

Showcase Handbook

Understanding the Schedule

On your schedule, you will see your dancer's class name, class time, class day, and teacher. Next to that, you will see your performance day, drop-off time, performance time, and exit time.

At your drop-off time, your dancer will enter through the right-hand side door in their costume and dance shoes on their feet. If they need other shoes (we will communicate) they may have those in hand. **All coats, bags, etc, will go with their grown-up.** There will be no back-stage entrance for dancers or guests post-performance.

The **doors will open for the audience a few minutes prior to your dancer's performance.** In the winter, we will have heaters and light refreshments to keep everyone comfortable on the covered walkway as they wait for the show.

After your dancer's performance, we do ask that you *exit swiftly* so that we may clean up, reset, and seat our audience for the next show. There will be lovely photo opportunities outside of the exit door!

Drop-off Procedures

We will open the door for dancers at their drop-off time and the door will remain open for 5 minutes. To avoid any confusion for the littles, please do not drop off early or more than 5 minutes late.

**** If your dancer has a sibling performing before them, please have them sit with you in the audience and we will take them backstage when their sibling's performance ends****

Please send your dancer inside with **empty hands and dance shoes on feet.** Please hold their dance bag, coat, and anything else you may have with them. *Dancers and guests will not be returning "backstage" to grab belongings after the show.*

Dancers will arrive in their costume, tights (if applicable), and dance shoes with their hair and makeup ready to go.

After drop-off, audience members may wait outside under the covered walkway. We will have light refreshments. In the winter, there will be heaters.

Costume

Please make sure you have your costume in possession BEFORE showcase.

Once home, remove your costume from the bag and hang it up. Tutus can be hung upside down for extra fluff

Do not wash or iron costumes. If it is particularly wrinkly, feel free to steam it.

We do not receive extra hair pieces. Please confirm that you take one home with your costume and then keep it in a super safe place.

Shoes: If you are in a combo class of ballet/tap, ballet/hip hop, or ballet/lyrical, you will wear BALLET SHOES to Showcase unless otherwise communicated.

Ladies, please wear Weissman tights with all costumes (not including hip hop or boys costumes). Most dancers will wear “ballet pink”. Tights can be purchased at the studio for \$12 each. If you need some in a pinch, please email us a thedancecoalition@gmail.com so we can have a pair set aside for you.

Hip Hop: You do not need tights with your costume. Please wear CLEAN mostly black or white tennis shoes avoiding any bright colors, light-up, and other accessories.

Hair and Makeup

Any dancers wearing a dress or tutu: please have hair in a high bun on the crown of the head. While looking at your dancer, you will place the hair piece to the RIGHT side (her left) of her bun.

Hairspray is highly recommended to get all of those baby hairs back.

You can never have too many bobby pins!

For trouble buns, you can wrap a hair net around it 3-4 times to help keep flyaways down.

For short hair:

1. Try a half-up style with the hair piece.
2. If hair is too short for half-up, we ask that you simply pin the hair out for the sweet face and place the hair piece wherever it looks lovely.

Boys: Please have your hair groomed nicely. Don't be afraid of hairspray, pomade, or gel!

Hip Hop: Hair is in a tight, slicked back, high pony.

Makeup is **OPTIONAL**. Some dancers like to use this opportunity to play with it. We love a red or pink lip and some blush. Mascara is a nice touch if your dancer is old enough to handle application. **Older dancers may wear more makeup but please use your personal judgment on how much. We want everyone to look natural and lovely.*

Audience Etiquette

There are roughly 100 seats in the Dc Theatre. **This allocates roughly 8 seats to each dancer** in a full class (12 dancers). Most of our classes are full and waitlisted. Don't be shy! Let's scoot over and use all of the seats! It does help to go as far *up* and *over* as possible, to make the most space.

There are some taller chairs next to the risers and standing room as well. We like to reserve these spaces to families with wheelchairs and strollers. We do ask that you avoid blocking the exit.

For those families with **strollers or wheelchairs**, you may enter through the **LEFT-hand door** at entrance time. There is a ramp down into the parking lot outside of that door.

Lap-sitting siblings to NOT count towards your 8 audience members and they are welcome to hangout on your lap for the show! This is a family-friendly atmosphere, all ages are welcome!

If you have an audience member who is going to be late, you may stand by the exit door and let them in when they arrive. While we do try to wait for everyone, we do have a schedule to stay on.

If you have **multiple dancers in your family** on the same night, we do our best to schedule their performances back-to-back. In this case, you may stay seated once the first performance exits. If, for some reason, your children's performances are NOT back-to-back, we do ask that you exit and re-enter when it is their turn to perform.

During the Show

Photo and Video is permitted during the show. We ask that you make sure your flash is turned off.

Please be mindful of other audience members while using your photo/video devices.

If you have a young dancer who wants to come see you, feel free to give them a hug and then send them back out to the dance floor. Sometimes, dancers become overwhelmed and just want to sit with you. While it can be disappointing as a parent, it is not out of the ordinary and it is one reason why we have two shows per year! Try again next time!

Sometimes, our teachers will ask the audience to join in with "oohs and ahhs", clapping, and other interaction. Have fun with it! It is about the dancers!

After the Show

After your dancer's performance, Monica and Allison may have a few announcements and then your dancer is free to go!

We do ask that *exit swiftly and take photos OUTSIDE*. We will have a lovely photo-app set up for you. This allows us to clean up, re-set, and get the next audience seated.

Flower Orders

For convenience, we do partner with Mt. Washington Florist to provide beautiful flower bouquets for your dancers. If you would like to order one and have it ready for you upon arrival, you can do so by calling: 513-474-4158

They will take orders until the Saturday before Showcase Week begins.

Small \$20

Large \$30

