



2018 ADULT CONCERT INFO PACK 1 (OF 2)

This pack contains initial information regarding 2018's **Adult** showcase. Information in this pack pertains to students of The WA Performance School and Lady Velvet Cabaret's ongoing adult classes, as well as adult private dance or music students.

Adult students will be featured in their own showcase of students 18 years and over, and whilst performance in the concert is by no means compulsory, it is definitely recommended. Performing onstage in front of a supportive audience of friends and family is not only fun, but brings a great sense of achievement - it's a great way to conclude all those weeks of lessons, practise, preparation and hard work!

This is the **FIRST** of TWO concert information packs, designed to give you all the details you need to prepare for your concert participation. This pack will deliver basic information about dates, venues and conditions of the concert and its associated rehearsals. The second pack, released in Term 4, will contain finer details like specific arrival times, costume requirements and rehearsal schedules, which are not yet available at this time.

Please read this pack thoroughly - if you have any questions, please contact administration on dance@waps.com.au or (08) 9388 6970.

All Concert Packs, ticketing links, and schedules will be uploaded to www.waps.com.au/concert and accessible with the password WAPSCO2018

When is the concert?

2018's concert will be held on Saturday 15th December, with a technical rehearsal on Friday 14th December.

A dress rehearsal will take place on Sunday 2nd December, at the WAPS Subiaco studio.

What time is the concert?

Specific start times and schedules will be made available in Concert Info Pack 2, however generally the Adult concert starts around mid afternoon (approximately 3pm) with arrival time an hour beforehand. For a guide to rehearsal times, please see the *Rehearsal* section of this info pack.

Where is the concert held?

2018's concerts will once again take place at the Lady Wardle Performing Arts Centre at St Mary's Anglican Girls School in Karrinyup. This is a state-of-the-art facility with sprung floors, high tech sound and lighting, excellent acoustics, and onsite parking for audiences. The venue seats over 500 patrons and offers ample and secure backstage space for performers, who are supervised at all times by WAPS staff.



How much does it cost to participate?

There are extra fees associated with concert participation, necessary in order to cover the extra cost of putting on such a large-scale event.

Concert Levy: Every participating student must pay a \$35 Concert Levy in order to participate. This fee covers costs such as extra rehearsals, staff time, venue hire, license and insurances, etc. This fee is not refundable if you decide to cancel your participation in the concert.

Costume Hire Fee: Please see the *Costume* section of this information pack for details.

Term Fees: All participants must pay all their owing tuition fees in order to participate in the concert. Students with overdue tuition fees on their accounts will not be able to participate until payments have cleared. WAPS tuition fees are **always** due before the first class of term.



Will there be extra rehearsals?

Yes! For such large-scale productions, rehearsal is an obvious necessity. Two rehearsals will take place outside of regular class time before the day of the concert:

REHEARSAL 1 - Dress Rehearsal/Photo Day:

Dress rehearsals take place at WAPS Subiaco, where each class runs through their items in costume, hair and make up, followed by a quick professional photoshoot (both individuals and group).

Date: Sunday 2nd December

Time: The schedule for the full day's rehearsal will be confirmed in Concert Info Pack 2. Each class will be allocated one 5-10 minute slot per performance item. The rehearsal *does not* run in concert order, and students are only required to stay for their classes' allocated timeslots.

Venue: The WA Performance School, Subiaco

Requirements: Stage hair/make-up is required, and costume must be worn. More information about this will be released in Concert Info Pack 2. Our photographer DanceWorks Photography will hand out cards on the day so that you may purchase dress rehearsal group and single portraits after the concert if you wish.

REHEARSAL 2 - Technical Rehearsal:

A technical rehearsal is required not only so students can familiarise themselves with the venue and protocols of the concert, but so that technical staff can program and test lighting and sound cues - vital for the smooth running of the concert.

Date: Friday 14th December

Time: Adult rehearsals are generally scheduled mid to late afternoon. The schedule for this rehearsal will be released with Concert Info Pack 2.

Venue: Lady Wardle Performing Arts Centre, St Mary's Anglican School for Girls.

Requirements: Hair and make up *are not* required for this rehearsal. Some individual students may be asked to wear their costumes in order to test lighting colours, but not everyone. Absolutely *no guests*, parents or non-performers are allowed in the auditorium at any time on Technical Rehearsal day.

Do we need to purchase costumes?

Adult students are usually required to provide their own costumes for the concert, rather than hiring costumes from WAPS (as children/teens do). Your teacher will discuss costuming with you in Term 4 and explain what sort of items will be required. Some costumes will simply involve regular items of clothing from your own wardrobe, whilst



others may involve you sourcing specialist costume items. A popular option in recent years has been for students to pitch in for a bulk order of affordable costumes from online, or even crafting costumes together.

We will always aim for affordability and comfort and adult students are welcome to discuss ideas with their teachers.

What are hair and make up requirements?

General guidelines for dance students are listed below, however teachers may request specific changes depending on class routines (please consult them or Concert Info Pack 2 before making any purchases!).

Hair: High ponytail, or a bun for ballet/acro, with all wisps gelled, sprayed or pinned back.

Tights/Shoes: Dependent upon the discipline of dance. Please refer to Concert Info Pack 2 for specific colours/styles.

Make up: Stage make up is required for *all students* regardless of age or gender (including music and acting students) as the harsh stage lighting will dramatically wash out all faces, to the point where they may not be visible from the audience or on DVD or photos. For ladies, please apply foundation and blush to match skin tone, along with mascara (you may wear false lashes if you prefer), brown eyeshadow and lipstick in a red-pink shade. Gents should wear foundation and blush/bronzer to match skin tone, simply to ensure that features are defined and visible from the audience.



How can we access music to rehearse to?

Rehearsing at home is vital to ensure that all choreography, repertoire or scripts are committed to memory, and to help students perform at their very best. As such, we make music tracks available for students to rehearse with at home.

By early term 4, WAPS will make a cloud link available to concert participants. This link will contain music to download for home rehearsal use.

How will WAPS communicate information about the concert?

The www.waps.com.au/concert page (where you found this pack) will be regularly updated as more information becomes available.

It's important to make sure that you're receiving WAPS newsletters in your email inbox, as these often contain important dates and reminders for concert season. Please ensure any emails from @waps.com.au addresses are not being redirected to your spam or promotions folder; please also ensure you do not unsubscribe from 'Dance-Studio Pro' mailouts and statements.

Students may also like to download Team App (it's free!) to your mobile device and join the "WAPS" team, to receive notifications when newsletters or info packs are released.

Updates will also be posted in the 'WAPS Adults Dancers' Facebook Group.

How do I register for the concert?

Your participation in the concert must be confirmed with us **in writing** using the form attached to this pack, which you may email to dance@waps.com.au, or leave with reception staff (not class teachers) at the studio. Please check the *Deadlines* section of this pack for more information about when this is due.

What happens on the day of the concert?

On the day of the concert (15 December), students are required to arrive backstage approximately one hour prior to the show. Times will all be confirmed in Concert Info Pack 2.

Guests and other non-performers are *not allowed backstage at any point on concert day*. This is for the safety and privacy of our enrolled students, as well as being a condition of the venue. They are welcome to wait in the foyer or at local cafes before the show begins. We ask that you do stay for the entire length of the concert, rather than leaving after your performance item, especially as all students are involved in the finale - it is also good performer etiquette.

What happens backstage at the concert?

Performers must stay in their designated areas throughout the concert - either side of stage (if they're about to perform), or backstage in their designated rehearsal room.

Guests, parents or other non-performers are not to be backstage at any time during the concert.



Please note that emergency exits are alarmed, and that no alcohol or smoking is allowed on the school grounds. Please respect the venue's policies as consequences for inappropriate behaviour may include exclusion from the performance. As there will be more performers using the space after the adult concert is over, it's vital that students leave backstage areas neat and tidy.

Can the audience record the concert themselves?

No cameras or recording equipment are allowed in the venue. High quality photos and video are available for purchase (orders open around Term 3/4) from our hired photographer and videographers. This leaves your guests and other audience members free to enjoy the concert in person, and means that performers and guests are not distracted or inconvenienced by another audience member's recording. St Mary's venue staff may ask guests to leave the auditorium if they are found to be recording performances, so please ensure they put away all devices prior to the show. No refunds or ticket replacements are available to guests who are asked to leave due to the non-compliance of the venue's or WAPS' policies.

How do I find photos and videos from the concert?

Photos are available for ordering directly from the concert photographer's website www.danceworksphotography.com.au. Cards with the 2018 WAPS Gallery Password are handed out on dress rehearsal day, please take one and keep it safe as passwords are required to access galleries, for privacy reasons.

A DVD of the concert is available to purchase each year. Please remember that DVD costs will **increase after the concert** has taken place, so it is always best to pre-order yours well before the concert. **The DVD will take at least 8-10 weeks to professional produce and package.** You will be notified via email when your order is ready to be picked up from the studio in Term 1 2019. If you are moving, or unable to pick up your DVD, you'll need to inform us via email, provide a postal address, and pay postage fees.

More information about ordering DVDs will be available in Concert Info Pack 2.

How can my guests purchase tickets?

Tickets will be available to purchase from www.trybooking.com later in the year (usually released around November). The release of tickets will be announced in the WAPS newsletter, "Dance-Studio Pro" portal emails, and in-studio announcements by WAPS teachers. As per above, please ensure you are receiving all newsletters and notifications, or follow us on social media!

Adult and Child (12 yrs & under) tickets will be available, and all seating is allocated. Those who order first will have priority when it comes to choosing their own seats, but please keep in mind that if you decide to order extra tickets at a later date, there is a very good chance that not all your seats will be next to each other.

Babies and toddlers (up to 3 years) are not required to purchase tickets, provided they stay in a parent's lap for the *entire* length of the concert. Please also be courteous and remove them from the auditorium immediately if they do become disruptive.

Important Dates and Deadlines

Participation Confirmation: Must be received by WAPS admin team, no later than Term 3, Week 5 (**Monday 13th August**)

\$35 Concert Levy: Due by Term 3, Week 9 (**Monday 10th September**)

Dress Rehearsal: Sunday **2nd December**, at WAPS
(Schedules available in Concert Info Pack 2)

Technical Rehearsal: Friday **14th December** at St Mary's
(Schedules available in Concert Info Pack 2)

Concert: Saturday **15th December** at St Mary's
(Schedules available in Concert Info Pack 2)

** Please complete the participation form at the end of this pack.**





2018 Concert Participation (Adults)

Participation must be confirmed using the form below no later than Monday August 13th.

_____ (student name) **will / will not** (circle) participate in the 2018 WAPS concert in **all / some** (circle) of their enrolled classes. *If not participating in all class routines, please inform management in writing.*

I understand that all costume, participation, registration and tuition costs must be paid for in full in order to participate in the concert, and that WAPS management reserves the right to refuse participation. I understand that I/my child take part in this performance at my own risk and that it is my responsibility to inform WAPS of any injuries or other issues that may affect my ability to perform, attend classes, or rehearse. I understand that there are **no refunds** on costume fees, concert levy, tickets, DVDs, photos, or other associated costs if I/my child do not participate. I understand that preparation for rehearsals and performance is my responsibility, as is wearing/providing specified costume, props, hair, make up when required.

By signing this form and agreeing to participate in the 2018 WAPS concert, I agree to be held liable for all costs outlined in the pack above and assume all risks involved in participating in this event. I understand that if I withdraw for whatever reason I am still liable for the above costs.

_____ (parent/guardian signature, or adult student signature)

_____ (full name of signature) _____ (date)