



Mongan Dance Academy 2020 Recital Rehearsal/Performance Information

We are planning on having an **OUTDOOR** performance for our recital this year (see LOCATION below). Each class will perform their dance in front of an audience for immediate family members of that class only. Your child's class will be the only one performing at that time, and you will only be watching your child's class performance. We are doing this to minimize the crowd size.

In case of inclement weather, we will perform **INSIDE** of the Evergreen Park Community High School Sports Facility (see LOCATION section below). It has a massive, open space that we will use. They follow both the State of Illinois Phase 4 COVID guidelines as well as the IHSA guidelines, which are stricter.

If we are unable to meet in person due to restrictions and/or safety concerns for our students, staff, and families, our performance will be held **VIRTUALLY** (see VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE below).

We are excitedly planning for outdoor mini performances and praying for good weather and positive health conditions. Regardless of which plan we use, each class will showcase its dance. It will be professionally recorded and the videos will be pieced together so we have a very special, unique showcase of "Hello, Broadway!"

CHOREOGRAPHY

Please have your child practice the choreography several times a day. The choreography can be accessed through the **PERFORMANCE** tab, then **2020 RECITAL** on our website (www.MonganDance.com).

LOCATION

All families should park at the **Evergreen Park Community High School Sports Facility at 2700 W 91st Street, Evergreen Park** (former Evergreen Park Racquet and Fitness Club) *OR* the **50 Acre Park on 91st Street right across from the EPCHS Sports Facility**. We will perform **OUTSIDE** at the pavilion in the park *OR* in the EPCHS parking lot, depending on logistics. If there is inclement weather, we will be **INSIDE** the EPCHS Sports Facility in an open, massive space. The rehearsal/performance will be held within short walking distance of either parking lot.

Due to weather and other unforeseen variables, the exact location of where we will gather to rehearse/perform will be texted/emailed prior to the rehearsal/performance. Please check your texts and/or emails, including junk/spam files.

DATES FOR REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE

Students will have one class time for dress rehearsal and one class time for the performance:

- **Week 1 (week of August 3-8) Dress Rehearsal** — Dress rehearsal during class time similar to 2020 Recital Rehearsal/Performance schedule (schedule attached). Students should wear their costume.
- **Week 2 (week of August 10-15) Performance** — Students will meet to perform their dances in their costume during their regularly scheduled class time per the 2020 Recital Rehearsal/Performance schedule (schedule attached).

NOTE: Advanced upper levels 2 and 3 for ballet, jazz, and modern will be meeting **Friday, July 31 from 4:00-7:00**. Their rehearsal will take place from 4:00-6:15. The performance will begin around 6:15. These students will NOT be meeting the weeks of August 3 and 10. They will receive a separate email with specific information. However, the following information pertains to these students also.

Depending on local COVID statistics, plans are subject to change, but we are fairly certain of this plan.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of inclement weather or other unforeseen variables, we will be inside the EPCHS Sports Facility in their indoor tennis courts. The size of the open space is four indoor tennis courts. We will comply with the State of Illinois and the rules of indoor group participation according to the IHSA, which requires masks and temperature checks for all indoor activities held at school facilities. Safety of our students and family is a priority.

VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE

If you do not want your child to participate in person but would like him/her to be included in the recital video, your child can perform remotely. Please take a video using your phone or another recording device. Use a tripod or prop it up so it is still. Your child's head and feet should be within the frame. We prefer a plain wall in the background. Please email the video by **August 15 to MDA@MonganDance.com**. Portions of your video will be imposed within the class performance. Our videographer will create a memorable video of Hello, Broadway! He has been doing this for many Chicagoland dance studios.

SEATING

All families are asked to sit in a group distanced from other families. We will have limited number of chairs available, so you may bring your own lawn chair or blanket for your family.

Each set of chairs shall be spaced out for each family.

All students in pre levels (Pre-Ballet 1, 2, 3, Hip Hop Minis, Pre-Jazz/Hip Hop) will enter and exit the stage from their family seating area.

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

If the rehearsals/performances are held **outdoors**, masks will be **optional** (at this time) for performers and audience.

If the rehearsals/performances are **indoors**, masks will be **required** for all performers and audience members. Temperature checks may be required. We are following the State of Illinois Phase 4 COVID guidelines as well as the IHSA guidelines for all school facilities, which require masks for all indoor activities held at school facilities.

Each dancer will be distanced six feet from each other. The dance floors will be marked so each dancer knows where to stand. Because of this, there will be no moving formations for the younger students. There will be no physical contact in the recital this year.

Students in a combination class (Pre-Ballet/Tap 2 and 3) will need to change their shoes, skirt, and possibly hair piece. Parents/guardians will need to help their own children. Due to COVID, volunteers will NOT be assisting students this year.

DRESS REHEARSAL / PERFORMANCE

All students in pre levels and advanced level 1 classes should remain in their family seating area before and after each rehearsal/performance. Students will enter and exit the stage from their family seating area.

Advanced students in levels 2 and 3 will remain in a designated area and shall practice social distancing.

All students should arrive in the costume of his/her first class on the Zoom schedule. (scheduled attached)

Students in Pre-Ballet/Tap 2 or 3 should arrive in their ballet costume/skirt and accessories. Parents will help their children change skirt, shoes, and accessories when requested by the teacher.

If you are uncertain about accessories, the teachers will give instructions during the dress rehearsal class.

All students who have complete costume changes in which the bodice is changed should wear their class leotard or undergarment under their costume for easy changing. We will have access to a large locker room for changing, but time is very limited. If you prefer to use your own car for changing, that's ok also.

Students in pre levels and advanced level 1 classes must have an adult present at both dress rehearsal and the performance to help change shoes and costumes, and to help manage your child's social distancing. Due to COVID, there will be no class volunteers helping the students.

If a student in upper levels 2 and 3 can handle their own garments in changing, an adult is not required, but is optional.

If students are changing inside of the building, students are required to wear masks. Temperature checks may be required. Social distancing is required.

All dancers should wear their appropriate dance shoes. If your child is in a tap dance, they will have wood flooring to dance on.

Props will be labeled for each dancer and only handled by the teacher and dancer.

TIGHTS

If your child requires nude tone tights, they were put in her costume bag. If you prefer to have a different color of tights that might be a closer match to your child's skin tone, please call or text at 773-401-6549 or email us at MDA@MonganDance.com **by Sunday, July 25th** so we can exchange the tights.

We will NOT exchange any tights after July 25th, nor will we exchange tights that have been tried on.

PARTICIPATION AWARDS

Participation rewards and recognition medals will be available when we return to the studio.

SHIRTS

Special shirts may be ordered online by the end of the week. They will be available for pick up when we return to the studio in the fall.

VIDEOS

A professional videographer will be videotaping the performances. He will impose remote dancers and then organize all of the class performances in the order in which the show would have been performed. Our videographer will create a memorable video of Hello, Broadway! He has been doing this for many Chicagoland dance studios.

