

2026 SPRING NEWSLETTER

2026 JUNE RECITAL

Saturday June 6th 11am, 1:30pm

Sunday June 7th 11am, 1:30pm

at the **Foothill College Smithwick Theatre** - 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills

The shows have no intermission and are approximately each 90 minutes 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 chaperone 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. 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; who will take them to the next group chaperone. The chaperone in charge of a group is not responsible to deliver a student to their next dance.

■ **DRESS REHEARSAL** will be in each class the week prior to the performances (**Saturday May 30th through Friday June 5th**). No theatre dress rehearsal.

■ **COSTUMES** will be distributed in class commencing **Friday May 1st**.



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

■ **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 and available for purchase in USB Flash Drive. Order forms will be available in the office and at the theatre.

■ **FLOWERS & FUNDRAISERS** - Studio tote bags, stuffies and flowers will be for sale in the lobby at the recital. Flowers can also 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 Rose-Ann Saylor 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.



■ **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 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.

■ **TICKETS** - ALL SEATS ARE RESERVED!

Adults \$40.00 - Child/Senior \$30.00

Children are 12 and under and Seniors are 62 and above.

- Tickets will go on sale **Friday May 1st, 2026 at 12am EST** at:
menloparkacademyofdance.tix.com
- Tickets will be on sale at the theater box office before performance times, if still available.

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

Designated shows coming soon.

SUMMER at MPAD

■ **MPAD Summer Intensive for Intermediate and Advanced students will be June 8th through June 19th, 2026.** The Intensive offers elite instruction in classical ballet technique, pointe, variations, pirouettes & jumps, contemporary, jazz and African dance. Faculty to include:

- **Sofia Albers** (San Francisco Ballet)
- **Antonia Deprey** (Miami City Ballet)
- **Valerie Harmon** (Milwaukee Ballet, Smuin Contemporary Ballet)
- **Leslie Larson** (Ballet West)
- **Michael Lowe** (Oakland Ballet, Menlowe Ballet)
- **Holly Morrow** (Ballet San Jose)
- **Tatum Quinonez** (Alonzo King LINES Ballet)
- **Erin Yarbrough** (Smuin Contemporary Ballet)
- African Dance with **Mr. Pope Flynn**
- **Seabright Advisors College Consultants**

■ **MPAD JUNIOR INTENSIVE will take place June 8th through June 19th, 2026.**

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-4:30pm. Registration forms for both Summer Intensives are available online.

■ **MPAD SUMMER CLASSES July 6th to August 1st, 2026.** 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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