

# HANDBOOK - MATINEE SHOW 2023

Dear performers & parents,

You are part of the 'Matinee Show' Concert and will perform twice, on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Being part of a theatre production will be an exciting experience for you. Through practice you and your fellow students will create something entertaining and fun. You'll learn how a show comes together, learn to dance in time with each other and the music, deal with the unexpected onstage and feel the exhilaration of performing.

Being part of a show requires commitment and focus in class, to learn your part, and attendance at ALL the extra studio and stage rehearsals. Yes, you may have to be at rehearsals for a while, no, you may not always be dancing. Please bring something to do in case you have to wait, plus lunch, snacks and water. Please support the others by respecting their rehearsal time and being quiet. You will end up spending lots of time with your friends and feel part of a team, have nervous butterflies beforehand and great memories afterwards.

Parents, we have a dedicated team working backstage to make this experience rewarding and fun for your child. We are aiming to teach them teamwork, perseverance, patience and lots of other things that come with being part of a production. All performers are invited to take part in a 'finale' (final bow) at the end of the show. This will be rehearsed at the theatre rehearsals.

The Matinee Show involves all students from Ballet Pre Grades - Grade 2, Jazz Pre Grades -Grade 2, and Hip Hop Grades 7-9yrs, Lyrical Grades (Group A) and Acro Grades (Group A). During the show weekend, the studio also presents four daytime Little Shows (preschool to Primary) and a Big Show (Ballet & Jazz Grades 3+).

## Why do we have rehearsals?

1. The STUDIO REHEARSAL means performers feel confident in their item before they get to the theatre.
2. The STAGE REHEARSAL allows them to get used to the theatre stage space, the wings for entrances and exits, any scenery or lighting. We also set the lighting with the technician during this rehearsal.
3. The DRESS REHEARSAL allows to practise dancing in your costume, and getting from dressing room to stage on time. We run the dress rehearsal smoothly as if it is a real performance.

Because dances have formations and group work, if even one person is missing it can make the rehearsal less useful. Plus that one person will need help to catch up with the group. **For these reasons, rehearsals are compulsory.** All rehearsal time is included in your Term 4 tuition. After these three rehearsals, performers will be feeling prepared and excited for their shows.

## REHEARSAL TIMETABLE

Parents please note:



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- There are NO CLASSES Wednesday 6th December through Sunday 10th December due to theatre rehearsals and performances during this time. The concert marks the end of the studio year.
- Students can leave rehearsals once finished, provided a parent signs them out of the green room.
- All students can wait in the green room before and after their items and everyone is invited back on stage for the finale (final bow) at the end of each performance.

## REHEARSALS

1. STUDIO REHEARSAL
2. STAGE REHEARSAL
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MATINEE SHOW	STUDIO REHEARSAL	STAGE REHEARSAL	DRESS REHEARSAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ballet: Pre Grades, Grade 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>• Jazz: Pre Grades, Grade 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>• Hip Hop: Grades 7-9yrs</li> <li>• Lyrical Grades (Group A)</li> <li>• Acro Grades (Group A)</li> </ul>	<b>Date: Sunday 3rd December</b>  Venue: 182 Thorndon Quay  Time: See timetable below for group times.	<b>Date: Wednesday 6th December.</b>  Venue: Vic Uni Memorial Theatre  Time: See timetable below for group times	<b>Date: Friday 8th December</b>  Venue: Vic Uni Memorial Theatre  Time: See timetable below for group times

## 1. STUDIO REHEARSAL

**Sunday 3rd December : STUDIO - 182 THORNDON QUAY**

### STUDIO 1

9.00am	Ballet Pre Grades and Grade 1 ALL
10.00am	Ballet Grade 2 ALL
11.00am	Lyrical ALL
11.45am	Break
12.00pm	Jazz Senior ALL
1.15pm	Ballet Senior ALL
2.30pm	Jazz Opening Number (Evening)
3.30pm	Contemporary ALL
4.30pm	Hip Hop Grades ALL
5.30pm	Hip Hop Opening Number
6.30pm	Hip Hop Senior ALL
7.30pm	Finish

### STUDIO 2

9.00am	Jazz Grade 2 ALL
10.00am	Jazz Pre Grades and Grade 1 ALL
11.00am	Team: <i>Madeline</i> (Studio 2 finish 12.00pm)
11.00am	Teams: <i>Polar Express/Hunny</i> (Studio 3)
12.00pm	Ballet Grade 3 & 4 ALL
1.15pm	Jazz Grade 3 & 4 ALL (finish 2.30pm)
2.30pm	-
3.30pm	-
4.30pm	Featured Characters & Solo Characters
5.30pm	Acro ALL
6.30pm	Tap ALL
7.30pm	Finish

## 2. STAGE REHEARSAL

Victoria University Memorial Theatre

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	VIC UNI MEMORIAL THEATRE
<i>Matinée Show Opening Number</i>	4.00pm – 4.30pm
<b>Matinée Show Stage Rehearsal (ALL)</b>	<b>4.30pm - 6.30pm</b>

## 3. DRESS REHEARSAL

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	VIC UNI MEMORIAL THEATRE
Matinee Show	4.30pm - 5.45pm (arrive by 3.45pm for costume/hair)

## PERFORMANCES

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE TWO SHOWS, ALL PERFORMERS PARTICIPATE IN BOTH.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Matinee Show                      4.00-5.15pm (all performers must arrive by 3.00pm)

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Matinee Show                      4.00-5.15pm (all performers must arrive by 3.00pm)



# THEATRE RULES

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHING TEAM: These rules are not to make anyone's life difficult but are a result of lessons learned over many years of putting on concerts at this venue.

- NAME YOUR SHOES, costumes and everything you bring to the theatre. We will keep a lost property bin, but there will be no one at the theatre between rehearsal to search for lost shoes.
- Costumes, hair or makeup are required for the dress rehearsal and performances only, for the studio and stage rehearsals, normal class dance wear.
- The stage & dress rehearsals are **closed. This means both the auditorium, stage and backstage area are for staff, and required performers only. Parents can wait in the foyer or atrium, no viewing. We ask that you respect this.**
- Each time you come to the theatre, performers need to report to the main drop-off dressing area, get ready and then have their parent sign them into the 'green room'.
- Please come with your hair done (and makeup if you wish). Makeup and hair touch-ups will be done by staff once signed into the green room.
- We are currently organising 'backstage chaperones'. **If you would like to be a backstage chaperone please email [georgia@wellingtondance.co.nz](mailto:georgia@wellingtondance.co.nz).** Georgia will be in contact once this is confirmed. Chaperones will stay with certain groups of children and keep them entertained, manage bathroom trips, get them to and from the stage, make sure they have all of the pieces to their costume on, hair and makeup done etc. These chaperones have the experience of watching their group's item from sidestage. Only crew & chaperones are permitted into the green room, backstage or into the auditorium during rehearsals.
- When finished, performers can be picked up from the main dressing area. Please only send one parent to retrieve your child to help with congestion.
- Please bring water, non-staining snacks, and something to keep you occupied quietly.
- There may be small changes to the programme order.
- Performers must arrive **45 MINUTES** before dress rehearsal time, to get ready so we can start on time.
- Some students with many dances will be allocated a dressing room. If your child is among this group, we will notify you by email and a parent or another parent you appoint, must stay backstage with them during the dress rehearsal and performances.
- A parent or guardian must stay at the theatre and remain responsible for their child during the rehearsals. There is a foyer and atrium for waiting. The staff are busy coordinating rehearsals and for safety reasons we cannot have any performers waiting alone in the theatre complex once they have finished rehearsing.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### COSTUMES

Are now being handed out in class. Please bring ALL costume items with you to the theatre. Please name and bag your costume items.

If for some reason, your costume cannot be picked up or is forgotten, it can be picked up from the studio Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December between 10am and 2pm (or contact Wendy [office@wellingtondance.co.nz](mailto:office@wellingtondance.co.nz)). Please do not wear your costume between then and the shows. We have ordered costumes based on parent-submitted sizes and measurements taken in class. You are welcome to make alterations for size if needed

## HAIR, SHOES AND MAKEUP

**Ballet:** Ballet bun. Staff can help if necessary. Pin any hair accessory given with your costume to top right hand side of bun. Please wear ballet tights and shoes (no ballet socks please).

**Jazz, Acro, Lyrical, Hip Hop:** High, smooth ponytail, unless otherwise indicated by your teacher. Black jazz shoes for jazz, no socks required.

Please do your own basic stage make-up. For those not confident in applying make-up, this can be applied by our staff in the main dressing room.

Please bring hair brush, gel, clips etc for touch ups.

## BEFORE THE SHOW

Come up to the Memorial Theatre at the call time, and follow the signs to the drop-off dressing room for performers and one parent. Other audience members are welcome to wait in the atrium foyer. Once dressed and ready, please sign in your performer to the green room, supervised by our crew and the backstage chaperones.

## THEATRE PARKING

It can be challenging to find a park near the theatre. No parking is permitted on the grounds of the Hunter Building, so try Kelburn Parade or go up to Gate 6 and turn left for a larger carpark.

## IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE DANCE/ITEM....

Please get ready for your first item and place each separate costume, shoes, accessories in a named clear bag. Depending on the length of time available to get ready performers will be assisted to get changed either near the green room or in a backstage dressing rooms. We have teachers and backstage chaperones in charge of costume changes.

## HOW LONG IS THE SHOW?

Approximately 1 hour long.

## TICKETS

Parents, family and friends will need to buy tickets to watch the show. If you wish your child to watch the second half of the show in the auditorium please note that you will need to buy them their own seat. All performers will be involved on stage in the final bow of the show. Tickets are available through iTicket at

**[www.wellingtondance.co.nz/hub/#concert](http://www.wellingtondance.co.nz/hub/#concert)**. Please ensure you buy tickets for the correct show. Exchanges are at the discretion of iTicket. Tickets are reserved seating, not general admission and all adults and children except babies on laps need a ticket according to the theatre fire safety policies.

Evening Show: Adult \$35, Child \$25. Length approx 2 hours plus 15 min interval.

Matinee Show: Adult \$29, Child \$19. Length approx 1 hour.

Little Shows – Adults \$25, Child \$15. Length approx 45 min

## PHOTOS & VIDEO

Please do not video or photograph the show due to the privacy of other performers and also to respect the time of the photo/videographers.

**PHOTOS:** Professional photographs of all shows will again be taken by Stephen A'Court. Stephen is a professional dance & theatre photographer. He's taken photographs for twenty years for clients like The Royal New Zealand Ballet, the New Zealand School of Dance, and Wellington theatres. You can order downloads or prints. Photos will be published in an online gallery when ready and we will email all performers access to this.

**VIDEO DOWNLOAD:** All shows will be filmed by Broad Media Production & Multimedia Company. They will provide a professionally filmed keepsake (\$20) for your dancer or a way to share their performance with family members. This year the film will only be available as a download (no DVD option) and will be released within 48 hours of the last show. Please order via the Video Request Form at <https://wellingtondance.co.nz/hub/#concert>

## **OTHER INFO**

If you are not receiving emails, please contact us with the best address.

**2024:** We will also release our 2024 timetable before the shows and open priority pre-enrolment to current students. You will receive an emailed class recommendation for your child from their teacher/s.

We are looking forward to a fantastic experience preparing and performing this show!

*Many thanks,*

Emma and the Wellington Dance teaching and office team  
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# PROGRAMME - MATINEE SHOW 2023



## Let's Go The Movies (Jazz Team Developpé)

Let's Go To The Movies - Zoe Collier, Mila Dayal, Amelia Diorio, Hermione Greenacre, Sadie Hazlewood, Hazel Miller, Shenaya Perera, Mia Robinson, Inge Schutte, Linda Tu, Florence Wall, Emilie Young

## Wizard of Oz (Ballet Pre Grades)

*Dorothy (Lucy Foy)*

**Ding Dong The Witch Is Dead** - Elva Andersen, Sylvie Baker Payne, Zoe Bernon, Kiana Chait, Imara Esteban, Mumu Li, Caroline Middlemiss, Elisabeth Petterson, Hannah Rowe, Mikayla To, Paige Ussher, Maya Valent, Josie Yue

**Over The Rainbow** - Olivia Cruickshank, Evie Jenks, Naomi Jonassen, Alexandra Montgomerie, Mia Shaw, Katherine Wise, Addison Chamberlain, Annabel Simpson, Jamie Whyte

## Mary Poppins (Ballet Grade 1)

**Spoonful of Sugar** - Amelia Armstrong, Madeleine Conlon, Mila Dayal, Matilda Eastman, Sadie Hazlewood, Liliias Hewitt, Alexandra (Lexie) Johnston, Te Whaiao Kakau, Xanthe Lillis-Peters, Nathaniel Palmer, Vihara Walgama, Alieshia Wang, Ruolin Victoria Yang

*Mary Poppins (Phoebe Barry)*

**Jolly Holiday** - Ellie Brownie, Sadie Hazlewood, Liliias Hewitt, Alexandra Johnston, Te Whaiao Kakau, Kaatia Kelekolio, Rose Langley, Xanthe Lillis- Peters, Olivia Miles, Mia Robinson, Ruolin Victoria Yang, Jina Yoon

**Lets Go Fly a Kite** - Ellie Brownie, Madeleine Conlon, Mila Dayal, Matilda Eastman, Kaatia Kelekolio, Rose Langley, Olivia Miles, Nathaniel Palmer, Mia Robinson, Vihara Walgama, Alieshia Wang

## Annie (Ballet Grade 2)

*Annie (Hazel Sutherland)*

**Hard Knock Life** - Hermione Greenacre, Sophia King, Suzy Lee, Junyi Li, Hazel Miller, Alex Paningbatan, Shenaya Perera, Mira Rasamny, Inge Schutte, Claire HeXuan Wang

**You're Never Fully Dressed** - Emma Garlick, Emma Henley, Bonnie Kerr, Junyi Li, Lylah McNicholl, Hazel Miller, Alex Paningbatan, Mira Rasamny, Isabel Polina Robles, Alexandra Selkirk, Florence Wall

**Tomorrow** - Emma Garlick, Hermione Greenacre, Emma Henley, Bonnie Kerr, Sophia King, Suzy Lee, Lylah McNicholl, Shenaya Perera, Isabel Polina Robles, Inge Schutte, Alexandra Selkirk, Florence Wall, Claire HeXuan Wang

## Barbie (Jazz Grade 1)

*Barbie (Havana Armstrong-Bleakley)*

**Pink** - Amalie Arapis, Zoe Collier, Leon Finn, Sadie Hazlewood, Olivia Miles, Isabelle Potter, Mia Robinson, Ariana Vaughan, Jina Yoon, Emilie Young

**Dance the Night** - Isobel Anderson, Madeleine Conlon, Mila Dayal, Amelia Diorio, Matilda Eastman, Jonathan Guan, Largo Jung, Sueli Salpadoru, Gabriella Thomas McIntosh, Linda Tu, Joy Yeates

## The Polar Express (Ballet Team)

Hermione Greenacre, Hazel Miller, Emma Garlick, Shenaya Perera, Isabel Polina Robles, Inge Schutte, Rose Raubal, Lyla Rutledge, Freya Yang, Alex Paningbatan

## **Minnie & Me (Jazz Pre Grades)**

*Minnie (Mila Tilley)*

*Christa (Hazel Sutherland)*

**Girls on Minnie Street** - Elva Andersen, Sylvie Baker Payne, Abigail Deegan, Imara Esteban, Caroline Middlemiss, Elisabeth Petterson, Cerys Piggott, Ellie Thomas, Mikayla To, Paige Ussher, Maya Valent, Holly Yee

**Party Slumberin'** - Mia Guan, Madison McCullough, Maria Mulholland, Elizabeth Narvaez, Viktoria Omelchenko, Imogen Stapleton, Tessa Stigley

**Minnie 'n Me** - Cassandra Bargh, Tova Bengtsson, Lola Bennett, Annabel Black, Thea Campbell, Daisy Del Campo, Maddy Hawkhead-Kinnaird, Evelyn Jenks, Naomi Jonassen, Harper Stevenson-Wright

## **High School Musical (Jazz Grade 2)**

**We're all in This Together** - Adaline Chenshan, Katie Clark, Ashley Fairbairn, Hermione Greenacre, Hazel Miller, Shenaya Perera, Inge Schutte, Florence Whyte, Amelia Whytock

**All for One** - Amelie Billington, Ellie Boyle, Isabella Coull, Analisa Foe, Eve Latham, Sophie Lu, Madeline Miles, Bloem Sliepen, Aiden Verrall, Florence Wall

*Gabriella (Ashley Geusebroek)*

## **Blockbusters (Hip Hop, Lyrical and Acro)**

**Kung Fu Panda (Hip Hop)** - Aryan Bhat, Sabine Blumberg, Addison Chamberlain, Emilie Chan, Ben Cole, Elijah Dorn, Saanvi Eames, Lesharna Faifailoa, Emily Gerritsen, Aija Howden, Dani Mayo, Emily Quinn, William Tung, Aiden Verrall, Joy Xu

**James Bond (Lyrical)** - Farrah Burbery, Analisa Foe, Emma Garlick, Hermione Greenacre, Lilly Jung, Gabriella Penney, Eliza Shortt

**The Incredibles (Acro)** - Zoe Collier, Ashley Fairbairn, Lilly Jung, Penny MacAvoy, Hazel Miller, Aiden Verrall, Emmeline Mahoney, Amelie Pannett

## **Maria (Greta Evans)**

## **Madeline (Team Début)**

Amelia Armstrong, Ellie Brownie, Abigail Deegan, Te Whaiao Kakau, Xanthe Lillis-Peters, Caroline Middlemiss, Olivia Miles, Ella Robinson, Mia Robinson, Mikayla To, Alieshia Wang, Jamie Whyte

## **Simba (Charlotte Brown)**

## **Winnie The Pooh (Jazz Team)**

Hunny - Zoe Collier, Mila Dayal, Amelia Diorio, Hermione Greenacre, Sadie Hazlewood, Hazel Miller, Shenaya Perera, Mia Robinson, Inge Schutte, Linda Tu, Florence Wall, Emilie Young