

Tip, Tricks, and Tactful Traits for a Successful Showcase

As our showcase draws near, we'd like to share some tips and tricks to help the weekend go as smoothly as possible for everyone. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in making this our best show yet!

BEFORE THE SHOW

WHAT TO BRING

- Hairspray and bobby pins (for touch-ups)
- Lipstick (for touch-ups)
- Snacks (vegetarian/shellfish-free to comply with Bender JCC's policies)
- Water bottle (a water fountain is available at the Bender JCC for refills)
- Class Attire/Costumes for all classes
- Shoes for all classes
- Extra tights
- Safety pins
- Deodorant
- Extra undergarments
- Warmup clothes (ie, sweatshirt, sweatpants, and socks - it can be cold backstage!)
- Slides or slip-on shoes to wear while not on stage
- Something to do between dress rehearsal and performance (books, sketchbook, ipad, etc)
- Chargers for phones and any other devices

Please leave all **valuables, food containing meat or shellfish, and any type of glitter** at home.

HAIR, MAKEUP, & COSTUMES

Since dressing room space is limited at the Bender JCC, **please do your hair and makeup at home**. This will help the weekend run smoothly for everyone! You can find a hair and makeup guide on our showcase webpage, and feel free to ask your teachers if you need more information. To prevent any mishaps, **please bring your costume(s) to the theater in the original costume bag**.

ARRIVING AT THE VENUE

DRESS REHEARSAL

When you arrive at the Bender JCC for your call time, **please meet the parent volunteers at the check in booth in front of the Kreeger Auditorium**. After the parent volunteer has checked your child's name off the list, your child can proceed backstage to wait for their piece to rehearse. Parent volunteers will be present backstage to assist dancers in changing, lining up for their dance, and keeping them safe.

If parents would like to wait for their child's piece to finish rehearsing, they are welcome to **wait in the lobby or quietly in the house**, where they can watch the rehearsal.

SHOW DAY

When you arrive at the Bender JCC for the performance call time, please give yourself time to park and enter the facility. Next, **please meet the parent volunteers at the check in booth in front of the Kreeger Auditorium**. They will check your child's name off the list and hand you a dismissal card (for students ages 11 and under).. This card will be needed to pick up your child at the Backstage Dismissal at the end of the concert. **Please hold onto this card - we will not be able to dismiss your child to you without it.**

After you've picked up the card, your child can proceed backstage, where they will remain until the end of the show. Parent volunteers will be present backstage to supervise.

DANCERS BACKSTAGE

To help keep everyone safe and ensure a positive experience for everyone involved, we have a few requests:

- Please **use the dressing rooms for changing** instead of the bathroom, as we'll need to keep it open for regular use by our staff, dancers, and other JCC Bender patrons
- Please **use inside voices** to avoid disturbing other dancers, staff, and other JCC Bender patrons
- To protect your costumes, please **do not eat while in costume**
- **Bring all medications** (including inhalers, epipens, and diabetic pumps) **directly to the Dressing Room Manager** for safekeeping
- For your own safety and protection, **absolutely no bare feet in the dressing room or backstage!** Please make sure to bring slides or slip-on shoes to protect your toes.
- To avoid messes and stained costumes, **only water in containers with lids** is allowed backstage
- To help everyone stay quiet and focused, please **bring quiet activities** (books, coloring pages, etc). If you're going to use an electronic device, please **make sure to bring headphones**.
- **Please cooperate with all requests and directions** given by the parent volunteers, UD&M staff and faculty, and the backstage and dressing room managers. This will ensure everyone's comfort, safety, and help the show run smoothly!
- To keep the space clean for everyone, **please pick up after yourself, deposit trash in the trash cans, and keep your belongings secured in your bag.**
- To keep everyone safe, **all dancers must remain backstage for the entire duration of the show.** This is to make sure that the staff and volunteers know where everyone is at all times. We will dismiss by class in the order of performance at the end of each show.
- Since we have a limited amount of time and space, **no parents/guardians/caretakers are allowed backstage.** Our dedicated parent volunteers, staff, and faculty will keep your dancers safe!

AUDIENCE MEMBERS

Watching a live show is fun and exciting, and there's just a few things to keep in mind to make it an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. Here's what we request:

- Please **silence your cell phones** and **turn down the screen brightness.**
- **No food or beverages**, including water, are allowed in the theater.
- As there is no intermission, **please plan ahead** to use the restroom, get water, or do anything else before the show begins. If you need to leave your seat for an emergency, **please do so quickly and quietly** to avoid disturbing other audience members.
- To avoid distracting the dancers and your fellow audience members, **please hold your applause until the end of each piece.**
- If you are attending both shows, **you will need to leave the theater and then be readmitted with your ticket for the second show.** This gives the volunteers time to clean the house between performances and ensures that we have accurate ticketing information.