

**Showcase 2024, "Behind the Curtain" will be held June 5- 8 at
Kennesaw Mountain High School (1898 Kennesaw Due West Road - Kennesaw, GA 30152).**

**Park your car and walk dancers to the performers'
entrance on the right rear side of the theater.**

See the chart below to determine which show you will be performing in:

Class	Day	Time	Teacher	Show
Preschool	Monday	4:15p	Serena	2
Ballet (7-9)	Monday	5:15p	Serena	2
Secondary	Monday	6p	Serena	2
Teen Contemporary	Monday	6:45p	Jamie	3
Ballet 13+	Monday	7:30p	Jamie	3
Adult Tap 1	Tuesday	5:15p	Victoria	3
Primary	Tuesday	6:45p	Serena	1
Hip Hop (7-9)	Tuesday	7p	Jamie	2
Teen Intermediate	Tuesday	7:45p	Jamie	3
Secondary	Wednesday	5:30p	Jamie	2
Ballet (10-12)	Wednesday	6p	Holly	2
Adult Tap 1/2	Wednesday	6:30p	Victoria	3
Adult Tap 3	Wednesday	6:30p	Tammy	3
Hip Hop (7-9)	Wednesday	7:15p	Holly	1
Adult Hip Hop	Wednesday	7:15p	Victoria	3
Adult Contemporary	Wednesday	8p	Holly	3
Teen Hip Hop	Wednesday	8p	Serena	3
Preschool	Thursday	5:15p	Grace	1
Primary	Thursday	5:15p	Jamie	1
Boys Hip Hop	Thursday	5:30p	Jesse	1
Hip Hop (10-12)	Thursday	6:15p	Jamie	2
Junior Jazz	Thursday	6:15P	Holly	1
Intermediate	Thursday	7p	Jamie	2
Adult Tap 2	Thursday	7:30p	Tammy	3
Contemporary (9-12)	Thursday	8p	Morgan	2
Adult Jazz	Thursday	8:15P	Jamie	3
Primary	Saturday	10:30a	Morgan	1

Showcase Schedule:

- **Show #1: June 6th (Thursday)**
Dress Rehearsal 1:00-4:00pm (arrive at 12:30pm) Show 6:00-8:00pm (arrive at 5:30pm)
- **Show #2: June 7th (Friday)**
Dress Rehearsal 1:00-4:00pm (arrive at 12:30pm) Show 6:00-8:00pm (arrive at 5:30pm)
- **Show #3: June 8th (Saturday)**
Dress Rehearsal 9:00am-12:00pm (arrive at 8:30am) Show 2:00-4:00pm (arrive at 1:30pm)

Dress Rehearsal and Showcase Information:

The dress rehearsal is **MANDATORY** for all showcase participants! We will begin exactly at the scheduled time, so please have dancers backstage at least 30 minutes beforehand. Bring dancers to the performers' entrance on the right side of the theater (park your car and follow signs). You will sign the dancers in and give us an emergency contact number. We will provide you with a phone number as well.

Dancers should arrive in their costume (including tights), with hair and make-up already done. PLEASE WEAR STREET SHOES to and from the theater!

Absolutely no parents or friends are allowed at the dress rehearsal - in the theater or the dressing rooms. There will be experienced volunteers in each dressing room to supervise the dancers and help them change shoes/costumes/hair as necessary. No one other than dancers and approved backstage volunteers are allowed backstage during the showcase unless there is an emergency. Every dancer will participate in the FINALE of the show and must remain backstage until the end.

The dress rehearsal should last about 3 hours and you may pick up your child from the backstage entrance. No dancer will be allowed to exit the theater until their parent arrives.

We encourage you to take dancers to get something to eat prior to bringing them back for the show. You are welcome to have a picnic in the parking lot or visit a local restaurant during the break between dress rehearsal and the showcase. Make sure dancers have a cover for their costume so they don't spill food or drink on it prior to the show. Return all dancers to the backstage area 30 minutes prior to the start of the showcase.

Please do not send food and beverages backstage as we are working very hard to maintain a sanitary environment. You may send a labeled bottle of water. Do not send young children with toys, crayons, blankets, etc. We plan to have a monitor set up for dancers to watch a movie and/or the stage view of other performers. They will not be bored backstage!

Every person who occupies a seat in the theater will need a ticket to gain entry. Reserved seat tickets are \$20 each, including a ticketing service charge, and will be available for purchase online beginning Saturday, May 11th.

All accounts must be paid in full prior to dress rehearsal. If you need to make a payment upon arrival at the theater, our staff will be available to assist you.

Media Fee:

\$40 per dancer or \$65 per family. This fee covers professional filming and photography for all shows by Lamplight Media Works. Dancers will have access to download HD videos and high-quality photos from all the 2024 Showcase performances. Full shows and individual performances will be available. All downloads are included in this fee. Videos and photos will be ready within 2-3 weeks following the showcase and will remain available for 1 year.

Note: The use of personal devices for the purpose of digital recording and photography are STRICTLY prohibited at our showcases. Cameras and cell phones are distracting to the dancers and the audience members. Additionally, we are all concerned for the safety of our children and do not want to see pictures or videos appearing in the wrong places. Please be respectful of this policy, or you will be asked to leave.

Showcase Tickets:

Every person who occupies a seat in the theater will need a ticket to gain entry. Reserved seat tickets are \$20 each, including a ticketing service charge, and will be available for purchase online beginning Saturday, May 11th. Tickets will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis and may be limited. A link to purchase tickets will be provided on our website at www.greatgigdance.com

Costume Information:

Please make sure ALL pieces of ALL costumes and other belongings are labeled with your child's name. Write the dancer's name inside all their shoes. Write the dancer's full name on EVERYTHING they bring with them (use tape if necessary). We will not be responsible for anything that is lost.

Each female dancer should have a large Ziploc bag containing the following items: extra pair of tights, bobby pins, safety pins, hairspray, and lipstick (and any other make-up they might need).

Girls: NO PANTIES! They ALWAYS show on stage. Dancers do not wear them with leotards or costumes.

Do not wear jewelry that is not part of the costume.

Do not wear hairpieces that are not part of the costume. If you are putting your child's hair up, use bobby pins, barrettes and elastics that are the same color as the child's hair so that they will not show.

Please make sure female dancers have the correct color of tights! Our dancers should wear Capezio 1916 tights - wear ballet pink for Ballet, and skin tone for all other styles. We have tights available for purchase at the studio and will also have them at check-in at the dress rehearsal and showcase.

- Female dancers performing Ballet must have pink Ballet shoes. Males will wear black.
- Female dancers performing Jazz must have tan Jazz shoes. Males will wear black.
- Female Tap dancers under the age of 9 must have tan Tap shoes. If you do not have these, please spray paint them BEFORE dress rehearsal. You can find tan spray at most shoe repair shops. If a dancer brings the wrong color shoes to the showcase, we will spray paint them at dress rehearsal. Tap dancers older than 9 and all males will wear black, oxford style shoes.

Please fix your dancer's hair according to their teacher's instructions. If you do not know the teacher's instructions, inquire at the front desk of the studio by calling 770-218-2112 as soon as possible—don't wait until the day of the dress rehearsal.

Since we are performing under stage lights, every dancer needs to wear make-up. Females should wear: foundation, powder, blush, eye shadow, eyeliner, mascara and dark lipstick. Males may wear foundation and eyeliner at their discretion. Practice with make-up a few times before the showcase.

5-year & 10-year Dancer Recognition:

If the 2024 Showcase will be your 5th **consecutive** annual performance with Great Gig Dance Co., we want to recognize you in our program and reward you with a special commemorative medal at the show.

If the 2024 Showcase will be your 10th **consecutive** annual performance with Great Gig Dance Co., we also want to recognize you in our program and reward you with a special 10-year-dancer jacket.

Please notify us before Friday, May 10th to receive this recognition. Send an email to: lindsay@greatgigdance.com, or fill out a request form.

Showcase Dancer Package (T-shirts, Trophies, Flowers):

Great Gig Dance Ensemble will once again provide the opportunity to purchase T-shirts, trophies, and flowers to make your 2024 Showcase experience extra special. The Ensemble will provide a QR code and link where you can place your order directly. T-shirts and trophies will be delivered prior to the showcase and flowers will be available for families to pick up at the theater on the day of the show.

Business or Personal Ad:

You may purchase display advertising in the showcase program. This is a great way to advertise your business or send your child a message that you are proud of their achievements. You may include photos, logos, etc. - all digital photos from Harrison Photography are available for use in the program.

Ad prices are as follows:

1/4 page (2-3/4" x 4-1/4")	\$80.00
1/2 page (5-1/2" x 4-1/4")	\$125.00
Full page (5-1/2" x 8-1/2")	\$180.00
Inside Cover (full page) Back	\$195.00
Cover (full page)	\$215.00

The deadline for ads is Friday, May 10th. Please complete the advertising form available for download on our website and return it to the front desk at the studio along with your payment.

2024 Dance Scholarship:

We are currently accepting applications for the 2024 Jennifer Lauren Farrell Heart of Dance Scholarship, funded by the Great Gig Dance Ensemble, and the 2024 Michele Hudkins Light Up the Stage Memorial Scholarship. These scholarships will cover monthly tuition for 1 hour-long class for a full year of dance in our 2024-2025 season. Applicants must have completed the entire previous season (August 2023-June 2024) in order to be eligible and will be considered based on the following criteria: strong enthusiasm for dance, positive attitude, respect for instructors and peers, average or better grades in school, and financial need.

The deadline for applications is Friday, May 10th. Applications can be turned in at the front office.

Early Registration for 2024-2025:

Early registration for our 2024-2025 dance season begins on May 1st. Families who register before the end of June will receive 1/2-price registration fees (just \$20 per family). You can register online, or in-person at the front desk

Auditions for Great Gig Dance Ensemble:

Auditions for the 2024-2025 Great Gig Dance Ensemble will be held on Monday, June 3 at the studio from 5:30pm. Dancers should wear all-black dance attire and bring all dance shoes. Combinations will be taught and performed in various styles of dance, including Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary and Hip Hop. We invite you to attend our Ensemble Show on Saturday, June 8 at 6:00pm at Kennesaw Mountain High School. Tickets are available through our website.

- Interested in Ensemble? Attend the informational meeting on Tuesday April 23rd 7pm at the studio.

Note: There will be no regular classes at Great Gig Dance Co. on June 3, 4 & 5. We will see you at the theater for dress rehearsal and show!