

General Information:

Where is the Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival Located?

The festival is located at the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre (Garden City Collegiate) at 711 Jefferson Avenue in Winnipeg.

Where can I park?

Parking is available (free of charge) in the lot attached to the west side of the building. There is also free parking on the residential streets surrounding the venue. To the best of our knowledge there is no parking time limit on these streets.

How do I enter the venue?

Please enter through the main doors on Jefferson Avenue.

What time do the doors open each day?

The doors open one hour prior to festival start times each day. Patrons will not be granted access to the venue before these times.

Friday, March 15 - 4:30 pm

Saturday, March 16 - 8:00 am

Sunday, March 17 - 11:30 am

How much does it cost to attend the festival?

Entrance to the festival is free of charge. There will be a silver collection at the admissions table. Any donation to the silver collection will give patrons an entry to win two weekend passes for Canada's National Ukrainian Festival. Programs are available for purchase.

What is the Showcase Performance?

The Showcase Performance is a ticketed performance that features the award and scholarship winners from the weekend as well as the ever-anticipated Hopak competition.

The Showcase is Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 pm.

How much are tickets to the Showcase and where can they be purchased?

Tickets to the Showcase are limited and can be purchased ahead of time at www.troyanda.com or onsite. General admission is \$15, children under the age of 10 are free. Participants of the festival are also free of charge as long as they have their wristband.

Information for Dancers:

Where do I go once I arrive at the venue?

When you first come in the doors the dancer sign-in table will be on your left. Staff at this table will sign you in, give you your wristband, and direct you to your dressing room.

Should I come in costume?

If you are only performing in one dance, we ask that dancers try as much as possible to arrive in costume. There are three large dressing rooms that will house all of our dancers

throughout the weekend, so to reduce the risk of mixing up costume pieces with other dancers, try to arrive and leave in yours!

Information for Parents/Guardians:

Where do I drop-off my dancer?

Dancers will enter the building through the same door as patrons. When they enter through the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre doors on Jefferson Avenue, the dancer sign-in area will be to their left.

Can I go backstage with my dancer?

We ask that parents/guardians refrain from going backstage. Your dancer's school has submitted a list of helpers along with their instructors who will be admitted backstage to help get your dancer ready for their performance.

Are there places to eat around the venue?

The Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival provides a canteen with snacks throughout the weekend. Since there is a lunch and dinner break scheduled on Saturday, we will have meal options available for purchase as well. If you would like to explore other options, Garden City Shopping Centre and Northgate Mall are in very close proximity to the venue.

Can I videotape my dancer's performance?

We ask that no photos or videos are taken during performances. Photo and video are welcome during the adjudication. The Festival has hired a professional videographer to tape each performance. Digital copies of performances are available for purchase at the merchandise table. You will receive a digital copy of the video file via email once received from the company.

Information for Instructors:

Do I have to hand in my music at the sign-in table?

No, music is your responsibility this year. Please bring your music on a device (phone, music player, computer, CD), and have back-up readily available. Music will be located backstage (stage right) with our sound technician. Once your device is hooked up and you are given the signal from the sound technician **you** will press play for your dancers' performance.

Who do I tell the specifics of my dance to?

Please communicate any special requests to the Stage Manager located backstage (stage right).

Where to I pick up our medals?

The medals table is located backstage (stage right). Medals will be available following the session adjudication. Only instructors will be able to pick up medals and adjudication sheets and will have to sign off on them as being received. Adjudication recordings will be sent to schools via email once received. Please download all files for your records as the link will expire after a certain amount of time.

How do I know if we have won an award and are performing in Sunday's Showcase?

As soon as awards are chosen Carina Romagnoli (Festival Chair) will contact your school in person or via email to communicate this award. A running list of award winners will be located in the front lobby of the venue.

Is there somewhere for groups to practice before performing?

Yes, the drama room will be available for practice prior to performance. Please note that this room is available on a first come first served basis. Please be respectful of the show order and give priority to those whose performance is earlier in the program than yours.

Where are the change rooms?

There are three large change rooms available for schools. Each change room also has a gender neutral bathroom and smaller change area. Schools will be assigned an area in the change room to house their costumes and props as necessary. We ask that you please bring rolling racks with you to organize costumes as needed. Please be respectful of the area assigned to your school and ensure your students and helpers are keeping this area neat.

How does the backstage area work?

Dancers will enter the backstage area from the change room side (stage right). There is a large crossover area for those who need to start on stage left. Once a performance is finished all dancers will quietly cross to stage left to await adjudication. Dancers will enter from stage left for adjudication and exit stage right to return to the change rooms. We ask that dancers and instructors remain silent backstage.

Is it too late to register for the Instructor Workshop?

No! This year the Instructor Workshop will take place on Sunday from 8:30 - 11:30 am on stage. The workshop is \$70 and will be led by our weekend adjudicators. We have been told that Ms Gabrush will be focusing on teaching our youngest dancers and Mr. Zabutnyy will be focusing on creating strong male dancers. The workshop will be interactive so we ask that you dress accordingly. If you would like to register, please email Carina at mbfestival@troyanda.com.

Should you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at mbfestival@troyanda.com.

See you this weekend!