



Student Showcase 2024 Performer Pre-Registration Information Pack

Brighton Performing Arts Centre
Saturday 5 October 2024

You must register if you want to perform

Registrations close Monday 15 July 2024

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When and where

Date	Saturday 5 October 2024
Time	Doors open .6.30pm, show starts at 7pm
Venue	Brighton Theatre, Brighton Performing Arts Centre, Brighton Secondary School 305 Brighton Road, North Brighton

Theme

Wings of Time: A 20 Year Metamorphosis

2024 is our 20th year, so the theme for our Student Showcase this year will be a retrospective of our first 20 years.

This means that the music for the showcase will be drawn from the 14 performance projects presented by our performing company (although not including student showcase performances).

If you aren't aware, Dragonfly Dance began life in 2004 as Move Through Life, a project-based performance group for adult dancers. Our first season was in October 2024, and was called eMerge. After that, we went on to stage another nine seasons between 2005 and 2015. Then, after five year break, we staged another four seasons.

You can witness the development of our performance company on our Youtube channel (www.youtube.com/@dragonflydanceadl), where we are releasing the video of each season chronologically on Friday evenings.

Why get involved

The idea of performing onstage can seem scary, but it also offers untold rewards that are worth any pre-performance jitters.

While the thrill of performing in front of an appreciative audience is a moment to cherish forever, it is about so much more than just those few minutes onstage. It's also about working towards a performance, spending time backstage with your fellow performers, and the fun of doing your stage makeup, hair, and putting on your costume. Performing gives you an opportunity to show what you can do to your family and friends, and help them understand why you love it. Preparing for a performance helps you grow as a dancer and performer in a way you can never achieve just by attending class. And working towards a goal gives more meaning and purpose to your regular dancing.

Best of all, we have an amazing and supportive audience that is there to cheer the dancers on, even when there is a mistake (and believe me, there are always mistakes). But mistakes aren't what matter. Getting on stage, having fun, and feeling a sense of achievement are what it's all about.

What is involved

If you register to perform, you will learn a dance in your regular class time over the next few months. If you attend more than one class a week, you are welcome to register to perform with each class, but you can also decide to opt out of performing for some classes.

There are only two additional rehearsals outside of your regular class:

- Dress rehearsal, 1-5pm Sunday 22 September 2024 (at the Dragonfly Dance Studio)
- Theatre rehearsals, 2pm Saturday 5 October (followed by the performance that evening).

If you register to perform, you are making a commitment to attend class regularly, and to catch up on anything taught if you have to miss a class. You may be able to get up to speed with the help of a class mate, or through videos that get posted in our Facebook group.

How to get involved

Getting involved is simple. All you need to do is fill out a registration form.

You can complete an **online form** (available at <https://forms.wix.com/r/7213774478268957552>), or a **paper form** available at the studio.

Registrations open Wednesday 3 July and **close Monday 15 July**.

Late registrations will not be accepted

By filling in a registration form you are committing to the performance and rehearsals, as outlined in this info sheet.

Fees

There is a registration fee associated with being part of the showcase, as well as a cost for costumes.

Putting on a performance takes a lot of work. There is an enormous amount of time put in from the Dragonfly Dance team that goes on behind the scenes. The combination of participant fees and ticket sales make it possible to cover costs such as theatre hire, technician fees, costumes (the cost of the costumes, as well as the time associated to find appropriate costumes), advertising, and of course, additional work from teachers, and the hours and hours of administration and marketing work.

The registration fee is comprised of

- Participation fee (\$40 for your first dance, and if you participate in more than one dance, you will pay an additional \$10/dance participation fee)
- Video recording fee (\$20) and you will receive a copy of the professionally filmed video of the performance

For example, if you attend three classes a week and opt to perform with all three classes, your registration fee will be $\$40 + \$10 + \$10 + \$20 = \$80$.

There will also be a cost for costuming. Last year (2023) there was a set costume fee per performer per dance. This year, the costumes will be done a little differently, and the cost will be advised.

Payment of fees

Fees will be deducted from your Zen Planner account using the same credit card or bank account that your membership of class fees are deducted from.

Fees will be deducted on Monday 22 July 2024.

Please ensure you have sufficient funds on that card or account on the day fees are due to be deducted.

Payment plan

We don't want anyone to be excluded from the showcase for financial reasons, so if you are not able to pay the full fee by 22 July, you can setup a payment plan.

If you wish to setup a payment plan, please fill in a Support Request Form available from our website www.dragonflydance.com.au/online-forms

Tickets

Our audience is made up of the family and friends of our performers, as well as fellow students. For this reason, it is super important that performers invite family and friends to the showcase.

Where to buy tickets

Tickets will be sold online through TryBooking.com. A link will be provided when ticket sales open.

Key ticketing dates

This year we will be having an early bird price for ticketing

Tickets will go on sale 19 August
Early bird price ends 13 September

Ticket prices

Type of ticket	Early bird price	Full price
Adult	\$35	\$38.50
Concession	\$30	\$33.00
Child	\$20	\$22.00

Performer tickets

Performers do not require a ticket to participate, but if you plan to sit in the audience and watch once you've performed, you will need to purchase a ticket for your seat.

We do not currently have a limit on tickets, as we don't know how many people will be performing. We also know that some people have a lot of people they'd like to invite, whereas others may only have one or two. Based on past performances, the average availability is four tickets per performer.

Timeline

Registrations open	9am	Monday 3 July
Registrations close	5pm	Monday 15 July
Participation fees deducted from Zen Planner		Monday 22 July
Tickets on sale		Monday 19 August
Early bird price ends for tickets		Friday 13 September
Dress rehearsal	1-5pm	Sunday 22 September
Theatre rehearsal	2pm	Saturday 5 October
Performance	7pm	Saturday 5 October

Frequently asked questions

What if I register but for some reason have to withdraw?

You are able to withdraw by advising both your teacher and sending an email to info@dragonflydance.com.au. However, you will not receive a refund on either your registration fee or any payments already made for costumes. If your costume has been ordered and paid for by Dragonfly Dance, you will still be liable for that payment.

What if I can't afford to pay the participation fee?

If you aren't able to afford the upfront fee, you can arrange a payment plan and pay in instalments. If you have extenuating circumstances and cannot afford the full fee, even in instalments, you can get in touch with us to determine if a partial fee waiver is possible and warranted. Complete a Customer Support Requestion form available from www.dragonflydance.com.au/online-forms. to arrange a payment plan or request a partial waiver.

What extra rehearsal commitment is required outside of class?

There is no additional rehearsal commitment outside of class other than the dress rehearsal 1-5pm Sunday 22 September, the theatre rehearsal and performance from 2pm (rehearsal) on Saturday 5 October.

What happens to my costume after the performance?

The costume is yours to keep.

Why do we have to pay a performer fee?

It takes both time and money to put on a performance, and the performer fees help to ensure financial obligations associated with the performance are met.

Is participation in the showcase mandatory?

No, the showcase is optional. You can choose to perform or not. We provide an inclusive experience for all students, regardless of their decision.

How is the choreography developed for the showcase?

Showcase dances are integrated into regular classes. We focus on group movement, choreographic devices, and performance quality. Everyone benefits from this process, whether performing or not.

What if I decide not to perform? Will I still be involved?

Absolutely! Non-participating students remain engaged and learn alongside the performers. You'll experience the camaraderie and growth that comes with preparing for a performance.

How do I register to perform in the showcase?

When registrations open on Monday 15 July, you can fill in the online registration form or a paper version at the studio.

Can I register for the showcase if I'm a beginner dancer?

If there are enough dancers in your class to make a performance feasible, then yes! The showcase is open to dancers of all levels. It's a fantastic opportunity to grow, learn, and celebrate your progress.

Can family and friends attend the showcase?

Absolutely! We encourage you to invite your loved ones to witness your performance and share in the joy of the showcase.