

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 2, 2026

Spring Show Time: SHOW A - 10:30am and SHOW B - 2:30pm

1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

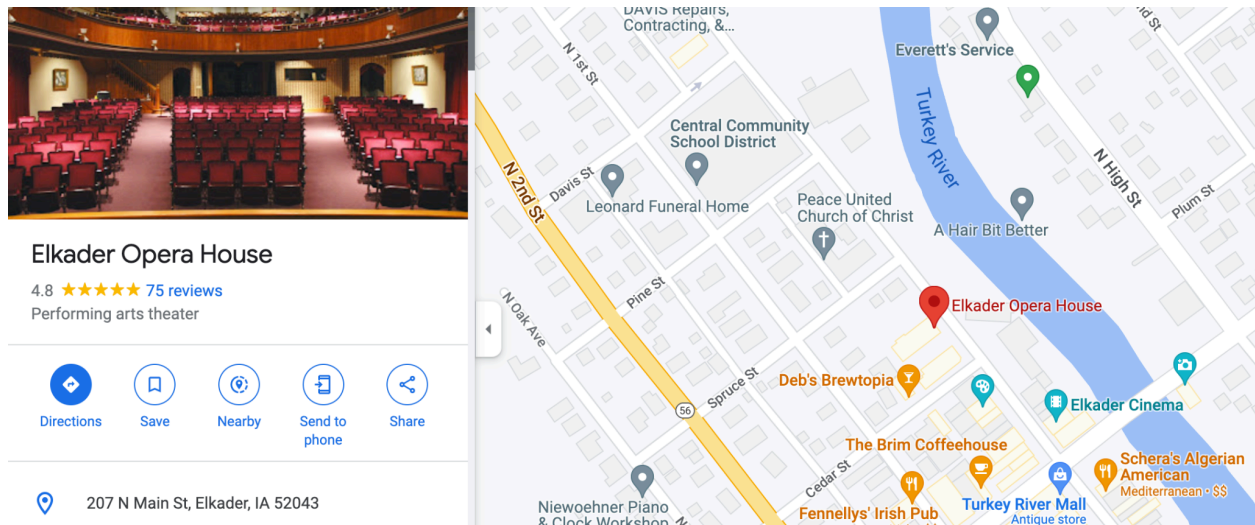
The opportunity to perform in a Spring Show is an exciting, empowering and confidence-building part of your time at our studio. This is where we love to watch our students learn about the theatre, rehearsals and teamwork while they enjoy the opportunity to showcase their skills in a professionally run 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 –

All 12-18yo Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Pointe, and Contemporary Classes

All 5-7yo Ballet, Jazz, and Hip Hop Classes

Date and Time - Saturday, May 2 - 10:30am

The show will conclude at approximately 11:45am.

Performers are required to arrive no later than 10:10am with their hair and makeup done.

SHOW B

Students Performing –

All 3-4yo Classes

All 8-11yo Ballet, Jazz, & Hip Hop Classes

All Tap Classes

Date and Time - Saturday, May 2 - 2:30pm

The show will conclude at approximately 3:30pm.

Performers are required to arrive no later than 2:10pm 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 during **show week** will be held at Elkader Opera House.

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 by our amazing staff and volunteers. Please bring your student to the side shop door - NOT the main entrance - for rehearsal.



Our dress rehearsal is CLOSED to the public. 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. You are also encouraged to send quiet activities with your child to keep them entertained while they wait.

Recital Week Schedule:

Monday (4/27), Wednesday (4/29), and Friday (5/1)- NO CLASS

Tuesday, April 28 @ Elkader Opera House

5:30-7:45pm - All 3-4yo Dancers, All 8-11yo Ballet, Jazz/Acro, Hip Hop Dancers, + All Tappers (The 3-4yo Dancers will be done by 6:15pm and will be free to leave)

Thursday, April 30 @ Elkader Opera House

5:30-7:45 -- ALL 5-7yo Ballet, Jazz/Acro, Hip Hop Dancers, + ALL 12-18yo Ballet, Jazz/Acro, Hip Hop, Contemporary, & Pointe Dancers

4 - 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.

There are no tickets included with this performance or as part of your Recital Fee. Ticket pricing will be based on a tiered based on the location in the theater. Children under age three will not require a ticket.

We do not charge for children under 2 years old to attend the performance, 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.

5 - 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. Your costume fee is included in your Spring Show Fee, and 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.

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.

For rehearsals and performances, we recommend transporting and keeping your costumes in a garment bag or small tote with a lid. This keeps all your items contained and easy to find, as well as having room for shoes and any necessary accessories. Please label your bag or tote with your name as well.

Show A - 10:30am	<u>Costume Provided with Costume Fee</u>	<u>Studio Essentials Needed</u>	<u>Shoes</u>
Monday 7:00 15-18yo Hip Hop	N/A	Green Studio Tshirt Fusion Sweatpants	Clean Tennis Shoes OR Jazz Shoes
Monday 7:35 15-18yo Jazz	Fully Sequined Flyaway Tank	Black Studio Tank Solid Black Leggings	Tan Jazz Shoes or Half Soles
Monday 8:10 15-18yo Ballet	Midi Slit Skirt & Bolero Top	Black Studio Tank Black Studio Spandex	Canvas Half-Soles
Monday 8:45 L2 Contemporary	N/A	Black Studio Tank Black Studio Spandex	Canvas Half-Soles
Tuesday 4:40 5-7yo Hip Hop	N/A	Green Studio Fusion Sweatpants	Clean Tennis Shoes OR Jazz Shoes
Tuesday 5:15 5-7yo Jazz	Blue Vest & Black Skirt	Black Studio Tank Black Studio Spandex	Jazz Shoes
Tuesday 5:50 5-7yo Ballet	Satin Skirt and Ballet Wrap Sweater	Black Studio Tank Black Studio Spandex	Canvas Half-Soles
Tuesday 7:00 12-14yo Jazz	Fully Sequined Flyaway Tank	Black Studio Tank Solid Black Leggings	Tan Jazz Shoes or Half Soles
Tuesday 7:35 12-14yo Ballet	Midi Slit Skirt & Bolero Top	Black Studio Tank Black Studio Spandex	Canvas Half-Soles
Tuesday 8:10 12-14yo Hip Hop	N/A	Green Studio Tshirt Fusion Sweatpants	Clean Tennis Shoes OR Jazz Shoes
Tuesday 8:45 L1 Contemporary	N/A	Black Studio Tank Black Studio Spandex	Canvas Half-Soles OR Contemporary Socks
Wednesday 5:05 5-7yo Ballet	Satin Skirt and Ballet Wrap Sweater	Black Studio Tank Black Studio Spandex	Canvas Half-Soles
Wednesday 5:10 5-7yo Jazz	Purple Vest & Black Skirt	Black Studio Tank Black Studio Spandex	Jazz Shoes
Wednesday 5:40 13-18yo Pointe	N/A	Black Studio Tank Black Studio Spandex	Pointe Shoes
Show B - 2:30pm	<u>Costume Provided with Costume Fee</u>	<u>Studio Essentials Needed</u>	<u>Shoes</u>
Monday 4:05 8-11yo Jazz	White Ombre Jumpsuit	Black Studio Tank Black Studio Spandex	Tan Jazz Shoes

Monday 4:40 8-11yo Ballet	Assymetrical Skirt & Bolero Top	Black Studio Tank Black Studio Spandex	Canvas Half-Soles
Monday 5:15 8-11yo Hip hop	N/A	Green Studio Tshirt Fusion Sweatpants	Clean Tennis Shoes OR Jazz Shoes
Tuesday 5:15 3yo Creative Dance	Girls: Dance Dress w/Hairpiece Boys: Sequin Polo & Jazz Pants	N/A	Barefoot
Tuesday 5:55 5-11yo Tap L2	N/A	Green Studio Tshirt Fusion Sweatpants	Tap Shoes
Tuesday 6:30 4yo Ballet/Acro	Dance Dress - Miss Lisa will communicate which skirt to use.	N/A	Barefoot
Wednesday 5:45 4yo Ballet/Acro	Dance Dress - Miss Lisa will communicate which skirt to use.	N/A	Barefoot
Wednesday 6:20 3yo Creative Dance	Girls: Dance Dress w/Hairpiece Boys: Sequin Polo & Jazz Pants	N/A	Barefoot
Wednesday 6:55 12-18yo Tap	N/A	Green Studio Tshirt Fusion Sweatpants	Tap Shoes
Thursday 4:10 8-11yo Ballet	Assymetrical Skirt & Bolero Top	Black Studio Tank Black Studio Spandex	Canvas Half-Soles

6 - Shoes

Dancers should have had these shoes all season for class and for the Christmas Cabaret. However, as a reminder:

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

Jazz students will require tan jazz shoes (can be purchased at the studio).

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

Hip hop students will require clean tennis shoes or black/tan leather jazz 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.

7 - Grooming – Hair and Makeup

The following guidelines apply for 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.

8 - 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 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.

9 - 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!

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 show.

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.

10 - Spring Show Recordings

In conjunction with copyright laws and child safety/privacy, personal 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 included in your Recital Fee that was due in December. The recording will be available via downloadable online link. If you'd prefer a hard-copy of the performance on a USB drive, there is an additional cost of \$15.

You are welcome to take photos during the show! No flash photography is allowed for the safety of our performers.