

MPSD 2026 Recital Procedure Letter

Where do I drop off my dancer at the Arts & Culture Centre?

- Please do not drop off dancers at the archway entrance (box office entrance) or the backstage doors. Dancers and parents should continue to the laneway on the north side of the building (parallel to Prince Philip Drive) and enter through the North Entrance (Accessible).
- Once inside the North Entrance, you will see signs indicating 'MPSD Dancers, Wait Here 😊
- The North Entrance is to be used for Staging, Tech/Dress, and Recital Day

What happens next at Staging & Tech/Dress?

- **Head to the sign-in desk! Your dancer must be signed in to be admitted to the backstage area**
- One of our MPSD Volunteers will then bring your dancer backstage to the main auditorium. They will be seated in the audience until their staging or Tech/Dress time. Please note that parents/guardians are not permitted backstage or in the audience (Exception: any parents who are volunteering).
- Once they are finished their rehearsal, the dancers will be returned to the North Entrance, and the MPSD volunteer will remain with them until all dancers have been picked up by their families. **All dancers must be signed out**

What do we bring?

- **Staging (May 16 & 17):** Please arrive 20 minutes before your dancer's specified staging time. This rehearsal is to familiarize the dancers with their places on the stage. Dancers do not need their costumes. Students should wear their usual class attire with the dance shoes they need for the dance style(s) they have. We recommend that our younger dancers leave their belongings with their parents/guardians to avoid losing any items in the audience seats.
- **Tech/Dress (May 17):** Please arrive 20 minutes before your dancer's specified tech/dress time. This rehearsal is where the music, lights, and costumes all come together in preparation for recital night. Stage make-up is not necessary. Hair should be pulled back neatly (as per the appropriate dance style), however show-coiffed hair is not necessary. Please have dancers dressed in their first costume (please see the Tech/Dress running orders for guidance as to the order the dances are being performed), with the dance shoes needed for their dance(s). Dancers are encouraged to wear their costumes for Tech/Dress, please bring any additional costumes to change into. Water is permitted in the auditorium.
- **Note on dances that are in both shows:** 🟢 Anything highlighted in the Tech/Dress in green is in both recitals and you will see it listed twice (once highlighted, once without being highlighted). **Dancers are only required to attend the tech/dress rehearsal that is NOT highlighted in green**

- **Students are required to remain the full length of the rehearsal and may not leave early. Exception: DFYC 3, 4, 5 may leave once they have finished dancing.**
- **NO FOOD TO BE EATEN IN THE AUDIENCE!** Should your dancer need a snack, they must eat it out of the theatre. We encourage dancers to have lots of great, energy snacks/ food if they are in multiple rehearsals, ie. if they are required to attend both 12 noon – 2.00 pm AND 2.30 – 4.30 pm ****Please discuss this important rule with your dancer before they arrive for their rehearsals****
- **Allergies: Please ensure your dancer's snacks are free from any nuts and nut butter, kiwi, eggs, tuna fish, and bananas**

Recital (May 18 & 19):

It's Showtime!

- **Monday, May 18 Matinee performance time: 3.00 pm**
- **Tuesday, May 19 Evening performance time: 6.30 pm**
- Monday, May 18 matinee: Dancer arrival time: 2.30 pm
- Tuesday, May 19 evening performance: Dancer arrival time 6.00 pm
- Dancers should come fully dressed in their first costume and have all their shoes and additional costumes for any subsequent dances with them. Same meet and greet procedure (as per Staging and Tech/Dress) applies to the recital
- Make-up: As the stage lights are quite bright, we recommend that dancers wear some stage make-up (e.g. foundation, blush, bronzer, eye shadow, mascara, and bright lipstick: pinks or red) so they don't fade away under the lights. Stage make-up is generally a little "more" than everyday wear. DFYC and Combo students – this is completely at parental discretion 😊
- Hair should look polished, and the styling depends on the dance genre (e.g. ballet = bun, Hip Hop = slick low pony or braids). If you are unsure, please ask your dancer's teacher during the rehearsals at the ACC
- We recommend that students bring a quiet activity with them to help pass the time, as well as non-staining snacks and water. Please do not include any beverage that could stain your dancer's costume (or someone else's), and ensure they have enough snacks.
Students are not permitted to go meet parents at intermission as they are not permitted to leave the backstage area until the show has finished.
- **Do not send your dancer with money for the vending machines – they will not be permitted to leave the backstage area.** The ACC is a public building, and

we will not be permitting any students to leave the backstage area for safeguarding purposes.

- **If your dancer will be leaving once they have danced and before the end of the performance (DFYC students, anyone with the same piece performing in both shows), please notify Beth in writing** via email to elisabethpardy@hotmail.com
- **Parents are not permitted backstage at any point during the performance, nor during intermission** (Exception: parents that are volunteering). Should your dancer need you for any reason, we will page you in the audience and go from there 😊
- Dancers will be brought to their parents at the North Side entrance once the recital has finished and a volunteer will remain until all dancers have been collected by their families

Memories Forever Video Productions will again be videotaping this year's recital including pre-show backstage footage, the recital and after recital candids.

* The video will be available in High Definition (HD) on USB.

* These USB's can be used on your Smart TV, computer or laptop.

* Cost is \$40 and includes tax and mail delivery.

To order a USB of the MPSD 2026 recital please follow these steps...

- 1) Send EMT payment of \$40 to editor@memoriesforever.ca
- 2) In the memo section of your EMT payment, please copy and paste the line below and fill in the blanks. (This is the only way we will have contact information for you).

Payment for USB of 2026 MPSD recital held on (indicate Monday or Tuesday here). Along with your Name: Address: Postal Code: Cell:

If you are unable to enter all this info in the memo of your EMT, just put your phone number, MPSD Tue or Wednesday, then send a separate email with your full information.

Your USB will be mailed out to the address you sent us in the EMT memo by the end of June.

PLEASE NOTE: Memories Forever will NOT have an order table set up in the lobby as before, so EMT is the only way to place a video order

Flower Studio bouquets

We are excited to announce that Mount Pearl School of Dance has partnered with Flower Studio for our recital flowers again this year for the shows on May 18 & 19.

To order an arrangement for your special performer, please contact

Flower Studio at [709-754-4454](tel:709-754-4454) to confirm your arrangement/order.

We cannot wait for Recital week! As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch should you have any further questions 😊

Team BAE

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