



Winter Showcase 2024

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1. Where are the rehearsals and performances taking place?

- **All rehearsals and performances will be held at:**
 - Dixon High School Theater
 - 555 College Way, Dixon, CA 95620
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2. What is the schedule for rehearsal?

- **Thursday, December 12th:**
 - **5:30 PM** – Full dress rehearsal
 - Dancers should arrive **dressed in their first costume** with full hair and makeup as required.
 - Rehearsal will run in order, and dancers will practice changing costumes and lining up backstage.
 - Rehearsal is an opportunity for dancers to practice being onstage, and also an opportunity for our staff to practice running the music, lighting, transitions, etc. This process requires a bit of patience as we work out the kinks in order to make a great show for you and your family and friends.
 - Only **one adult per dancer** is allowed during rehearsals.
 - Dancers can leave once their dance(s) are finished rehearsing.
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3. What is the schedule for performances?

- **Saturday, December 14th:**
 - 1:00 PM performance (call time 12:15 PM)
 - 6:00 PM performance (call time 5:15 PM)
 - **Sunday, December 15th:**
 - 2:00 PM performance (call time 1:15 PM)
 - This show will be **recorded**.
 - **Note:** Call time for dancers is **45 minutes before showtime**. They should arrive ready with hair, makeup, and costume.
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4. What is the "call time" for dancers?

- "Call time" is when dancers should arrive for the show. Dancers should arrive **45 minutes** before showtime in **full costume**, hair, and makeup.
 - After their performance, dancers will take a **curtain call** (bow). They are free to leave after this but are encouraged to stay, especially on Sunday, to enjoy the final moments with the dance family.
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5. How do I check in and check out my dancer?

- **Rehearsals:**
 - Check-in will be inside the theater.
 - Dancers may leave once their rehearsal is complete.
 - **Performances:**
 - **Check-in:** Outside the theater with DDS staff.
 - **Pick-up:** In the MP room.
 - Please **escort your dancer** to check-in and make sure you **check them out backstage** before taking them home. **Dancer safety is our priority.**
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6. How do I buy tickets?

- Tickets are available on our website via [Ticket-Pro](#).
 - **Ticket Price:** \$16 each.
 - **Note:** This is general admission seating, and tickets are required for everyone, including dancers who are staying to watch the performance after performing.
 - **Seats are not reserved**, so get your tickets early to ensure a seat.
 - If you need **handicap seating**, please email the studio at dixondance@sbcglobal.net to reserve a seat.
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7. Do I need to buy a ticket to watch my dancer?

- **Yes.** Everyone who is watching the show is required to buy a ticket, including parents and family members.
- Parents are not required to watch every performance. If you prefer, you may **drop off** your dancer and **pick them up** when they are finished performing.

You are welcome to stay for any or all of the performances, but it is not mandatory for parents to attend every show.

8. I have a very young dancer. Can I stay backstage with them?

- **Absolutely!** We understand that many new dance families may feel uneasy with the process, especially with younger dancers. If you'd like to stay backstage with your dancer, you are more than welcome to do so.
 - Please note, we may ask that you assist with other children during the show as well. We encourage parents to sign up as **volunteers** to help ensure the backstage process runs smoothly.
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9. When my dancer is finished with their dances, can they come out to the audience and watch the rest of the show?

- **Yes!** We know that many dancers would like to enjoy the show if they finish early. However, since all audience members require a seat, your dancer will need to **purchase a ticket** to sit in the audience.
 - Please remember that **everyone who will be sitting needs a ticket**, including dancers who wish to stay and watch.
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10. What should my dancer wear?

- **Costumes:** Most costumes have been distributed. Please refer to the **Costume Guide** for specific details on styling, tights, shoes, and accessories.
 - **Label all items:** Make sure your dancer's **shoes, costumes, and tights are clearly labeled** to avoid confusion.
 - **Extra Tights:** It's always a good idea to bring an **extra pair of tights** in case of accidents.
 - For dancers with multiple costumes, consider organizing everything in a **laundry basket** or similar container.
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11. What about hair and makeup?

- **Hair:** All hair must be **up and out of the dancer's face** (including bangs). Refer to the **Costume Guide** for specific hairstyle instructions.

- **Makeup:** All dancers must wear **stage makeup** to ensure their faces are visible under the bright lights.
 - **Recommended:** Foundation, blush, mascara, and lipstick/gloss.
 - For younger dancers, parents can decide the amount of makeup.
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12. What kind of undergarments should my dancer wear?

- **Bras:** Should not be visible. Skin-colored bras with clear straps are acceptable.
 - **Tights and dancewear:** These are designed so dancers don't need to wear underwear. If necessary, **skin-colored underwear** is appropriate and must not be visible.
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13. What is the backstage etiquette for my dancer?

- **No photos or videos** are allowed backstage at any time.
 - Keep noise to a minimum—be respectful of others backstage.
 - Only **dry snacks** (costume-friendly) and **spill-proof water bottles** are allowed backstage. **No juice, coffee, or sodas.** We have dancers with severe nut allergies, so please avoid snacks containing nuts.
 - Dancers are welcome to bring quiet activities (like coloring books or toys) but **DDS is not responsible** for lost items.
 - **Electronics** should be left at home.
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14. What is the dancer etiquette for the theater?

- No **running** or **screaming** in the theater.
 - No **horseplay** (such as tumbling or climbing on each other).
 - Dancers should be **respectful** to one another, teachers, parents, and theater staff.
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15. What is expected of parents during the event?

- Be **respectful** to all DDS faculty, staff, and other parents.
- Listen to **announcements** to help the event run smoothly.
- **No alcohol** is allowed at any time.
- Please be aware that **no photos or videos are allowed backstage.**

- **Be respectful** of all dancers, parents, and staff throughout the event.
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16. What if my dancer is sick or cannot attend a rehearsal/performance?

- If your dancer is sick or unable to attend, please contact **Miss Morgan** (707-410-7034), **Miss Sara** (530-219-1169), or email **dixondance@sbcglobal.net** as soon as possible.
 - **We know how sad our dancers are** when they are sick or unwell and unable to make a performance. However, for their **own health** and the health of the other dancers, teachers, and families, we ask that you please keep your dancer home. Especially during the holidays, we understand this may be more common. Our **top priority is having your dancer well** and keeping everyone safe.
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17. How can I help with the show?

- Our Winter Showcase is made possible through **parent volunteers!** Each family is asked to volunteer for at least **one show**.
 - **Sara Blanton** is coordinating parent volunteers. Once you sign up, you will be assigned a specific area backstage and will receive instructions on how to assist during the event.
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18. What if I have more questions or need assistance?

- If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via email at **dixondance@sbcglobal.net** or reach out to **Miss Morgan** (707-410-7034) or **Miss Sara** (530-219-1169).
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