

Performances

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st Nov

at The Alexander Theatre 48 Exhibition Walk,
Monash University VIC 3800

The ballet students are to arrive 1 hour before the show (6pm) and can leave at interval (approx. 8:10pm). These ballet students are welcome to watch the 2nd half of the performance with their parents/family provided they have purchased a ticket.

The students only performing in the 2nd half may arrive 30mins (6:30pm) before the show commences and leave once the show is over. These students are welcome to watch the 1st half of the performance with their parents/family provided they have purchased a ticket.

If you decide to let your child watch the first half of the performance with you:

- Email Steppes in advance
- Students are to check in their belongings between 6-6:30pm at stage door
- Students are to advise check in staff that student is going to watch Ballet
- Student is to recheck in at the commencement of interval

If students wish to arrive at interval, please inform us in writing before the show. As the backstage door will be locked 15mins before show time (6:45pm) and at the commencement of our 2nd half.

Costumes

Once costumes are handed out to students, they will become the property of the student.

We do not have extra costumes made, so students will need to take care of their own. We suggest students keep costumes in a safe place and hang them up when they are not wearing them at rehearsal or on stage.

Some groups will have small accessories like hats, socks, gloves or hair ribbons as part of their costume. For some groups, we may keep some of these accessories at the theatre for safe keeping, however, other groups will have to take all their belongings, including accessories, home.



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Performance Kit

We ask that all students have a Performance Kit with them with the below travel size items inside; (All items must be labelled with students full name. This Performance Kit can be in a labelled backpack, bag or small case)

- All make up that is used on students face. This is in case of quick touch ups.
- Spare Hair Pins (Bobby and French/Fringe pins)
- Spare Hair Ties
- Hairbrush (Travel size)
- Spare flesh coloured underwear
- Spare Body Stocking for older students (Optional)
- Ballet Shoes / Jazz Shoes / Foot thongs
- Zip up jacket or Robe to protect costume
- Water Bottle
- Spare Hair Net
- Comb (Travel size)
- Hairspray (Travel size)
- Makeup wipes
- Spare tights
- Band-aids (just a few)
- Tissues

Clean snacks. ***nothing that contains nuts, parents use same protocol as you would with school lunches* (Snacks that Do Not leave marks on clothes and costumes)**

We suggest that students bring something to entertain themselves while waiting quietly backstage, eg pencils (NO TEXTAS) and a colouring book or an electrical toy like a DS. Please NOTE: ensure these are labelled as your child will be responsible for their own belongings.

Photos and Theatre Etiquette

Due to copyright laws the use of cameras and videos in the theatre is strictly prohibited. Anyone found using a camera or video may have it confiscated by a theatre or Steppes staff member. Please turn off all mobile phones before entering the theatre. If you have a child with you please leave the theatre if the child is disruptive.

Programs and Flowers

Programs and Flowers will be available to purchase in the foyer prior to performance

Frequently asked Performance Questions

Does my child need to attend the dress rehearsal?

It is compulsory for all students performing in the Performance to attend the full dress rehearsal. Students are given a tour of the theatre and a chance to familiarise themselves with the theatre facilities, including entering and exiting the stage with lights-out, and rehearsing with all the lights on. Dress rehearsal assists students to feel more confident on the Performance night. We will be having a professional photographer taking stage photos.

Why does my child have to perform 1 or 2 times if we are only coming to watch them once?

You may only wish to watch the performance once, however all students (**Except Dance Magic**) are required to perform twice. The show is the same for both evenings. If students are missing, this can affect the choreography as well as upset other students performing on stage. Just like a team sport they need each other on stage.

Why do they have to wear make up if they are only children?

The lights used on stage, are very strong and “washout” faces, make up high lights the features so the audience can see the dancers.

Do they arrive with make up on?

Yes all students **must** arrive with hair and make up already done. Although we have volunteers back stage **they are not there to do everyone's full make up.**

Do they arrive with red lipstick on?

Please do not apply the red lipstick as it smudges and gets on clothes. All students should have a bag with their own hairpins, drink, and red lipstick all clearly named. Volunteer parents will help apply the lipstick only.

Why can't children wear underwear under their costumes?

The stage lights are very strong and will show any underpants lines or patterns under the costumes. A flesh body stocking or leotard (that is a natural colour or skin tone) is acceptable or nude colour underpants both sold at Bloch, energetiks and other dance wear shops. If a student has more than one costume to change into then we would suggest they do wear one of the above underneath.

How do I do a Ballet Bun?

The best way to tie hair up and back is to keep it dirty and not wash on the day. Lots of hair spray and gel will also keep hair in place.

Start bun by making a pony tail at the height you want the bun

Eg – Low (top of neck above hair line)

Middle bun – middle of head near crown of head

High bun – very top of head

Twist the hair around to make into the shape of a bun and secure using Bun French pins around to hold in place. Cover the entire bun using a hair or bun net (use the colour to match hair) you can then place more pins around the bun until it is firm and won't fall out. Bobby pins help hold wispy bits and fringes back. (If you need a demonstration then Google “How to make a ballet bun” as they have some good demonstration videos you can watch.



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False Eye lashes

Optional for students under 11yrs. 12yrs and upwards to senior students we would prefer plain black false eyelashes. If students are wearing these for ballet then they can leave on for the 2nd half of the show.

If my child is performing in the ballet only does she / he have to stay the entire show?

Our performance this year commence at 7pm Wednesday 20th Nov and 7pm Thursday 21st Nov. Students who perform in the ballet may only join their parents after interval. You must purchase a ticket for students if they wish to watch the performance. As students are not guaranteed to be able to watch the performances.

Why do I have to wait to check my child in and out of the theatre?

Every child needs to be signed in when they arrive at the Theatre, and then signed out before being allowed to leave the Theatre. We are sure **ALL** parents will appreciate this procedure is for the safety of the child. Students above the age of 13yrs (Year 7 at Secondary School) may leave the theatre Stage door without being signed out providing they have their signed consent form on them (See attached)

Do we have to watch both performances?

Parents can choose to purchase tickets to one, or both of the Performances, it is entirely up to the individuals.

Why can't we take videos during the performance?

A professional video will be made of the performances, which can be purchased by completing an order form before the Performance. The entire production is the copy right of Steppes and therefore carries copyright restrictions. Plus the light on your camera and phone can be distracting for others enjoying our show.

Why can't I take photos during the show?

The use of Flash photography is not only **distracting and dangerous** to the safety of those performing on stage; it is also covered by the same copyright restrictions as video.

What should I pack in bag for students?

A bottle of water & snack, eg dry biscuits or fruit (nothing that contains nuts), any other pieces of costumes, or props, if in more than one item.

Dance Shoes – Ballet, tap, Jazz, etc (All labelled)

Hair brush if changing hair, extra pins, hair net, make up, deodorant for older girls. Parents may wish to pack a spare pair of tights for their child.



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Can I pack a game or toy in my Child's bag?

We would suggest that students bring something small in their bag that they can play with whilst waiting back stage eg pencils (**NOT TEXTAS**) and a colouring book or an electrical toy like a DS providing this is labelled with a name and the student must be responsible for their own belongings.

Can students bring mobile phones?

Students can have phones on silent in their bags however they must be responsible for all belongings.

I have a baby / toddler; may they sit on my knee during the performance?

Children under the age of 2 may sit on their parents knees during the show, however if the child becomes unsettled we would ask they leave the theatre as to not disturb other patrons. A parking area for prams is located in the foyer entrance, as there is no room for prams in the auditorium.

No classes at Steppes on the following dates;

Monday 18th November - Due to Full Dress Rehearsal at The Alexander Theatre

Wednesday 20th November - Due to Steppes Performance

Thursday 21st November - Due to Steppes Performance

Saturday 23rd November - Due to 2020 Troupe Auditions

Last week of term 4 is Monday 25th November to Saturday 30th November. Students are welcome to try another class and style during this week.

2020 Troupe Auditions will be held on Saturday 23rd November. More information regarding auditions will be emailed.

Steppes 2019 Break up Party will be held on Saturday 30th November.

The 2020 Term 1 timetable and online registration will be available after the concert not before.

Kind Regards,

Steppes School of Dance

**Please read the following important pages regarding DVD
Ordering and The Alexander Theatre**