

Music Recital Information and Guidelines

Our Music Recital is **Saturday May 8, 2016** starting at 3:30 PM, at the Crossroads located at 78 North Avenue in Garwood. If you are unable to attend please inform your instructor immediately and you will be able to perform at the next recital.

You must sign up your child for the recital with the front desk. If we do not have both the parent and teacher's signature, your child will not be included in the recital. Signups are on a first come, first serve basis, once a student reserves a song, another student may not perform the same piece. If this occurs the teacher will be informed immediately and another song will be chosen for the student.

Students who will be performing with other students will have scheduled rehearsals the 2 weeks prior to the recital. The music director will notify you through the desk staff via phone call or email with the times and days you are required to rehearse. There is no extra fee for these rehearsals.

There is limited seating available, however, there is standing room available. Tickets will be available for purchase at the school of music and dance and at the venue. However, we encourage that tickets be purchased ahead of time.

Performers will be gathered with their teachers prior to performing. Each student will perform in the order listed in our program. After they perform they may sit with their parents until the session for that teacher is over. **Note to all Teachers: Please do your best to practice walking on and off stage with each student so that the recital will run smoothly. Please instruct students to make instrument adjustments quickly. This will help the students feel in control and comfortable on stage.**

Please do not leave after your child has performed. This is very rude and the students at the end of the session deserve an audience as much as the students at the beginning of the session.

Please do not talk during the performance and keep young children quiet so the performer is not distracted.

Please come early if you have an instrument that needs to be tuned (i.e. violin, guitar, etc.). Please arrive no later than 30 minutes before your session begins.

Students do not have to memorize music; however, if they have we strongly encourage them to bring their music in case they have difficulty while performing. Students should use a post-it note flag or paper clips on the piece they are playing so they do not have to find the page in the book at the recital.

Due to the number of students performing, the absolute maximum length a piece can be is 2 minutes (we would prefer 1 ½ minutes). This is actually a lot longer than you may think.

Dress for the recital does not have to be formal, but please do not dress in immodest or sloppy clothing. The appearance of the performer always is an important part of the performance and should be reflective of the musical style being performed. For instance; for rock style, jeans are acceptable, but must not be ripped or ill fitting. For classical style music more dressy clothing is appropriate.

Voice students should be aware that we use microphones at the recitals. If you have any questions, please ask the front desk or music directors Mike L. and Dan.

We hope you enjoy the recital!