



Minneapolis May 21-23

Event Protocols and Restrictions For Attending Studios

*In these uncertain times, we are honored to be hosting an event where dancers have the opportunity to shine on stage! Please be aware that the following protocols and restrictions are going to be **strictly enforced** for the **safety and well-being** of **all studios as well as our team members**. Your Director will be reaching out to you prior to your attendance to discuss any details in regards to your scheduled performance time.*

GENERAL REMINDERS:

- Our competition's number ONE priority and ability to host an event for your dancers is solely based on the health and safety of all attendees.
- **IMPORTANT UPDATE: Ames Center will not be requiring masks on or off stage for performers or patrons. It is recommended by the CDC and Minnesota Department of Health that anyone who is not fully vaccinated continue to wear a face covering.**
- For the remainder of the 2021 dance season we will no longer be live streaming our events. This decision has been made due to an increase with having an actual audience in the venue as well as a copyright issue we have encountered with our live streaming platform.
- Once your schedule has been set as final, it cannot be changed at the event.

TEACHER WALKTHROUGH & CHECK-IN:

- **Studio owners and all teachers** please arrive **1 hour before** the first performance for a walkthrough of the venue explaining the layout of the area, direction of traffic, dressing rooms, etc.
- Please inform your **dancers and parents** to arrive no earlier than **30 mins before** their first scheduled performance time.
- The Theatre/auditorium capacity is based upon the number of available seats per social distancing guidelines. **There are a maximum of 300 seats available in the theatre.** Please email me with the number of teachers and number of guests not to exceed 300 that you plan on having in attendance for occupancy approval so we can prepare your participation wristbands. **Please email to cierra@dancekar.com no later than May 17.** As a reminder, if dancers will be sitting in the audience between performances, they must be counted toward the total capacity of guests.
- It will be the studio's responsibility to disperse wristbands for each approved guest/teacher upon arrival. **EACH GUEST AND TEACHER ENTERING THE VENUE MUST HAVE A WRISTBAND.**
- **NOTE: SOME STUDIOS ARE IN A BLOCK WITH ANOTHER STUDIO TO HELP WITH COSTUME CHANGING ISSUES, THEREFORE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT YOU SEND US YOUR ATTENDANCE NUMBERS FOR APPROVAL TO MAKE SURE WE DO NOT EXCEED THE THEATRE CAPACITY.** Please email to Cierra@dancekar.com by May 17th.

DRESSING ROOMS:

- Multiple dressing rooms will be available with limited capacities, the venue will be assigning dressing rooms. Please follow signage and only use the dressing rooms provided to your studio.

PERFORMANCE TIME:

- After check-in, dancers will drop off any bags to the dressing rooms and report to the Backstage Area.
- Please have dancers arrive in full first costume and ready to perform.
- **No rehearsal or running of performances is allowed in the Backstage Area.**

RESTROOMS:

- Are available to attendees, staff, audience members and dancers.

PROPS:

- Props are permitted for this venue.
- All props must go immediately in and out for each studio block.
- **Prop attendants are required to wear masks at all times on premises.**

AFTER PERFORMANCE:

- You will receive all of your general awards at the conclusion of your segment. No onstage announcements of general awards placements will take place during the competition.
- We ask that all awards be distributed in the parking lot or off the premises.
- All High Point, Photogenic and Title/Dancer of the Year awards will be shipped to your studio within approximately 4-6 weeks after the competition.
- **UPDATE:** Our awards ceremonies will now be available for playback via our YouTube channels. Please make sure you are subscribed and receiving notifications of video uploads. All award ceremonies will be available on Tuesday at 10am PST after the competition weekend. There will also be a live link to the presentation on the results page of the competition city you attended.
- Score sheets and judges commentary will be available upon the conclusion of the on Wednesday following the event in your Studio Center.