



"I regard no man as
poor who has a
godly mother."
-Abraham Lincoln

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Join us for the 2013-2014 MMDCo Performance groups auditions!

MMDCo Teams

Wondering if one of Modern Messages Teams is a good fit for your son or daughter? Our MMDCo teams are a group of dancers aged 9 and up, with one year previous dance experience, committed to using their gifts and talents in a ministry designed to uplift the community and each other. Past outreach has included nursing homes, community events and Buddy Break with autistic children, and bible study amongst group members. Commitment levels, ages and dance levels vary, so there's something for everyone!

Auditions held on June 1st, 11:30-1 with a mandatory parent meeting at 1:00pm. Attire is leotard, tights, jazz shoes or foot undeez, and hair in a bun.

Youth Ballet Theatre

Youth Ballet Theatre is a select group of dancers that wish to have more focused training and performance opportunities in ballet. 2012-2013 events included multiple community touring performances, ballet auditions, professional ballet performance with backstage passes, and ballet Master Classes. All students that will be in Beginner 2 Ballet or higher with two years dance experience, this year will be eligible to audition and will either be placed on YBT Company or be given the opportunity to apprentice.

Audition June 1, 10am. Mandatory Parent meeting at 11:15. Attire: Black leotard, pink tights, ballet shoes and hair in a tight bun.

Exciting Summer Programs!

1-2-3 Dance! Preschool Fun

This program was jointly designed by pre-school and dance teachers to create school-prep combined with fun dance and music. The perfect summer combo!

Young Dancer's Ballet Workshop

Designed as an ideal series of classes for students in Ballet 1 - Ballet 2 ballet levels that wish to retain and improve their ballet skills this summer.

Mini's summer Dance Team Camp!

Ready for a mini-MMDCo team experience? This is the perfect technique and performance dance camp for boys and girls ages 6-9. Kids, grab your friends and come jazz it up at MMDCo., meet the Senior Team members and get a chance to perform what you learned! See you there!

Summer Technique Classes

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, June 18-August 14.
More details to come.

****Stay tuned for details on summer guest artists!****

Calendar

May 20 - 23 Picture Days

May 13 - Recital Tickets On Sale: 1 pm @ studio

MMDCO Dancers: \$8.00

TICKETS: \$12.50

May 18- YBT Performance at Milford Library

May 27 - No Class (Memorial Day)

June 1- Youth Ballet Theatre Auditions 10:00 am

June 1- MMDCO Dance Team Auditions 11:30 am

June 5 - Last Day Of Classes

Last Payment

There is no payment for June, so May will be your last payment. Check your online balance or at the front desk before you make out that last check to verify you have no other outstanding balances.

Calendar cont'

June 6 & 7 Dress Rehearsal @ Milford High School

June 8 Recital

June 18 Summer Session begins

July 29 - Aug 2 Young Dancer's Ballet Workshop

July 29 - Aug 2 Preschool Dance Camp "123 Dance"

August 24- Christmas Show Auditions (*required* for participation)

September- Mini team auditions for 2013-2014

Where's Miss Lei?

She's out and about in the community! After watching her choreography play out in Walled Lake Northern's Wizard of Oz this month, Miss Lei headed to Okemos having being selected to judge the Michigan State University Dance Team auditions. You are such a talented and loving person...MMDCo is blessed to have you!

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Recital

SHOW TIMES: Please check the website www.mmdco.org under 'Login' then 'newsletter' for the list of what classes will be participating in which show. Some classes may be in both shows.

DATES: The date of the recital is **Saturday June 8th, 2013 at Milford High**. There is a mandatory rehearsal **June 6th or 7th**. We will be having two shows, a morning and evening show. I have a list of which classes will be in which shows. **Tickets** will be going on sale **May 13th at the studio at 1pm** and all seats will be assigned. **In order to purchase your tickets you must pay May as well as any other remaining balances.** Each family will be allowed to get **8** tickets to start for each show, and later as families don't get their allotted 8, those seats become available for purchase. In years past everyone that has wanted extra seats has gotten them.

PRACTICE, PRACTICE! Please review dances at home and feel free to ask the teachers about videoing the dance.

Picture Day

Pictures will be taken during your regular class times. The dates are **Monday May 20 - Thursday May 23**. *Saturday classes will need to contact the front desk for exact times, as all Saturday classes will come on **Wednesday** to have their pictures taken.*

Students should be dressed in their costumes with their hair done and ready to go by their regular class time. After pictures they will be rehearsing in their costumes for the remainder of their class time.

****Please make sure all nail polish and jewelry are removed for both pictures and recital!**

Recital Hair & Make-up list

Hair	-Classical Bun: tight and slicked back
Eyes	- Brown and pink eye shadow
	- Black Mascara
	- Black Eye liner optional
Cheeks	- Rose colored
Lips	- Medium dark pink

The make-up helps the dancers faces to not get washed out by the lights. Ages 7 and up should wear a little more than day to day make-up, 3-6 year olds could wear a little less.

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Recital DVD's

Recital is the last day of class, so all recital DVD's will be mailed. DVD request list will be at the front desk this month.

Dad's Wanted!

No Experience Needed

We need positions filled immediately for our annual recital dad's dance. Training will be minimal, and you will get to work with the local- renowned choreographer, "The Great Rolandski". If you are interested, please leave your name at the front desk.



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Recital Tips

- Arrive at the school 1 hour before the show, dressed and ready to go for the 1st dance.
- Dancers should wear their nude leotard closest to their body. Tights go over the nude leotard.
- No underwear under tights
- Be sure ALL jewelry and nailpolish has been removed
- Label any additional costumes and accessories with the student name, class time and teacher's name. Many parents use a clear garment bag, labeled, with a smaller labeled plastic bag for accessories. (You still should label the actual items, even if they are in a bag)
- Label all tights, shoes, leotards. We have 400 children, so it's important that dancers keep their area tidy, in a bag or bin, and labeled. Many parents use a plastic tub to keep students items organized.
- Pack a small bag with extra safety pins, hair ties, bobby pins, a hairbrush, hairspray, tissue, and makeup- all labeled (please see make-up colors for details)
- Students will be there for 3 ½ hours from the time they arrive to the time they leave. Please prepare your child with what to expect so they find the experience an enjoyable one! We have many loving parents backstage that will help, and treat your child like their own. (please don't forget to sign up to help!)
- Please feel free to pack your child legos, crayons (no markers!), games, activity books, books, a blanket to sit on, etc. Quiet, appropriate movies or hand-held games are acceptable, however keep in mind MMDCo and volunteer parents are not responsible for lost or damaged items, so please consider this when packing personal items.
- Food: Dancers should eat a good meal before coming to the show. Please pack your student a small snack for back stage—ONLY things that **will not** stain the costumes.
- Food Recommendations to pack: green grapes, carrot/celery sticks, pretzels, animal crackers, fruit snacks, cheese sticks, crackers & cheese. **Water is the only acceptable drink to pack.**
- ***Please absolutely NO peanut products!***

****Parents and Caregivers:***

Please read this important Note For the safety of the dancers, during the show no parents/guests are allowed backstage until the end of the show unless they have prior approval. Please tell any of your guests this information. This is for the safety of all the dancers. There are absolutely no exceptions.

Recital Volunteers Needed

We are excited about the upcoming recital! It's a large endeavor each year and we could never do it without the help of our parents to ensure a smooth experience for the dancers that have worked so hard all year long. We will need backstage help for the recital, so if your son or daughter is in one show, please help in the other. A volunteer list is at the front desk.