

SPRING SHOW HANDBOOK



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Spring Show Address:

Elkader Opera House
207 N Main St., Elkader, IA 52043

Spring Show Date: Saturday, May 6, 2023
Spring Show Time: SHOW A - 10:30a; SHOW B - 2:30pm

1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

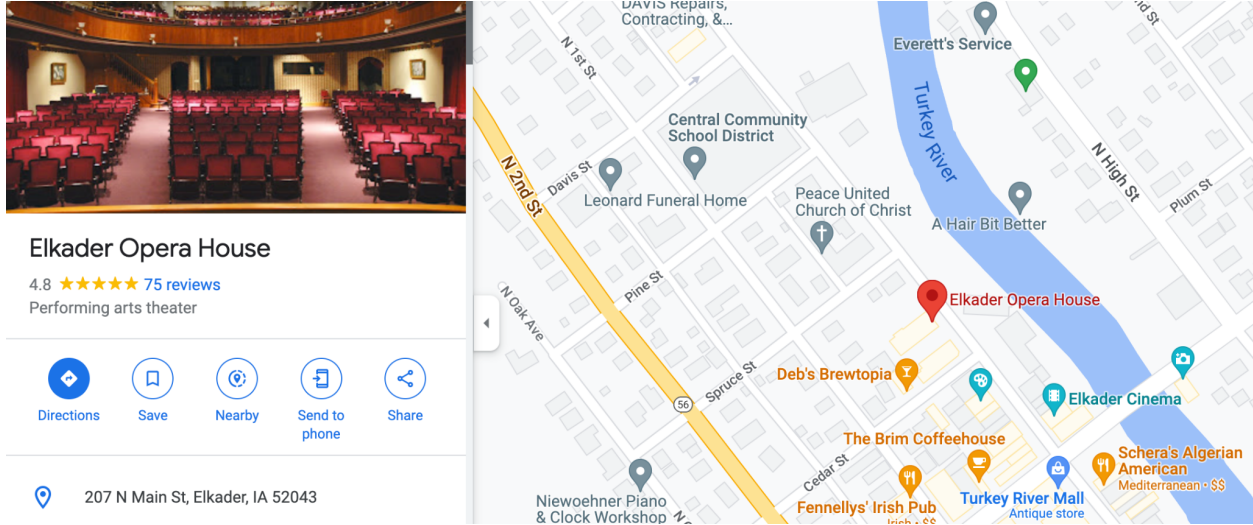
The opportunity to perform in a Spring Show is an exciting, empowering and confidence-building part of your time at our studio. This is where we love to watch our students learn about the theatre, rehearsals and teamwork while they enjoy the opportunity to showcase their skills in a professionally run production. Our Spring Show is a wonderful way for students to showcase the results of their hard work and for family and friends to join in the pride of their achievement. We love giving all students the chance to perform for their family and friends in this supportive and fun environment, and encourage even our youngest and newest performers to be involved. If there is any reason why your child will not be able to perform at the show on the dates and times provided in this handbook, please let us know so we can prepare their classes appropriately.

In terms of attendance, it is very important that students do not miss any of their scheduled classes between now and Spring Show time so they can spend their rehearsal time together to perform their routines, feel confident and look amazing. If for any reason your child will miss any of their regular classes, we ask that you contact the Front Desk via email to let us know in advance. Please note that, unfortunately, any families with unpaid dance or costume fees will not be allowed to participate in our Spring Show.

This is without doubt the highlight of our year and we are giddy with excitement to show you how hard our dancers have been working!

2 - Spring Show Location and Times

This year our Spring Show will be held at the Elkader Opera House.



In order for us to give all students as much stage-time as possible, we have divided our classes into separate shows. We know that our dancers love to perform their routines and show off their hard work as much as possible, and we are thrilled to be able to offer more seating and ticket opportunities by dividing our Spring Show into groups.

There will be TWO performances: SHOW A and SHOW B.

SHOW A

Students Performing –

Tuesday 3rd-5th Ballet/Jazz
Tuesday 3rd-5th Hip Hop
Tuesday 3rd-5th Acro
Tuesday 1st-2nd Acro
Tuesday 1st-2nd Jazz/Tap
Wednesday Preschool
Wednesday 1st-2nd Ballet
Wednesday Kinder Ballet
Wednesday Kinder Jazz/Hip Hop
Wednesday Kinder Acro
Friday Preschool
ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Date and Time - Saturday, May 6 - 10:30am
Show will conclude at approximately Noon.
Performers are required to arrive no later than 10am with their hair and makeup done.

SHOW B
Students Performing –

Monday 1st-2nd Hip hop
Monday 1st-2nd Jazz/Tap
Monday 1st-2nd Ballet
Monday Preschool
Thursday 1st/2nd Ballet
Thursday 1/2 Hip Hop
Thursday 3rd-5th Ballet/Jazz
ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Date and Time - Saturday, May 6 - 2:30pm
Show will conclude at approximately 4:00pm.
Performers are required to arrive no later than 2pm with their hair and makeup done.

3 - Rehearsals

Here at Fusion DanceWorks, dress rehearsals are a super important part of preparing for our Spring Show. This is where we get to see the costumes working on stage in a group to really compliment the dances your children have been working so hard on throughout the year. It gives us a chance to make any adjustments and ensure that everyone has time to get ready between their dances. We can see if any dancers are missing shoes, costume pieces, or other accessories.

Even more importantly, it gives the stars of our show a chance to get up and rehearse on the big stage – a very different environment than they are used to within the studio walls. They can overcome some of the jitters that may hit when the bright lights come on and really prepare themselves for the show ahead. It is a fun and rewarding experience and a great chance to play with their friends and watch some inspiring dancers as they wait for their turn in the spotlight.

Dress rehearsals will be held at Elkader Opera House. The rehearsal for SHOW A will be on **Tuesday, May 2, 2023**; students will need to arrive by **5:30pm - the rehearsal will begin at 6pm**. The rehearsal for SHOW B will be on **Thursday, May 4, 2023**; students will need to arrive by **5:30pm - the rehearsal will begin at 6pm**. Dancers should bring along all of their costumes, hair and makeup items for the concert. This includes all necessary dance shoes!

Students will be signed into the venue upon arrival by their responsible parent or guardian and will be supervised through the duration of rehearsal. Students cannot leave the premises without being signed out by a parent.

All costume and clothing items must be clearly labeled and children are allowed to bring a healthy (non-messy) snack with a bottle of water – all labeled with your child's full name. Our staff and volunteers will ensure that children are reminded to drink water regularly and eat their snacks at an appropriate time.

Parents and staff members who are volunteering to help at the Spring Show will also need to be available for Dress Rehearsal day to ensure they understand their roles and can see how everything will be run on show day.

4 - Studio Pictures

We are so excited to have the fabulous Jeff Barker taking our studio pictures once again this season! Pictures will take place the week of [April 10th at the studio](#).

SHOW A will take their pictures on Tuesday, April 11th; SHOW B will take their pictures on Thursday, April 13th. ALL Middle and High School Students will take their pictures on Wednesday, April 12th. Specific schedules will be detailed in your March Newsletters.

Dancers will be photographed in full costume with hair and make-up done just as they would have for the show. Cost for the pictures is covered in your Spring Picture fee, and covers a full copyright release of all photos. They will be uploaded to a Google Folder for you to download and print as you please.

For copyright and child safety reasons, we do not allow any photographs to be taken during the show by anyone other than our contracted photographer. We also cannot allow parents or friends to take photos of students posed and in costume during our official Photo Day, as it can be very distracting and compromise the quality of our reasonably-priced professional photographs.

5 - Tickets

Tickets for our Spring Show will go on sale to the public on April 1st and must be purchased from [the Elkader Opera House's ticketing service, Booktix](#). If you need help ordering tickets, please email the studio.

To ensure our dancers get to perform and show off their hard work to a full audience, we have kept ticket prices very reasonable. Adult tickets are \$10-\$20, depending on location in the theatre. Children's tickets (Aged 4-12 years) are priced at \$8 each.

We do not charge for children under 3 years old to attend the concert, unless they will be occupying their own seat. We also ask that you consider our dancers and other audience members when bringing young children to watch, and if they become loud, distressed or disturb any other audience members, please take them outside to let off a bit of steam before returning to enjoy the rest of the show.

This year, tickets to view our LIVESTREAM will also be available! You can purchase these tickets through BookTix as well.

6 - Costumes

We try to keep costumes as affordable as possible for our dance families, and also try to source items that can be worn to class in following years. Costume fees must be paid in full by December 1st. Once your costume is handed out, they must be brought with you on Picture Day, Dress Rehearsal, and the Spring Show. They are yours to keep.

Please see chart on the next page for each class's costume(s) for the Spring Show. Reminder — ALL ballet and jazz students should have a Black Studio Tank Top and Black Studio Spandex.

Caring for your Costumes

When washing your costumes, please ensure they are washed in cold water only on a gentle cycle, preferably using a lingerie wash-bag to ensure that they are not damaged. Costumes should not be tumble-dried, and take care not to over-expose them to direct sunlight.

Any costumes with sequins or embellishments must be hand washed in cold water.

If your costume does get stained or damaged, please notify the studio immediately for us to have a look and to try to resolve the problem. Unfortunately any damage or staining to costumes once you've taken them home may incur additional fees. Please mark all costumes with your initials or name so it can be returned to you in case it gets left behind or misplaced.

	Costume 1	Costume 2 (if applicable)
Monday 4:15 1st/2nd Hip Hop	Green Studio T Studio Sweats	n/a
Monday 4:45 1st/2nd Jazz/Tap	White "Love Dance" Crop Top, Black Spandex, Black Tank Top	n/a
Monday 5:15 1st/2nd Ballet	Black Tank Black Spandex Tutu	n/a
Monday Preschool	Black Rhinestone Dress	n/a
Monday 6:30 6th-8th Ballet/Jazz	Black Tank Black Spandex Skirt	Black Tank, Black Spandex, Long Sleeve Crop Top
Monday 7:30 6th-8th Hip Hop	Green Studio T Studio Sweats	n/a
Monday 8pm HS Hip Hop	Green Studio T Studio Sweats	n/a
Monday 8:30 HS Ballet	Black Tank Black Spandex Skirt	n/a
Monday 9pm HS Jazz	Black Tank, Black Spandex, Long Sleeve Crop Top	n/a
Tuesday 4:15 3rd-5th Ballet/Jazz	Black Tank Black Spandex Skirt	White "Love Dance" Crop Top, Black Spandex, Black Tank Top
Tuesday 5:15 3rd-5th Hip Hop	Green Studio T Studio Sweats	n/a
Tuesday 5:45 3rd-5th Acro	Green Studio T Studio Sweats	n/a
Tuesday 6:15 1st/2nd Acro	Black Tank Black Spandex	n/a
Tuesday 6:45 1st/2nd Jazz/Tap	White "Love Dance" Crop Top, Black Spandex, Black Tank Top	n/a
Tuesday 7:45 Lyrical/Contemporary		
Wednesday Preschool	Black Rhinestone Dress	n/a

Wednesday 4pm 1st/2nd Ballet	Black Tank Black Spandex Tutu	n/a
Wednesday Kinder Ballet	Black Tank Black Spandex Tutu	n/a
Wednesday Kinder Jazz/Hip Hop	Green Studio T Studio Sweats	n/a
Wednesday Kinder Acro	Green Studio T Studio Sweats	n/a
Thursday 4:30 1st/2nd Ballet	Black Tank Black Spandex Tutu	n/a
Thursday 5pm 1st/2nd Hip Hop	Green Studio T Studio Sweats	n/a
Thursday 5:30 1st-5th Acro	Black Tank Black Spandex	n/a
Thursday 6pm 3rd-5th Ballet/Jazz	Black Tank Black Spandex Skirt	White "Love Dance" Crop Top, Black Spandex, Black Tank Top
Friday Preschool	Black Rhinestone Dress OR Black V-neck and shorts	n/a

7 - Shoes

Ballet students will require canvas half-soles (can be purchased at the studio).

Tap students will require black tap shoes with velcro closures (can be purchased at the studio).

Hiphop students will require clean tennis shoes.

Lyrical/Contemporary students will wear canvas half-soles or dance bare-foot.

Underwear must be skin-coloured and must not be visible beneath your child's costume.

8 - Grooming – Hair and Makeup

The following guidelines apply for Studio Pictures, Dress Rehearsal, AND performances

Preschoolers and Kinders: Make up for this group is really not necessary - let's let kids be kids! As for hair, everyone's hair is different, so we don't require uniform hair for the Spring Show. Please ensure your dancer's hair is secured OFF their face. Buns and braids are preferred.

1st-12th grade : The purpose of make-up is to be sure their faces don't wash out in the stage lighting. A little blush, eye shadow, and mascara is sufficient. As for hair, everyone's hair is different, so we don't require uniform hair for the Spring Show. Please ensure your dancer's hair is secured OFF their face. Buns and braids are preferred.

9 - Spring Show Procedures

As always, the safety of our dance family is our #1 priority. When students arrive at the rehearsal and Spring Show they are to be signed in by a parent or guardian, and must be signed out when it is time to leave.

Students are not permitted to leave the venue while the rehearsal and show are running. No student is to leave the backstage area at any time, no exceptions.

Only Fusion DanceWorks staff and registered parent helpers are permitted backstage. We are unable to run messages or food to students, so please make sure they have everything before they come backstage for rehearsal and the Spring Show.

Please try not to bring anything valuable, especially electronic devices. Our studio and the venue will take no responsibility if an item is damaged, misplaced, lost or stolen. A quiet activity, instead, is advised.

Private videography and photography is strictly prohibited as we will have professionals attending on the day to provide these services for us, leaving you free to sit back and enjoy the show in the moment!

Explicit language, inappropriate attire, offensive clothing and criminal behavior will not be tolerated. Consuming alcohol and smoking are not permitted.

ALL students are to have their name marked off when they arrive at the venue. If your child has any Medical Conditions that may require attention whilst in our care or are carrying any medication with them, please notify our staff when you sign in. It is best to arrive with hair and makeup done and ready to get dressed in costume.

When being picked up, all children need to be signed out of the venue by their parent/guardian. Please avoid asking your child to meet you outside the venue or in the car park as a parent has to be seen for you to pick them up. If someone else is picking your child up, they need to have a permission note to show who will be supervising them.

10 - What to Bring

Anything your dancer brings with them **MUST** be contained within one bag or small tote, and all items must be clearly labeled with their name.

Don't forget your costumes, too! These are best hung on coat hangers and protected in a costume bag that is clearly labeled.

FOOD AND DRINK - Costumes are easily ruined by food and drink stains. It is important they have something nutritious to keep their energy up as well as something that won't stain – this means **NO** fast food, cheese snacks and chips, etc.. **NO** nuts or nut products. They also need to bring a bottle of water **LABELED** with their name – **NO** soft drinks or juice as it stains the costumes. This is for both the rehearsal and concert.

Children are discouraged from bringing any valuables including phones, iPods, iPads and laptops as the venue and Fusion DanceWorks will not take responsibility for any items lost, damaged or stolen.

11 - Spring Show Recordings

In conjunction with copyright laws and child safety/privacy, personal photography or video recording is strictly prohibited during our shows. We have employed the Elkader Opera House to capture these memories for you! The cost of the high-quality recital recording is **only \$5** and can be ordered through the studio. The recording will be available via downloadable online link. If you'd prefer a hard-copy of the performance on a USB drive, the cost is \$15.