



2022 School Showcase

Dear Springfield Ballet families,

The following packet has been put together to help answer any questions you may have regarding the 2022 School Showcase, a new end-of-year performance opportunity, held on Saturday, May 14 at 3:30pm. Any dancer enrolled in the Winter/Spring 2022 semester in any of the following classes is eligible to participate: Creative Movement 2, Pre-Ballet, Jazz 1A, Jazz 1B, Jazz 2A, Jazz 2B & 3, Modern 1, Modern 2, Modern 3, Tap 1, Tap 2A, Tap 2B, Tap 3, Men's Class/Variations (Mondays), B6+ Variations (Fridays) and/or the YCS Composition Classes (B5/6+ and B4 & B5).

Additional information will be distributed throughout the semester with regards to more detailed schedules, volunteer opportunities, costume and stage makeup requirements, and other important dates or information.

We will primarily be using email for communicating with parents and performers, so it is extremely important that you provide a reliable email address on the Participation and Consent Form. This form can be found [at this link](#) and must be submitted to Springfield Ballet by March 11. We encourage any and all questions regarding the showcase to be sent via email. **We would also recommend that you add the email addresses below to your contact list in order to avoid any emails going to your spam or junk mail.** Please also check your Gmail Promotions folder as our emails sometimes get filtered there as well. Contact information is listed below for your reference:

Email for all Showcase communications: apromines@springfieldballet.org

Phone: (417) 862-1343

Website: www.springfieldballet.org

For School related inquiries, please contact Ashley Paige Romines, Artistic Director at apromines@springfieldballet.org.

For Office/Business related inquiries, please contact Kaitlyn Pack, Operations Manager at kpach@springfieldballet.org.

For *Coppélia* related inquiries, please contact Maria Hall, School Principal at production@springfieldballet.org.

SHOWCASE FEE AND TICKETS

The participation fee for each dancer is \$50 and is due upon signing the Participation and Consent Form by March 4. Each dancer will be given 2 complimentary tickets to the Showcase. Additional tickets may be purchased upon sign up or at a later day for \$8 each.

Prior to signing up to participate in the Showcase, please read through the attached packet thoroughly, ensure your dancer can fulfill the attendance requirement for participation and that your dancer is available for the MANDATORY Dress Rehearsals.

PARTICIPATION & CONSENT ONLINE FORM – DUE MARCH 11

Thank you for considering participation in this newly offered performance opportunity. Being a part of a performance is a rewarding experience for dancers of any age and offers numerous learning opportunities for all involved. Thank you in advance for allowing your child to participate and for your cooperation in helping make this showcase a success!

Cordially in dance,
Ashley Paige Romines
Artistic Director



2022 School Showcase Detailed Schedule

All rehearsals will be held at Springfield Ballet, The Creamery Arts Center, 411 N Sherman Pkwy., Springfield, unless otherwise noted.

Friday, March 11		
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March 21-May 14	Various	School Showcase pieces are rehearsed in classes – limit of <u>two absences</u> in School Showcase class(es) in which your dancer is participating
Saturday, March 26	12:45-2:00pm	Hair & Stage Makeup Application —Learn standard stage makeup application and how to do a ballet bun. MANDATORY for ALL NEW performers.
Springfield Ballet Events/Performances		
Saturday, April 2	TBD	Rendezvous en Pointe Springfield Ballet Fundraiser Casting TBD
Monday, April 25- Sunday, May 1	Coppélia Tech and Performance Week—No Regular Classes held For Coppelia Tickets - click here	
Friday, April 29	Coppélia Performance at 7:30 pm at Landers Theatre	
Saturday, April 30	Coppélia Performances at 11:00 am & 4:00 pm at Landers Theatre	
Sunday, May 1	Coppélia Performance at 2:00 pm at Landers Theatre	
May 7-8	TBD	ArtsFest Tour Performance Casting TBD
School Showcase 2022 Schedule		
Friday, May 13	4:00-8:45pm	School Showcase Dress Rehearsal <i>Details TBD – MANDATORY FOR PARTICIPATING DANCERS</i>
Saturday, May 14	9:00am-3:00pm	School Showcase Dress Rehearsal <i>Details TBD – MANDATORY FOR PARTICIPATING DANCERS</i>
SATURDAY, MAY 14	3:30pm	School Showcase Performance Strike—all performers age 10+ required to help cleanup

- All important information and updates will be emailed. Please check for the schedules and information on a regular basis.



Frequently Asked Questions for 2022 School Showcase

What is the School Showcase?

A new performance opportunity for Springfield Ballet students who are enrolled in Creative Movement 2, Pre-Ballet, any level Jazz, Modern and Tap classes as well as Variations class and YCS Composition class.

When and where are performances held?

The performance is **Saturday, May 14 at 3:30pm** at the historic Fox Theatre on the Square in Downtown Springfield.

Who is eligible to participate?

Any dancer enrolled in the Winter/Spring 2022 semester in any of the following classes: Creative Movement 2, Pre-Ballet, Jazz 1A, Jazz 1B, Jazz 2A, Jazz 2B & 3, Modern 1, Modern 2, Modern 3, Tap 1, Tap 2A, Tap 2B, Tap 3, Men's Class/Variations (Mondays), B6+ Variations (Fridays) and/or the YCS Composition Classes (B5/6+ and B4 & B5).

What is the cost to participate in the production?

The participation fee is \$50 per dancer, and all participation fees are due by Friday, March 11 with the Participation and Consent Form. Failure to turn in the form and payment by the stated deadline will mean the dancer will be unable to participate in the School Showcase. Springfield Ballet is a not-for-profit organization. The participation fee helps to cover the cost of use of the costumes and faculty/staff for choreography and the event. Other costs associated with the showcase are tickets to the performance and personal costume items (see below). Once registered, the participation fee is non-refundable, even if the dancer does not end up performing in the showcase.

How do I purchase tickets?

An online ticket order form will be emailed out when it is available. Each participating dancer paying the \$50 participation fee will receive two comp tickets to the performance. Additional tickets will be \$8 per ticket. Those only participating in the YCS Composition class portion for the School Showcase do not have comp tickets included and will need to purchase tickets.

How do I know if my child is ready for this experience?

Ask your child's dance instructor if you are unsure. Dance instructors see sides of a child in the studio that may not be apparent in their home or academic settings. You should plan on not being able to be with your child at all times (during rehearsals and backstage during performance). If you or your child is not ready for this, then please consider waiting to participate at a later time. Please make sure you can meet all of the showcase commitments, including required attendance in classes, before committing to participate.

What can dancers expect to get out of the School Showcase experience?

Children will:

- Learn how to work among several levels of dancers
- Handle their emotions constructively
- Increase their self-sufficiency
- Watch the development of choreography
- Learn and practice dance etiquette in rehearsals, backstage and on-stage
- Have the opportunity to perform dance styles not always seen in Springfield Ballet's main-stage productions

Do I have to buy, rent, or clean costumes?

No, but a damage or replacement fee will be charged for any costume items returned in poor condition or not returned at all. Costumes are property of Springfield Ballet. Dancers will need to provide their own dress code approved leotard, tights/leggings and footwear as well as hair accessories, jewelry and makeup. A detailed list of all requirements will be distributed in March/April. A Hair and Stage Makeup Application workshop will be held on Saturday, March 26, 12:45-2:00pm. Springfield Ballet will provide costume items for each dance piece that can be worn over the dancer's dress code attire. Participating dancers may not keep the provided costume items.

What are the class attendance and rehearsal commitments?

Performers must be fully committed to the below requirements; otherwise, dismissal from the showcase may be required, and no participation fee refunds are given.

- Dance pieces will be learned in the dancer's regularly scheduled classes between March 21-May 14.
- Dancers may only miss up to **two** of their regularly scheduled Showcase class between March 21-May 14. If a dancer misses more than two classes, the dancer runs the risk of being dismissed from being able to participate in the showcase (in that particular class). The classes serve as the rehearsals and make-up classes cannot be taken in these instances since the dance piece is only being taught in their particular class; however, virtual options are available in the instances of illness or quarantine.
- Other times all participants will need to be at the studio or theater include: hair and makeup workshop, blocking and dress rehearsals and the performance. Performers ages 10 and up must participate in strike after the performance. Please check the detailed schedule.

What are blocking and dress rehearsals?

Blocking rehearsals involve placing dancers on stage so they understand where to go and what to do during the performances. Even though the dancers have been rehearsing for weeks, it looks and feels different on the real stage. Dress rehearsals include costumes and makeup, and usually run through the entire performance. All blocking and dress rehearsals are **mandatory** for all performers.

Can parents sit in on classes and/or record the dance piece to practice at home, especially for their young children?

No. Parents are not allowed in any classes at any time. The instructors/choreographers may provide resources for your dancer to practice at home, such as music links/files or their own recording of the piece; however, we ask that you not take pictures or recordings of the choreography during classes. If a child isn't ready for this process, they are not ready for the challenges of performance.

What if my dancer is not participating in the School Showcase? Will they be treated differently in class or miss out on important instruction time?

Though, we would love for all dancers in each of the classes to be able to participate and perform, we realize that is not always possible or likely. We want those committed to be able to fulfill all the requirements, and for those who are unable to for scheduling or other reasons, your dancer will not be penalized or treated differently in classes. It is an important aspect of a dancer's training to learn and pick up choreography, so non-participating dancers will still fully learn the dance pieces and participate in all portions of their regularly scheduled dance class.

My dancer registered for and is attending the YCS Composition class. Do I need to pay the Participation Fee for the School Showcase in addition to the class fee already paid?

If your dancer is only participating in the YCS portion of the School Showcase, the class fee covers their participation fee. **HOWEVER**, if your dancer plans to also participate in the School Showcase in their elective and/or variations class, then the \$50 participation fee is due for that.

What volunteer opportunities are available for the production?

We may be asking for parent volunteers to help us out during the School Showcase. Since there is only one performance, we will shift volunteers around so that everyone can watch their dancer perform. If a parent has a skill or talent that could be put to good use for the showcase, please let us know.

Will the School Showcase be recorded?

Yes, but we will give specific details about purchasing video links for the recording at a later date.