

My child's first show

Your child is invited to take part in their very first show next May. I know that for new parents show time can be an absolute minefield, so I thought I would provide you with some helpful information to get you started and excited about next years show. (The real letter will be coming out in January.)



Our show is such an enjoyable experience for all our students young and old and makes memories that last a lifetime.

WHEN: This year our show is being held on 2nd and 3rd of May 2026

WHERE: The show will be at Stoke Damerel Community College

How many dances will my child be in?

All our younger classes do ONE dance per genre they are learning. i.e. Pre-Primary Ballet/ Pre-Primary Tap will have one Ballet and one Tap dance.

When do the children learn their dances?

All the dances are learnt during their normal class time. We will have 2 additional rehearsals closer to the show, one at the theatre and one costume call at Brixton.

Do you provide the costumes?

All the costumes are provided by us and there is a costume fee per dance. Many of our costumes have been handmade over the years by my mum, but we also hire from outside sources or buy new items to fit our theme. You will be required to provide the correct shoes/ socks/ tights for your child and a costume list will be provided in plenty of time to ensure you have everything you need.



How do we watch the show?

Tickets for the show will be released for sale roughly a month before the show. We are considering giving backstage helpers discounted/ free tickets to one show this year. This is yet to be finalised.

Do we help backstage?

We need as much help as possible backstage and especially with our youngest dancers. All backstage helpers must hold a current DBS or be on the update service and provide their DBS or DBS number to me (Alex). For those who would like to help but don't have a DBS one can be obtained for you which will last 3 years. All helpers must attend either the Tech (at the theatre) or the Dress (at Brixton)

Will my child be doing every show?

This year we are doing 3 shows for the first time. We have not yet discussed if our youngest dancers will be in all 3 shows. We have placed the dances for all our youngest dancers in Act 1 so that they can leave in the interval during the evening performances. We would love them to stay for the duration of the matinee so that they can do the finale and bows.

Make-Up

We understand that not every parent is comfortable with their child wearing make-up. The children wear a little bit of make up to brighten their faces as the bright stage lights can wash them out. For our youngest dancers we ask that they wear a little bit of blusher some pink or red lipstick and some light blue eyeshadow. If you are not comfortable with your child wearing make-up, then please let us know so we can include a note in our chaperone packs.

DVD

I film and edit all our shows myself. I am unable to blur faces for our show DVD's. DVD's and digital downloads are only made available to those who

have participated in the show although I have showcased single dances on Youtube, of classes who have permission to be on social media.

Photographs are also taken during the show (you will see the amazing photos taken by Laurie B Film and Photography from last year's show above and below.) These can be blurred for those who can't be on social media and can also be available to buy.

<https://youtu.be/hRnmWL08Wck> - Gr4 Tap (The Great Gatsby 2024)

<https://youtu.be/IA2eYesrt-w> - Adv1/ Inter Modern (Alice in Wonderland 2024)

<https://youtu.be/IGKHVdkddIg> - Gr3 Modern (Oliver Twist 2024)

