

March, 2022



Hello, Danceworks Families!

The purpose of this letter is to provide information on Danceworks annual showcase and to invite your dancer to join in the fun!

This year's theme is *Lights! Camera! Action!* While we encourage all of our dancers ages 3 and up to be part of this one of a kind performance opportunity, the showcase performance is optional. Please read the details below including mandatory dates that all dancers will need to attend if they would like to participate.

After reading the details, please use [this link](#) to let us know if your child will/will not be participating in this year's showcase. We ask that you complete the form by March 13 **even if your child will not be participating.**

Participation Details:

- All performances will take place on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center (SMPAC).
- Showtimes: Show A, 11 am | Show B, 2 pm | Show C, 5 pm Please check the attached document to see what show your child's class has been assigned and what date their dress rehearsal will take place on.
- The showcase participation fee is \$45 per one class, \$75 for two classes and \$105 for any dancer enrolled in three classes. This fee goes towards production costs, costume pieces, props and a Danceworks t-shirt for your child.
- Dancers may be asked to provide simple, classic items such as a t-shirt of a certain color, jeans, leotards, tights and shoes to accompany their costume or to serve as a base layer. Information on what items you'll need to provide along with exact dress rehearsal times will be sent soon.
- We like to give extra performance opportunities to our higher level classes. The following classes/groups are invited to perform in all three shows.
 - ★ Wednesday 4:25-5:40 pm Ballet IV/V (Miss Gina)
 - ★ Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm Tap III (Miss Jessica)
 - ★ Thursday 5:35-6:50 pm Contemporary III/IV (Miss Gina)
 - ★ Friday 6:15-7:15 pm Teen Hip Hop (Miss Gabi)
 - ★ Jazz Duet (Miss Angela)
 - ★ Danceworks Youth Performance Company (Miss Gabi)

Performance and Dress Rehearsal Assignments

- Please see the attached document to see what show your child's class will be in and what day their dress rehearsal will be on. If you see a class that includes an age in parentheses next to it, example, (age 5-6) that is to distinguish it from another class with the same title.
- Each show will be about 1 hour and covid safety protocols will be in place. Updated information on these safely protocols will be shared as we get closer to the showcase.
- Dress rehearsal times will be sent out soon. Each class will be scheduled for a 30 minute time slot and you will not need to stay longer than your assigned time. Younger dancer will be scheduled to have their dress rehearsals between 4:30- 6 pm.

Showcase Tickets

- The showcase is a ticketed event. Advanced ticket sales only.
- Ticket sales will open on April 4.
- Ticket prices: \$14 adults (18+) | \$9 students/seniors | Ages 3 and under are free.
- Performers do not need a ticket.

Attendance Requirements, Participation Form and Payment Link

- It is very important that we know who will be participating in the showcase so our faculty can plan accordingly. Please complete this [participation form](#) to let us know either way, if your child will/will not be participating. The deadline for submitting this form is **Sunday, March 13.**
- **Consistent class attendance is required.** Any student who misses 20% or more of their classes (approx 3 classes) may not be allowed to participate in the showcase if their instructor thinks they are not properly prepared and that they may not have a positive experience.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at abrinkman@danceworksmke.org or at (414) 277-8480 x6002

Showcase FAQs

What time will my child need to arrive at the theater on show day?

All dancers should arrive 45 minutes before their show time.

Do I have to pick up my child in between shows if they are performing in all three shows?

If your child is in a class that is scheduled to be part of all three shows, please know that they are welcome to stay at the theater between shows or they can leave and return to the SMPAC at least 45 minutes before their next show.

There will be adult supervision for any dancers who chooses to stay between show. Please make sure to pack plenty of healthy food, snacks and water.

Are parents allowed to be in the theater during dress rehearsal?

Yes! Since the time frame is so short parents are welcome to stay with their child during the rehearsal.

Can we stay and watch other classes once our dress rehearsal is done?

Yes! You and your child(ren) are welcome to stay and watch as much of the rehearsal as you'd like.

Are the seats in the theater assigned?

No. Seating is first come first serve and the doors will open about 30 minutes before each show.

Can we take photos/videos during the performance?

Yes! You can take photos and videos during the showcase as long as you are not disturbing others around you.

Will there be any professional photos taken of the classes in the show?

This year we are not hiring a photographer to take a photo of each class, however, we will pause after each dance has finished on stage during dress rehearsal so that parents can take a group photo. Sorry, we won't be able to take the time for individual dancers photos on stage.

Does my child need to have their costume and hair a certain way for dress rehearsal?

Yes! Please make sure your child comes dressed in their costume for their dress rehearsal and that their hair is also set the way their instructors has asked. Dress rehearsal is not just to practice the dance under the stage lights. It is also to make sure that any costume, hair and prop choices are secure and will not be a distraction to the dancer.

Don't forget to [complete this form](#) by March 13th. This is the only way we can guarantee that dancers will have their costume and t-shirt in time for the show!

Do you have other questions? Please let me know.

We hope your child can be part of the 2022 showcase, *Lights! Camera! Action!*

Sincerely,

Amy Brinkman-Sustache

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