

NEWSLETTER

APRII 2024



Calendar of Events

April 4-8: Standing OvationShell Theatre, Fort Saskatchewan
Jr. 4C students and up

April 10-14: Sundance (ShyAnn)
Shell Theatre, Fort Saskatchewan
All Dancers including Fun 5's

April 24-28: Dance Jam Shell Theatre, Fort Saskatchewan All Dancers including Fun 5's

May 8-12: Alberta Dance Festival Myer Horowitz, UofA Campus All Dancers NOT including Fun 5's

May 19-20: May Long Weeked Classes cancelled

May 27-June 1: Photo Week

June 5: Yearend Showcase Shell Theatre, Fort Saskatchewan

June 7: Last Day of Classes

June 8: Yearend Showcase Shell Theatre, Fort Saskatchewan

June 27–29: Dance Awards
Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas

July 15-19: Preschool /Youth Camps
August 6-9: Preschool/Youth Camps
August 12-16: Intensive Camp

ACRO CLASSES - MODIFIED SCHEDULE 4:00-5:00 pm: Junior 2-5 5:00-6:00 pm: Intermediate + Advanced

Nikki is offering private lessons to dancers in her acro classes at Ortona Gymnastics Club (11610–65 ave, Edmonton). During these lessons she will work on cleaning up tricks that are in the current competition dances and work to build new skills on a wide variety of equipment. The cost is \$60/person for 1 hour private or \$50/person for 1 hour semi private. Registration and more details are available through this link:

https://calendar.app.google/d3Yr9gLPnh7MiPDq7

*These days off give teachers, families, and especially dancers time to recover from the weekend of dance. Dancers are always asked to arrive 1.5 hours early for each routine. This time before as well as on stage will count for these days off.

Competition Class Schedule

April 1-3: Regular Classes

April 4-8: Standing Ovation - Final Schedule

Shell Theatre, Fort Saskatchewan (Jr. 4C students and up)
Rehearsal Hall is in the soccer field. NOTE: theatres open 1 hour before the first category starts.
Festivals reserve the right to run up to 30 minutes ahead of schedule.

Regular classes for: Terrific 3's, Fab 4's, Fun 5's, Jr. 1-3 Perf + Comp, Jr. 8-11, Int. 12+ Cancelled classes: Jr. 4+5 Competitive, Int. 1-3 Competitive, Pre-Adv. + Adv.

Standing Ovation Audience Admission: \$5.00 per day per seat (2 and under - FREE).

Encore Dance Offs (Monday): feature the top groups and some adjudicators' choices from the entire comp in Div I, Div II and Div III. Ticket prices are \$12 per seat (2 and under - FREE). Buy your tickets early as they sell out fast!

April 8: Modified Schedule

April 9: Regular Classes

April 10-14: Sundance (ShyAnn) - Final Schedule

Shell Theatre, Fort Saskatchewan (all dancers including Fun 5's)
RRehearsal Hall is in the soccer field. NOTE: theatres open 1 hour before the first category starts.
Festivals reserve the right to run up to 30 minutes ahead of schedule.

ALL CLASSES CANCELLED.

Sundance Audience Admission and Parent Information

\$10.00 for one-day pass, \$45.00 for a five-day pass. Senior rates available.

Cash, debit or credit accepted.

*April 15-16: All classes cancelled except Acro which will have a modified schedule.

April 17-23: Regular Classes

April 24-28: Dance Jam - Final Schedule

Shell Theatre, Fort Saskatchewan (all dancers including Fun 5's)
Rehearsal Hall is in the soccer field. NOTE: theatres open 1 hour before the first category starts.
Festivals reserve the right to run up to 30 minutes ahead of schedule.

All classes cancelled except. Terrific 3's, Fab 4's

Dance Jam Audience Admission and Parent Information

\$5.00 per day, \$15.00 for a five-day pass. Dancers are free.
Programs will be available at the merchandise table

*April 29-30: All classes cancelled except Terrific 3's, Fab 4's. Acro will have a modified schedule.

May 1-7: Regular Class Schedule

May 8-12: Alberta Dance Festival- Final Schedule

Myer Horowitz, UofA Campus (all dancers NOT including Fun 5's)

Rehearsal Hall is in the Cascade Room. NOTE: theatres open 1 hour before the first category starts. Festivals reserve the right to run up to 30 minutes ahead of schedule.

All classes cancelled except. Terrific 3's, Fab 4's, Fun 5's

*May 13-14: All classes cancelled except Terrific 3's, Fab 4's, Fun 5's. Acro classes will have a modified schedule.

May 15-18: Regular Class Schedule

Teamwear

Teamwear has arrived and will be ready for pick-up at SBS upstairs in the Dancers Loft starting 2pm, Monday, April 1st.

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Competition + Performance Etiquette

We would like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents of competition etiquette and protocol.

Dancers should be dropped off in the rehearsal hall **1 hour and 30 minutes** prior to performance time in costume, ready with hair and makeup complete. Parents should then leave the rehearsal room. Dancer's belongings should remain in the dressing room or with their parent, belongings/costumes will not be permitted in the rehearsal hall.

Important – If a dancer does not show up on time to warm up and rehearse with their group, the group choreography is adjusted to compensate for any missing dancers. It causes stress on the group and teacher when dancers show up late. If there is an emergency and you are running behind or unable to attend, please contact us immediately at info@stepbystepdance.ca. Please note, competitions reserve the right to run up to **30 minutes ahead of schedule**.

Adjudication – judges give a critique of a performance accompanied by a mark. This may be favourable to you at times, and not at others. It is important to remember that it is one person's opinion of the performance that day and the critiques that the judge gives should be seen as a chance to learn and grow as a dancer. It is also important to measure your performance based on your own opinion of how you did and to always strive for a personal excellence. Please do not show disrespect towards a judge or the competition.

While watching a performance, please show respect to the dancers by staying in your seat and not talking or moving during the performance.

When backstage please remain quiet and try not to move around. Stay out of the wings and be aware of dancers doing runarounds as well as all of the props.

Please keep the rehearsal hall and change rooms clean. Pick up your garbage, keep track of your costumes and dance accessories, etc.

Our main goal is to provide each other with positive and enjoyable experiences wherever possible. This will encourage teamwork, increase self-confidence and enhance the learning experience of performing at festivals and competitions.

We are so excited to see our dancers perform on stage!

Thank you, SBS Team Maintain a positive attitude and always display camaraderie and support for your fellow dancers.

Do not discredit other performances or other dancers. Please leave the task of critiquing and giving corrections to the teachers. Dancers and parents should only offer support and positive reinforcement.

Please do not take photos or videos during performances. This will result in disqualification.

Always remember you are representing more than just yourself. You are representing your family, your teacher, your group and your dance school. Conduct yourself in a respectable and friendly manner at all times.

