

JLC Performance, Concert and Competition Policy

At JLC, we believe that performances, concert, and dance competitions are important milestones in a dancer's development. These events provide students with the opportunity to showcase their hard work, challenge themselves, and grow as artists. This policy outlines the expectations, procedures, and requirements for participating in performances, concert, and dance competitions.

1. Participation Requirements:

- **Commitment:** To participate in any performance, concert, or competition, students must commit to attending all required rehearsals and classes leading up to the event. Regular attendance is crucial for the success of the performance and for ensuring that all dancers are well-prepared.
- **Skill Level:** Some performances and competitions may have specific skill or age requirements. Instructors will inform students of the prerequisites for each event. Participation is at the discretion of the instructor, based on performance readiness.
- **Rehearsals:** Students must attend all scheduled rehearsals for the performance or competition. If a student cannot attend a rehearsal due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances, the studio must be notified in advance, and makeup rehearsals may be arranged if possible.

2. Fees and Costs:

- **Performance/Concert Fees:** There will be a participation fee for each performance or concert. This fee helps cover the cost of the venue, lighting, sound, costumes, and other production-related expenses. The fee amount will be communicated in advance and is due by the designated deadline.
- **Competition Fees:** Dance competition participation fees will be provided for each event and will include entry fees, travel, and other associated costs. Payment for competition fees is due on a set date, and all fees must be paid in full before participation.
- **Costumes:** Students will be required to purchase or rent a costume for the concert, performance, or competition, which will be selected by the instructor. All costumes will be chosen to reflect the theme of the event and ensure that all dancers are appropriately dressed. Students will be given a deadline for costume fitting and payment.
- **Ticket Sales:** Tickets for the performance or concert will be available for purchase prior to the event. Pricing will be determined based on venue size and costs. A limited number of tickets may be offered to each family in advance, with additional tickets available for purchase closer to the event date.

3. Performance, Concert, and Competition Etiquette:

- **Arrival Time:** All performers must arrive at the venue at the designated call time. Late arrivals can affect the preparation and organization of the show, and we want all students to feel confident and ready for their performance.
- **Behaviour Backstage:** Dancers must remain quiet, respectful, and focused backstage. Parents or guardians will not be allowed backstage during the performance or competition, except in designated areas for drop-off or pick-up.
- **Dressing Room Guidelines:** All students must remain in the dressing room until it is their turn to perform. Please follow the guidance of the staff and volunteers in charge of the dressing room and backstage areas. Only authorized individuals are allowed in these areas during performances.

4. Dance Competition Behaviour and Expectations:

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- **Representing the Studio:** When participating in dance competitions, students and parents must always represent JLC with professionalism, sportsmanship, and respect. This includes displaying positive behaviour toward other teams, judges, and competition organizers.
- **Respect for Others:** It is important that students and their families understand the value of good sportsmanship. We expect all participants to cheer on other teams, encourage their peers, and maintain a respectful attitude, regardless of the outcome of the competition.
- **Attitude and Conduct:** Students should demonstrate a positive, focused attitude throughout the competition. Inappropriate behaviour, such as arguing with judges, other teams, or event staff, will not be tolerated. Dancers should avoid any actions that could negatively reflect on the studio.
- **Teamwork and Support:** Dance competitions often involve teamwork. We expect all dancers to be supportive of each other, whether they are competing as part of a team or performing solo. Cooperation and unity are key to creating a positive and successful experience for everyone involved.
- **Dress Code:** Students must adhere to the studio's dress code for competitions, which includes wearing the required costume, proper hair, and makeup as instructed by the teacher. Competition attire must be clean, neat, and appropriate.
- **Parents' Role:** Parents should maintain a supportive, encouraging role and avoid interfering with the event or competition staff. Parents must not approach judges or contest officials during the event. Any questions or concerns should be addressed privately with the studio management team, not in public or during the competition.

5. Communication and Updates:

- **Rehearsal and Performance Schedule:** The schedule for rehearsals, dress rehearsals, and the performance or competition will be provided well in advance. This schedule will include details such as dates, times, locations, and any important notes for the students and their families. Please be sure to check the studio's communication channels (email, website, etc.) regularly for updates.
- **Communication with Parents:** Parents are expected to keep the studio informed of any conflicts, absences, or concerns regarding their child's participation in the performance, concert, or competition. We ask that parents provide a reliable contact method in case of emergencies during events or rehearsals.

6. Special Circumstances:

- **Injury or Illness:** If a student is unable to perform due to injury or illness, they must notify the studio as soon as possible. A doctor's note may be required for participation after an injury. Instructors will work with injured students to determine their participation level or offer alternatives, such as assisting backstage.
- **Family Emergencies:** If a family emergency or other unforeseen circumstance arises that may affect the student's participation in rehearsals or the performance/competition, please notify the studio immediately. We will do our best to accommodate the situation.

7. Photos and Videos:

- **Audience Photography/Recording:** During performances and competitions, personal photography or video recording may be restricted in order to respect the privacy of all participants and to avoid disruptions. Official photos and videos of the performance or competition will be available for purchase from the studio after the event.

8. Refunds and Cancellations:

- **Refund Policy:** Performance, concert, and competition fees are generally non-refundable. If an emergency prevents a student from participating, please notify the studio as soon as possible.

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to discuss options. We will do our best to accommodate unique situations, but the studio reserves the right to determine the refund policy on a case-by-case basis.

- **Cancellation:** In the rare event that the performance, concert, or competition is cancelled due to an unforeseen circumstance (e.g., venue issues, safety concerns), families will be notified immediately, and options for rescheduling or partial refunds will be discussed.

By participating in performances, concert, and dance competitions at JLC Dance Company, all dancers and families agree to adhere to this policy to ensure a positive, professional, and fun experience for everyone involved. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact the studio.



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