

Contemporary School of Dance *presents...*



Please read the following newsletter for more information about the rehearsals and performance!

We look forward to sharing this fun holiday show with you at The Conrad Centre for Performing Arts (36 King St. W., Kitchener)

About the Show: Saturday, December 15th, 4:00pm

“CSD’s Countdown to Christmas” show starts at 4:00pm and there will be a 20 minute Intermission with concession available. We are proud to share a collection of dances that have been learned in a workshop setting. We expect the performance to finish around 5:30pm. Please note that there are **NO cameras or videocameras** permitted during the performance.

Can Dancers Watch the Show? Rehearsals?

We expect to have a SOLD OUT performance, so dancers will not be seated in the audience during the show; they will have changerooms backstage assigned per level. Dancers are welcome to watch all of the rehearsals and will be supervised by volunteers. Parents are not permitted in rehearsals, except for Parent Volunteers.

Arrival at the Theatre

The Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts is located at 36 King Street West, next to The Museum in downtown Kitchener. Dancers may enter through the main glass doors of the theatre for rehearsals. These doors will be open for 15-20 minutes prior to the start of each block of rehearsals. All other times the doors will be locked. This is for the safety of our dancers and according to theatre regulations. If you arrive and the doors are locked, please go to the door beside Mr. Sub (left of the main doors) and press the buzzer. You will need to identify yourself as being with Contemporary School of Dance in order to be let in. To go to the changerooms, go downstairs; to go to the lobby area, go through the door on your right.

Hair and Make-up!

During the workshops or via email, teachers will indicate to students how hair should be worn for performance. Please ensure that your dancer has tidy hair for both the rehearsals and performance. We will be using some stage lighting; however the audience will be close, so we don't require full stage make-up for this performance. Suggested make-up is light blue or purple eyeshadow, pink lips, and mascara. Senior students can do more detailed eye make-up if they wish! Again, this is not as formal as our end-of-year production.

Costumes

Costumes are kept very simple for this show. Teachers will email dancers to bring specific items to their workshops to help with costuming. Please bring any costume pieces in a proper garment bag so they are kept safe in transit! For some dances, we are lending some costume parts from our costume cupboard to the dancers, which should be returned immediately after the performance to their Parent Volunteer in the backstage area.

Rehearsal & Performance Schedule

Please print the Rehearsal and Performance schedule (page 4) and bring it with you to the theatre, so you can stay organized and on-time! Dancers should wear one costume to space all of their dances. During Dress Rehearsal, dancers should practice costume changes.

Volunteers

We need Parent Volunteers to help during rehearsals, backstage during the performance, and also as ushers! Look for our "Call for Help" email and reply if you are able to volunteer!

Show Video

The show will be recorded by DRC Productions and will be available to download/view through your family DanceBUG account. There are no cameras permitted during the performance for photos or videos. Thank you!



Ticket Information

For your convenience, we have arranged for tickets to be purchased online through the OnStage Direct website. The purchase of tickets online is an easy process, but I have included some information below that should be helpful.

General Admission

We are using open seating/general admission for this performance. Tickets are \$17.50

Tickets Please!

- Tickets will be available for online purchase on **Saturday, December 1st at 8:00am** at the following website: www.onstagedirect.com/Contemporary
- Tickets will remain on sale online until midnight before the day of the performance.
- On the day of the show, tickets may be purchased in the lobby one hour prior to performance – **cash sales only!**

How to Order Online:

1. In order to purchase tickets, you must make an account, which requires your name and email address. Click on **YOUR ACCOUNT** to get started; create your password and login!
2. Search for our production by using the **SEARCH** tool or you can also select **WATERLOO** from the list of cities on the home screen, and it will bring up our production in the calendar of events, or search for Contemporary School of Dance.
3. Click on **BUY TICKETS** to add correct number of tickets to your shopping cart.
4. Payment: You can pay for the tickets with a PayPal account or with a credit card. All payments go securely through the PayPal payment gateway.
5. E-tickets: All tickets sold by OnStage Direct are e-tickets, issued electronically, and need to be printed out. Tickets can not be sent by mail.

Please print out your e-tickets and bring them to the event.

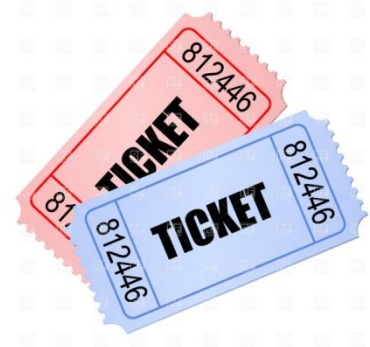
If you do not have a ticket, you will not be permitted in the theatre.

Your ticket includes details of the event, a unique ticket number, and a barcode.

Cancellations and refunds

All sales at OnStage Direct website are final and cannot be cancelled once confirmed.

There are no refunds for any ticket purchases. If an event is cancelled, you will receive a full refund, including convenience fees that you have paid. Please let us know if you have any questions about purchasing your tickets!



Rehearsal & Performance Schedule

Saturday, December 15th

Please arrive early with hair & make-up complete & use garment bags for costumes!

- 9:30-10:00am **Junior Workshop Dances** (these dancers do not need to attend 10am-3pm)
Arrive 9:15am
- Kindies in Motion/Pre-Primary Workshop
 - Pre-Primary/Primary **Tap** Workshop
- * Parents should plan to attend with their dancer at these rehearsals (no Parent Volunteers)**
- 10:00am-12noon **ALL Workshop Dances** (except the Junior dances listed @ 9:30-10am above)
Arrive 9:45am
- All dancers should arrive early, check-in to their changeroom, & sit with their workshop group in the audience by 10:00am
 - *Only Parent Volunteers are permitted in these rehearsals*
- 12:00-1:00pm **Dress Rehearsal: First Half (#1 - #12, except #10)**
- All Workshop groups in FIRST HALF must attend (see show order!)
- *Note: Junior Workshops listed above (9:30-10am) do not need to attend!**
- Dancers should be in full costume, hair & make-up incl. quickchanges!
 - *Only Parent Volunteers are permitted in these rehearsals*
- 1:00-2:00pm **THEATRE BREAK & LUNCH**
- **ALL** dancers **must** be picked up by 1:00pm
- 2:00-3:00pm **Dress Rehearsal: Second Half (#13 - #23, except #19)**
Arrive 1:45pm
- All Workshop groups in SECOND HALF must attend (see show order!)
- *Note: Junior Workshops listed above (9:30-10am) do not need to attend!**
- Dancers should be in full costume, hair & make-up incl. quickchanges!
 - *Only Parent Volunteers are permitted in these rehearsals*
- 2:30pm **Volunteer Ushers meet with Theatre staff for orientation**
- 3:00pm **DANCERS CALL**
- dancers arrive with hair & make-up complete & go to Changeroom
- 3:30pm
- Theatre will open for audience – general admission
- 4:00pm **SHOW TIME! – Break a Leg!**
- *Reminder: No cameras or videocameras permitted during the show*

CSD's Countdown to Christmas Show Order

1. Walking in a Winter Wonderland - Inter Found & up Jazz
2. Family Traditions - Grade 4 & Grade 5 Tap
3. Christmas Crafternoon! - Grade 1, Grade 2 & Grade 3 Jazz
4. Coming Home for Christmas - Grade 4, Grade 5 & Grade 6 Jazz
5. Crystals of Winter - Grade 6/IF & Open Senior Contemporary
6. Deck the Halls - Grade 1, Grade 2 & Grade 3 Tap
7. Lights - Grade 5/6 and IF/Inter Hip Hop
8. Decorating the Tree - Advanced Found Ballet & Up
9. Christmas Smorgasbord! - Grade 3/4 Musical Theatre
10. Gingerbread Cookies - Kindies in Motion & Pre-Primary
11. Winter Adventures - Dance Company A
12. Meeting Santa for the First Time - Grade 3/4 & Grade 5 Contemporary

~ Intermission ~

13. Going to See the Nutcracker Ballet - Intermediate Pointe & up
14. Christmas Shopping - Grade 3/4 Hip Hop
15. Reading Christmas Stories – Rudolph! – Pre-Primary & Primary Tap
16. Wrapping Presents - Primary, Grade 1 & Grade 2 Ballet
17. Gift Exchange - Grade 3 & Grade 4 Ballet
18. Advent Calendar - CSD Dance Company B
19. Christmas Carollers - CSD Dance Company C
20. Hanging Stockings - Inter Found & Intermediate Ballet
21. Christmas Movie Marathon - Grade 5A, Grade 5B & Grade 6 Ballet
22. Waiting for Santa - Grade 6 Tap & up
23. 'Twas The Night Before Christmas - CSD Dance Company D