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2022 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Dear parents,

At the beginning of the 2021-22 school year, we had announced the recital dates of June 11th & 12th. However, we were recently notified of a schedule change at the theater whereby those dates are no longer available. The new recital dates are **June 9th and 10th** with performances after school hours. We thank you for your continued support of Menlo Park Academy of Dance and look forward to seeing you to celebrate your child's achievements in dance.

Warmest regards,
Miss Sarah-Jane

2022 JUNE RECITAL

Thursday June 9th 4:30pm, 6:30pm

Friday June 10th 4:30pm, 6:30pm, 8:30pm

at the Menlo-Atherton Center for the Performing Arts, 555 Middlefield Rd, Atherton

The shows have no intermission and are approximately each one hour in length.

■ **RECITAL**

All students should be backstage in the dressing room with the parent in charge of the group 30 minutes before the start of the show. Do not wear your costumes

to the theatre, please change in your assigned dressing room. After leaving your child backstage, please return to the theatre to enjoy the show. Their teacher will meet them backstage with the chaperone and escort the children on and off the stage. The chaperone will stay with the children and watch them perform in the wings. After their dance, the parent in charge will escort them to the dressing rooms for parent pick up. Please pick up your child when they are done dancing, not at the end of the show. After you have picked up your child, take them back into the theatre so that they may enjoy the other dances. Dancers will need a ticket to sit in the theatre, unless they wish to sit on their parents lap, at no charge. Students in more than one number stay backstage to prepare for their next dance. They will need their parent with them backstage at this time; the parent will take them to the next group parent. A mother in charge of a group is not responsible to deliver a student to their next dance.

■ **SHOW RUNNING ORDER** will be posted in May. Each class performs in one show on one day but advanced students are in multiple shows.

■ **DRESS REHEARSAL** will be in each class the week prior to performances (**Thursday June 2nd through Wednesday June 8th**). No theatre dress rehearsal.

■ **COSTUMES** will be distributed in class commencing **Monday May 9th**.

■ **VOLUNTEERS** - Volunteers are needed to act as ushers, door monitors, clean-up crew, etc. Please send an email to Karina (karina@menloparkacademyofdance.com) if you can assist.

■ **VIDEOS** - Each show will be professionally taped by Visconti Productions and available for purchase in USB Flash Drive. Order forms will be available in the office and at the theatre. CASH or CHECK payable to Nathan Visconti.

■ TICKETS

ALL SEATS ARE RESERVED!

Adults \$35.00 - Child/Senior \$25.00

Children are 12 and under and Seniors are 62 and above. Young children sitting on lap do not need a ticket.

- Tickets will go on sale **Sunday May 1st, 2022 at 12am EST** at menloparkacademyofdance.tix.com
- Tickets will go off sale on Tuesday June 7th.
- Tickets will then be on sale at the theater box office before performance times, if still available. **Please note that in the past some of the shows have sold out.**

Please make sure you purchase tickets for the correct show your child will be dancing in. Designated shows coming soon.

■ **FLOWERS & FUNDRAISERS** - Studio tote bags and flowers will be for sale in the lobby at the recital. Flowers can be pre-ordered and paid in the office. All flowers may be picked up on the day of each show in the lobby. The proceeds benefit the MPAD Competition Team Scholarship Fund.

■ 5 & 10 YEAR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Sign-up for awards will be in the office, or you may email Karina (karina@menloparkacademyofdance.com). Please indicate which show you will be receiving your award by **May 1st**. Not having your name called on stage can be very disappointing. If you are to receive an award, please come backstage toward the end of your show.

■ **STUDIO PHOTOS** (optional) - Individual students photos in costumes will be taken on **May 28th** and **June 4th and 5th** by "Nancy Mueller Photography". Photos will take place in Studio 4 at 1137 El Camino Real. Please sign up in the MPAD office or contact the office to reserve an appointment.

- Sat. May 28th, 9:00am-4:00pm
- Sat. June 4th, 9:00am-4:00pm
- Sun. June 5th, 9:00am-4:00pm

Class photos taken during dress rehearsal week in regular class times, **Thursday June 2nd through Wednesday June 8th** levels three & below. Requests for a class photo for students levels four and above should be made via email to the MPAD office.

■ PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Theatre doors open 1/2 hour prior to each show.
- The shows start ON TIME and we ask that the audience be in their seats before the show begins.
- NO strollers are allowed in the theatre at any time. Please park them in the lobby.
- NO eating or gum chewing in the theatre
- When entering and exiting the theatre to pick up your child, you MUST go in and out only through the rear doors. Do not use the side doors.
- Please go in and out only between dances, as it is distracting to the dancers and disturbing to the audience.
- **No videotaping.**
- **Flash Photography is not allowed in the theatre.** It is a hazard and a distraction to the dancers.
- NO eating or gum chewing in your costume.
- NO jewelry on stage, please leave it at home as we are not responsible for watching purses and valuables.
- NO underpants under costumes
- Hair should be neat and styled according to the teachers directions.
- Light make up and blush may be used by the dancers. No nail polish.
- Check with the teacher about your attire; tights, socks, hairstyle, etc.
- **Face masks are required to be worn by all performers, backstage staff/volunteers and audience members.**

SUMMER at MPAD

■ **MPAD Summer Intensive for Intermediate and Advanced students will be June 13th through July 1st, 2022.** The Intensive offers elite instruction in classical ballet technique, pointe, variations, pas de deux, contemporary, jazz and African dance. Faculty to include: Brenna Wall (Smuin Contemporary Ballet), Erin Yarbrough (Smuin Contemporary Ballet), Leslie Larson (Ballet West), Michael Lowe (Oakland Ballet, Menlowe Ballet), Tessa Barbour (Smuin Contemporary Ballet), Valerie Harmon (Milwaukee Ballet, Smuin Contemporary Ballet), PBT taught by Sarah Arnold (Oakland Ballet), and African Dance with Mr. Pope Flynn!

■ **MPAD JUNIOR INTENSIVE will take place June 13th through July 1st, 2022.**

This intensive is for students who have completed Ballet IV & V. Classes are offered in a variety of dance genres with an emphasis on classical ballet, and run from 9am-4pm. Registration forms for both Summer Intensives are available online and from the MPAD office.



■ **MPAD SUMMER CLASSES July 11th to August 6th, 2022.** Sign-up online. Please join us for another exciting summer!

■ **Contact the MPAD office if you have any questions.**

Office hours are Monday-Friday 10am-5pm. 650-323-5292

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