recital line up which will be posted in the studio lobby, and on the website, to know which costume to wear first.
- Arrive plenty early!** - This means at least 20 minutes before the show. This is for dress rehearsal and recital. 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 sure your "drop-off" is 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 FUN finale. After the finale, children may be picked up from the dressing rooms. **Dancers must be picked up by females only.** Except for 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.