



PRESENTS

BLOOM!

Parent Showcase Handbook

MAY 6, 2023

TWO SHOWS

• 1PM
GREEN CAST

• 5PM
PLUM CAST

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PREPARING OUR FAVORITE PEOPLE



- **SHOWCASE DATE:**
SAT., MAY 6, 2023
1PM SHOW- GREEN CAST
5PM SHOW- PLUM CAST

2023 showcases will be presented in two performances with different casts to minimize theatre time for our youngest dancers! The 1 pm show will feature our Ballet program. The 5pm show will highlight other dance styles, including Modern, Jazz, Tap and Hip Hop.

For your dancer's specific showtimes, see the cast list in your Jan. 15 email and on our showcase website. ***Times may be subject to change until March 1, 2023.*

• REHEARSALS

We'll make sure that **Core A & B** dancers are prepared during spring class times with the info needed to perform onstage on May 6. Dancers will join us onstage for our closed Tech/Dress rehearsals with Academy staff and theatre pros Thursday, May 4 (Green Cast) or Friday, May 5 (Plum Cast) before the show. Schedules will be posted on the showcase website. **Attendance is required** to perform on Saturday.

Core C, Company & Senior dancers will join us onstage for our closed Tech/Dress rehearsals with Academy staff and theatre pros on Wednesday, May 3-Friday, May 5. Schedules will be posted on the showcase website. **Attendance is required** to perform on Saturday.

• COSTUMES

We'll begin sending costumes home with dancers the final week in March, during Parent Observation Week. Excited dancers may want to try them on for you! If they do, please take extreme care to see that they are returned to the bag in the same condition we send them home for you. If the costume is damaged or stained, we will not be able to provide a replacement. **We have carefully steamed each one so that parents need only touch up with steam as needed.** We have made any necessary alterations to see that it fits each dancer to be ready for photos, rehearsals, and the big day!

Hairpieces will be attached or placed into the zippered garment bag or its back pocket. Please keep them with the costume at all times, and remember to return them to the safety of the bag after photos or rehearsal so that they are ready for performances!

ON PERFORMANCE DAY:

Core A & B Dancers in ONE dance may plan to wear their costume to the theatre. Please carry dance shoes to wear onstage only, never outside. Dancers will report to the Monument Theatre South Lobby table for Check-In before the performance.

For dancers who are in TWO or MORE dances: Do not wear costumes to the theatre. Dancers should bring them to check-in to accompany dancers backstage for convenient changes. We recommend a nude leotard for modest changing.



ACADEMY PARENT SUCCESS!

ACADEMY STUDENT SUCCESS!

TICKETING: 800-468-6464 OR THEMONUMENT.LIVE

Reserved Seating Tickets are available 3/15/23 at the Monument Bluepeak ticket office. Academy dancers get to perform on the largest professional stage in the City, with the team who brings our performance vision to life. Our family takes great care to provide the highest standards of safety and care for the smoothest possible experience. Like a ticket to a Rush game or rodeo event that supports local community members, your ticket also supports local professionals to do what they do best so that your dancers can shine! For Bloom, \$1 of each ticket sold will support a non-profit community partner serving children's needs. Watch for details! Reserved ticket seating is priced from \$17-\$33. Even though tickets will be available on performance day, we strongly recommend ordering early for the best selection.

• **BONUS:** You may be planning to attend both shows. As a bonus gift, we've asked the ticket office to extend a 25% discount on seats to the second show when you purchase the same seats for both performances.

DRESS CODE CHECK & THE DANCE SHOPPE: 605-719-5678

We suggest that you take a quick inventory now to see that your dancer has the necessary hole-free ballet or performance shoes, like-new tights, or that nude leo for modest and quick backstage changes!

Dancers may not tell you when they have outgrown or discovered holes in their dance gear. Our savvy parents check now to see if they need replacements before supplies run out. The Dance Shoppe at 230 Main is available by appointment or during store hours to ensure you have what you need to be performance-ready!

• **Core C Pointe shoes** should be ordered 8-12 weeks in advance to be broken in and reserved in time. Please check with Ms. Claire or Ms. Alina to see that they fit properly and will arrive in time for you! We strongly suggest ordering at least one extra pair to have it performance-ready.

• **Ballet or Nude tights** can be reserved now, charged to your account or card on file, then conveniently included inside your costume bag as we steam and prepare them! Contact us for this convenient option.

EARLY-ORDER MEMENTOS: 605-719-5678

We anticipate dress code, keepsake and memento needs so busy parents can relax more and soak up the day's success!

Here's a quick list of keepsakes that can make the big day even more memorable for your dancer:

1. **Presentation Rose Bouquets.** You can reserve beautiful bouquets in advance, and your pre-order will be waiting to pick up in the lobby on performance day, ready to share with your special dancer. If you order several now, your dancer can also have them in hand to share with special friends for congratulatory wishes for a year well-done!
2. **Bloom DVD's.** may be ordered in advance to guarantee your keepsake copy of both memorable performances that your dancer can watch repeatedly! (DVD's typically arrive the first week of July.)

These and additional items are available to order through our offices or online at our recital website:



LEARNING THE DANCES

We provide dancers with the tools they need for exceptional, fun, and successful performance experiences.

• Students should attend every possible remaining class on time, focused, and ready to put the beginning, middle, and finishing touches on performances.

• Students can practice at home to do it all by themselves with the class music on your parent portal! If you believe your dancer may require extra assistance, don't hesitate to email us at help@rcdancearts.com.

• Academy Performance "Ready Books" are shared with all Core A and Level 1 students to help them know what to expect as they color, imagine and complete it with you!

• Academy mentors are eager to lead the way on performance day! Not to worry, parents...We've got your dancer covered for a fun backstage time, too!



PREPARING DANCER BODIES

High-performance vehicles need super fuel and fine-tuning!

Dancers will have peak performance success if they get plenty of sleep, hydration, and healthy fuel. For the night before or day of the shows, we recommend avoiding late nights, slumber parties, soccer games, and other high-energy or energy-depleting events.

- DO choose fresh fruits, veggies, greens, and proteins to sustain longer-term energy and high demands on growing bodies.
- DO provide and encourage plenty of water by packing a water bottle labeled with a name and a small, dry snack for your dancer. Avoid common allergens like nuts too!
- **No juices, sodas, wet or messy food items backstage, please.**

Performance Hair & Make-up!

We value childhood and stage makeup that is age-appropriate. Because the stage lighting washes out faces, your dancer will need a little skin-toned powder or foundation, blush, and bright pink-toned lipstick. Mascara and a little liner will highlight sparkling eyes.

Performance hair is sleek and chic! Ballet buns topping the crown of the head, with no bangs or wisps can be managed with a little hair gel, mousse, or spray with pins, tiny braids, and clips, too. Please visit our performance website for sleek tutorials and ask our mentors or team members about special challenges, like great solutions for super fine or super curly hair.

Find extra tips for performance hair and makeup by scrolling to the bottom of the performance website page:

<https://rcdancearts.com/recital-2023/costumes/>





PHOTOGRAPHY

Sage Studios Photography & Russell Jensen will be in the Monument Theatre lobby for portraits:

- Mon., May 1 = Seniors and some Core C classes (@230 Main St.)
- Thurs., May 4 = Green Cast Dancers **between stage times**
- Fri., May 5 = Plum Cast Dancers **between stage times**

See this page on the showcase website for appointed times for your dancers and classes (dancers must be **onstage** at scheduled times):

<https://rcdancearts.com/recital-2023/portraits/>



Professional Performance DVDs will be available to pre-order on the Showcase Website or on the day of the show.



Theater Photography: Please remember, flash photography and distracting video recording are not allowed in the theater.



SUMMER



Summer schedule previews are LIVE now for dancers who want to continue their pathways to growth, pointe shoes and more!

- **Summer Camps** sizzle with more chances to perform every Thursday!
- **Summer Quarter** starts in June for continued progress or to try new dance styles!
- **Competition Options:** Interested dancers have the opportunity to connect with one of our pros to prepare a small group, solo, duo or trio for 2023/24 competitions.
- **Encore Friday:** half-day themed camps celebrate dance, arts and activities with friends!
- **Nutcracker Prep Camps** start in July, so that dancers are ready for early Fall auditions!

Register soon on your parent portal or contact our offices to learn more!



COMING NEXT!

Watch your email in-box for our subject line:

FALL 2023 RESERVED FOR YOU

We are customizing your Fall 2023 reserved space NOW to level-up skills!

WHAT TO EXPECT:

1) BECAUSE you have been with us this year as loyal family members, we want you to have the first choice in class spaces and times. We **offer you VIP access** when the Fall 23 Schedule Opens to Registration.



2) **Until the May 6 performance, your family can take advantage of our FALL VIP rates for tuition PLUS a free bonus upgrade to the LEAP membership rewards**, which include early show ticket access, 5% off every Dance Shoppe purchase and 5% off all Private Lessons & Boosters!

Watch your email for the **"Fall 2023 Reserved for You"** Subject Line to be the first to reserve your spot in our new year. We will limit class sizes and expect a wave of new student registrations as we continue to welcome students who are migrating from other studios or moving to the area from other communities.

Thank you for being here for this year of bright eyes and inspired learning as our dancers found fresh blooming growth! We appreciate every chance to serve and share these lessons for guiding young, kind humans through dance!

May all of your journeys overflow with love and a-bun-dance!



Ms. Julie, Ms. Claire,
Ms. Kristin, Ms. Alina and
Your Entire Academy family

ACADEMY DANCER CHECKLIST:



NOW:

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 6, 2023

Check your dancer's assigned performance time on the home page:
www.rcdancearts.com/recital-2023/

RESERVE SEATS WITH TICKETS:

444 N. Mt. Rushmore Road, Rapid City, SD. 800-468-6464 or themonument.live

ORDER EARLY BIRD MEMENTOS:

Call 605-719-5678 or visit the website:

CHECK DRESS CODE ITEMS:

Inspect for like-new tights, shoes, hair & make-up supplies for show day

PRACTICE DANCES & PERFORMANCE HAIR AND MAKE-UP

SHOW WEEK:

CHECK SCHEDULES TO ATTEND DANCE PORTRAITS (ALL)

& stage rehearsal sessions, including **required** Thursday/Friday Dress Tech

GET PLENTY OF REST AND GREAT FUEL FOR HEALTHY BODIES

SHOW DAY:

EAT A NUTRITIOUS LIGHT MEAL, PREPARE HAIR & MAKEUP

COSTUME & TIGHTS ON & CAREFULLY LOAD extra costumes into car.

Wear street shoes (carry dance shoes)

GOT YOUR TICKETS?

SHOWTIME AT THE MONUMENT THEATRE!

Your pre-ordered presentation floral bouquet pre-order is waiting for you there!



NEXT STEPS: *check out our pathways to graduation success with us and register for Summer/Fall 2023 before your classes fill!*

YOUR BLOOM NOTES:

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