

Stage Presence School of Dance Showtime Recital 2024 FAQ

1. **Date:** Saturday June 1st and 2nd . 10am, 1pm, 4pm and 7pm
2. **Where:** Fergus Grand Theatre, 244 St. Andrews St. West, Fergus

1. Do I have to buy a ticket for each show?

No and families are encouraged to only buy tickets for one show and volunteer or take some time for themselves for the other show. As our lovely theatre is small, in order to accommodate all of our dancers, families need to share the tickets. Videos of all the shows will also be available for purchase so you won't miss a moment. Though 7/8 of our shows were sold out last year, every show had a lot of empty seats due to parents buying tickets they didn't need. Tickets go on sale on Sunday, April 14th.

2. Is there a limit to the number of tickets I can purchase?

YES! From April 14th-28th we are asking families to only purchase 4 tickets per family. Beginning on April 29th tickets will then be on a first come first served basis. If we can get everyone sharing and purchasing only what they need, there will be plenty of tickets for everyone. As the theatre does not have the mechanism in place to limit tickets, we are asking parents to follow this guideline on the honour system. The theatre will be alerting me if they find families purchasing more than their share prior to April 29th. Let's work together to celebrate your dancer.

3. Will the shows start on time?

ABSOLUTELY! We have many 2, 3 and 4 year old dancers in our show who have limited attention and frankly bathroom break time so we must start on time. Whether you are in your seat or not, our shows will start promptly. Please drop off your dancer with our helpful volunteer and head to your seat so you don't miss a thing!

4. If I am not watching and not volunteering, can I hang around outside by the tent?

Please don't. Please take the time to go for a walk, shop or head home for an hour. Too many people can create chaos and it can make the job of the volunteer much harder if they are lining up dancers and yours is missing as they have wandered over to you. Unless you are a dancer, a teacher or a parent volunteer wearing a high visibility vest; please let us get your dancer to their big moment on the stage. Too many cooks can spoil the broth.

5. How many shows is my dancer in?

Every recreational CLASS (ex. Tuesday 5pm Future Stars) is in 2 shows. Please be sure to check the posted Show Orders to find which 2 shows the CLASS is performing in.

6. Do I have to buy a ticket for my dancer?

No, they will not be watching from the audience. We will have them assigned to a dressing area for the duration of the show.

7. If I want to buy a ticket for my dancer, can they watch after they are done performing?

We ask that the dancers all stay in their assigned areas. As we are responsible for each dancer, it is far easier for us to keep track of them as per their dressing room assignment. If dancers are in several places, the concern for us is that someone will not be where they are supposed to be and no one can find them.

8. Is there a rehearsal?

At this time, we have a rehearsal scheduled for Friday, May 31 at 5pm at the Fergus Grand Theatre. This is for Future Stars, Tots and Minis level dancers only. If we need to add an additional show, we will be assigning it to this time slot.

9. What time should I bring my dancer to the theatre the day of their performance?

Please have your dancer at the theatre with hair and makeup done and either costume on or ready to put it on no later than 30 mins before show time (9:30, 12:30, 3:30 or 6:30)

10. How do I know how to do my dancer's hair?

All information on hair, makeup and costume will be included with your dancer's costume. Please look for the sheet labeled "Costume information".

11. If my dancer is in more than 1 number and they are asking for different styles do I have to change it?

No, it is not necessary. The less stress the better. If you have been asked for a ponytail and a bun, just put their hair in a bun. It's no problem.

12. Do I or should I come help my dancer change if they have a costume change?

No – please sit back and enjoy the show. We have volunteers to help out with costume changes. We move through the show quite quickly and would prefer minimal moving from the audience. It can be distracting.

13. Where do I take my dancer when we get to the theatre?

We will have "greeters" at the main entrance of the theatre. Please go there and ask them where your dancer is to go. This has been determined by age level (Future Stars, Tot, Mini, etc.) Your Costume Information Sheet also lists your dancer's level if you are unsure. Once located, set your dancer up in their space, let our volunteer in the room know they are there and then feel free to leave them in the volunteer's very capable hands.

14. Will there be flowers for purchase?

Yes! Once again Mapleton Acres will be providing flowers for pre purchase on her website as well as on site purchases. They did such a lovely job last year, you won't be disappointed and it saves you one more errand on recital day. More information to follow soon.

15. Can I be a volunteer?

Yes please! We need many volunteers to make our shows successful. We will be setting up a volunteer sign up sheet in the hallway at the entrance to Studio 1 at the beginning of May. We will be supplying a volunteer's guide as well. Last year one of our mini level dancers told me her favourite show was the one where her mom, dad and big brother were volunteering. She enjoyed that even more than having them in the audience 😊. Please note, if you are volunteering, you will not be able to watch that show. We need the volunteers to stay with the dancers for safety.

16. Where do I collect my dancer from at the end of the show?

We will be bringing all the dancers back on stage for a final bow at the end of each show. Please collect your dancer from the stage and then return to their dressing area to gather all their belongings up. If you did not watch the show, you are welcome to come to the back door area on the side by the tent but you must collect your dancer from the stage so we know they have found you.

17. My dancer is in the 10am and 1pm show, do I just leave them with you all day?

No, please collect your dancer after each show. They will be bursting at the seams to tell you all about everything, get something to eat, a little rest and reapplying hair and make up to come back fresh for the next show.

18. Can I leave my dancer's costumes, etc. at the theatre between shows?

SPSD is not responsible for any lost or misplaced items. It would be best to take everything with you.

19. Can I park in the TD Parking lot for the rehearsal and the recital?

NO! TD owns and operates that parking lot and it is not for the use of the theatre during their operating hours. Please do not park there! We get in trouble if you do 😊.

Please be sure to bring some costume friendly snacks (grape juice and chocolate are not a good idea!), drinks and toys/books/games to entertain your dancer during the show. While the shows are generally about an hour and do go by very quickly, it's good to have some items from home for the littlest people.

Our recitals are a celebration of your dancer and everything we do is with the dancer's best interest in mind. As I am sure you can imagine, the logistics of running 8 shows with 400+ dancers can be daunting. I am asking everyone to please follow the directions given as there is a reason for everything and if we can all be moving in the same direction, everything goes so smoothly.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at misslorinda@stagepresencedance.ca. I am here to make this a wonderful experience, but I need your help, kindness and co-operation to get there.

Now on with the show!