



2023 ADULT CONCERT GALA

INFO PACK 1 (OF 2)



To celebrate your hard work and contributions to the booming performing arts in WA, we are excited to announce a very special edition end of year concert for adult students in 2023!

ExtravaGala

Annual Showcase & Industry Gala

This year's concert, Extravagala, is a captivating black-tie gala where students from The WA Performance School and Lady Velvet Cabaret take centre stage with their end-of-year routines. While your dazzling performances will be the central focus of the gala, this enchanting evening will also double as an industry awards night, recognizing exceptional contributions within the performing arts in WA. Perform in stunning dance routines and join us in celebrating the achievements that shape our dance community. Elegance, talent, and recognition unite in a night of unforgettable splendour.

Participation in this end of year concert gala will be an amazing opportunity to showcase your routines and talents to an audience of industry professionals and the performing arts community! While performance in the concert gala is by no means compulsory, it's 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 and months of lessons, practice, 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 (as they become available) to the **Concert Hub** at www.waps.com.au/concert and accessible with the password **WAPS2023**

★ Who is this information pack for?

This pack contains initial information regarding **2023's ADULT Concert** showcase. Information in this pack pertains to students in our **adult (18+) classes**.

Private students please ensure you discuss the concert with your teacher directly also.

★ When is the concert?

2023's concert will be held on Wednesday 13th December, with a technical rehearsal on the same day, and a dress rehearsal and photoshoot taking place on Sunday 19th November, at the WAPS Subiaco studio.

★ What time is the concert?

Specific start times and schedules will be made available in **Concert Info Pack 2**. For a guide to rehearsal times, please see the *Rehearsal* section of this info pack.

★ Where is the concert held?

We are excited to announce that 2023's special edition End Of Year Concert will take place at **The Royale Theatre** in the heart of Northbridge. Originally opened in 1997 as Perth's IMAX cinema, the building was purchased in 2017 and has since been redeveloped into the multi-venue entertainment hub Planet Royale, where the theater now hosts many of Perth's best theater productions (A Chorus Line, Chicago, and now, you!)



★ Why participate in the concert?

Participation in the concert is not compulsory, however it's highly recommended for students of all ages.

Performing in the concert is a wonderful opportunity to develop students' confidence, reward you for all your hard work throughout the term, and give you a sense of achievement and pride in your performance. Exposure to performing in front of others in a safe, warm and friendly environment can help alleviate future anxiety or nerves, particularly in all of us - next time you need to be brave, you can look back upon your fun and successful experience at the concert and remember how talented and strong you really are!

Not only does performing promote your creativity, courage, resilience and teamwork, it will give you an insight into the preparations for and running of a performing arts event.

★ What if I decide not to participate in the concert?

No problem! Students who decide not to participate in the concert are still welcome to come to classes all the way through to the end of the year.

While some concert planning will take place in classes, all classes will run as per usual and students are welcome to attend every class, and continue to learn technical skills, performance skills and choreography like they would any other term. You won't be excluded from class activities or routines if you choose not to participate in the concert.

Please note - no adult WAPS classes will run on Wednesday 13th December (day of the concert).

★ How much does it cost to participate?

There are extra fees associated with concert participation, necessary in order to cover the extra cost of producing 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.

Concert T-Shirt (optional): For a \$25 fee, each performer will also receive a souvenir Concert T-Shirt, to be worn backstage during the concert and rehearsals, or as a uniform to weekly classes, see below for more information.

Costumes: 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 by the first class of term.

★ Will there be extra rehearsals?

Yes! For such large-scale productions, rehearsal is a necessity. Two rehearsals will take place outside of regular class time; A dress rehearsal prior to the concert day, and a technical rehearsal on 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 photo shoot if they wish.



Date: Sunday 19th November

Time: The schedule for the full day's rehearsal will be confirmed in Concert Info Pack 2. Adult students are generally scheduled to rehearse in the late afternoon.

Each class will be allocated one 5-10 minute slot per performance item. Students are only required to stay for their classes' allocated time slots and may leave after they have taken photos.

Venue: The WA Performance School, Subiaco

Requirements: Stage hair and makeup is required, and costume must be worn. More information about this will be released in Concert Info Pack 2.

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: Wednesday 13th December

Time: Specific arrival/rehearsal times will be confirmed in Concert Info Pack 2. Adult students are generally scheduled to rehearse in the mid-afternoon and may leave after they have rehearsed all items.

Venue: The Royale Theatre, Northbridge

Requirements: Hair and make up *are not* required for this rehearsal. Some individual students may be provided with their costumes in order to test lighting colours, but not everyone.

Absolutely no guests or non-performers are allowed backstage or in the auditorium at any time on rehearsal days.

★ Do we need to purchase costumes?

Adult students are usually required to provide their own costumes for the concert, rather than hiring them from WAPS (as children/teen students do). Your teacher will discuss costuming with you in Term 4, and you will receive a note confirming costume requirements for each adult class in which you're enrolled.

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 to prioritise affordability and student comfort, and adult students are welcome to discuss ideas with their teachers.

★ How do I order and pay for the Concert T-Shirt?

After many requests, WAPS is proud to now offer an optional souvenir Concert T-Shirt to students and staff each year.

The shirt is a team uniform for all participating students to keep. It can be worn with leggings or shorts during student bows and the concert finale dance at the end of each show (which are photographed and filmed), as well as backstage at the concert during quick-changes or long breaks.

Shirts ensure students are easily identifiable at the venue and back at the studio, and can also be worn in future weekly WAPS classes as studio uniform.

Youth & Adult shirt sizes are available, in durable cotton with reinforced hems and shoulders.

The Concert T-Shirt (\$25) is ordered and paid for at the same time as your concert levy, please provide sizing information with your concert consent form.



★ 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!).

Long Hair: Up in a high ponytail, or a bun for ballet/acro, with all wisps gelled, sprayed or pinned back.

Short Hair: Neat and off the face/eyes, pinned/gelled back if necessary.

Tights: Non-shimmer tan dance tights, or pink tights for ballet.

Shoes: Dependent upon the discipline of dance. Style/colour will be assigned in Concert Info Pack 2.

Makeup: We know that all our students have beautiful skin and faces, however the lights at the venue will dramatically wash out all faces, to the point where they may not be clearly visible from the audience (or in our video or photos!). As such, stage make up is required for *all students* regardless of age or gender (including music and acting students).

For ladies, please apply foundation and blush to match skin tone, brown eyeshadow and lipstick in a red-pink shade, and mascara/false lashes. Gents should wear foundation and blush/bronzer to match skin tone, as well as ideally some light brown eyeshadow, simply to ensure that eyes are defined and visible from the audience.

Notes: We discourage students from wearing fake tan with their costumes, as stains are very likely to occur. Please ensure all underwear and bras are suitable for performance - no bra straps should be visible under costumes of any shape (clear plastic straps or specialist dance underwear recommended).

★ 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, the WAPS Drive link for all music will be updated on the **Concert Hub** page at waps.com.au/concert, containing music to download for personal rehearsal use at home only.

★ How will WAPS communicate information about the concert?

The **Concert Hub** page at waps.com.au/concert will be regularly updated as more information becomes available. The password to access will be WAPS2023.

It's important to make sure that you're receiving WAPS newsletters or portal emails in your 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' portal emails and statements.
- You can follow WAPS on Facebook at **The WA Performance School**, or on Instagram at **@waperformanceschool**
- Join the 2023 WAPS & LVC Adult Students **Facebook group** for regular informal communications.

★ How do I register for the concert?

Your participation in the concert must be confirmed with us by using the [Concert Participation Form Link here](#) or at the end of this pack.

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 (13th December), students are required to arrive backstage prior to the time of technical rehearsals. Exact times will all be confirmed in Concert Info Pack 2. Students should arrive with all hair and makeup completed.

Guests and non-performers are *not allowed backstage at any point on concert day* for the safety and comfort of our performers. This is for the safety and privacy of all of our enrolled students, as well as being a condition of the venue.

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 during 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 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 backstage. Please respect the venue's policies as consequences for inappropriate or unsafe behaviour may include exclusion from the performance. As there will be more WAPS performers using the space after the adult concert is over, it is vital that you leave the backstage areas neat and tidy.

★ Can I pack valuables, activities, food or drink?

You are welcome to bring items to keep yourself entertained during long breaks backstage - these items must be well-labelled, and WAPS cannot accept responsibility for any lost or damaged items. We do not recommend messy activities that can mark costumes, or easily-lost or damaged items.

Designated eating areas will be marked out on the day - **no food or drink is to be consumed outside of these areas**. Please do not pack any food or drink that will be messy to consume, as this risks damaging costumes. Please do not pack any food or drink that contains common allergens like nuts. We recommend eating a good meal **before** you arrive at the venue, and a labelled water bottle is also recommended.

Note: Students may bring their own phones or devices, but WAPS cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage. Strict consequences will be enforced for inappropriate use of devices backstage.

★ Can I or my guests record the concert ourselves?

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 you 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. Venue staff may ask guests to leave the auditorium if found to be recording performances, so please ensure guests 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 can I find photos and videos of the concert?

A video recording of the concert and all photos will be made available for purchase each year. More information about ordering Concert Video USBs will be available in Concert Info Pack 2.

★ What do I need to know about concert etiquette?

We ask that audience members stay seated during performances (unless leaving to settle a baby or toddler), and that they stay for the entire concert to show support for their fellow classmates. Should guests have an unsettled or crying child, we ask that they kindly settle the child in the foyer before returning to the auditorium to avoid any distractions to our performers on stage.

First time performers or families should ask WAPS staff if they have any questions about concert etiquette. All performers will be given instructions by WAPS and venue staff before the concert starts, and safety & behavioural expectations will be made clear. Performers who do not comply with behavioural expectations may be asked to sit out during performances.



★ How do I purchase tickets to the concert?

Tickets will be available to purchase online 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 to avoid missing an important announcement.

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, particularly as our performances are video recorded.

★ Dates & Deadlines

Participation Confirmation: We recommend that your confirmation form be received by WAPS admin team, no later than Term 3 Week 10 (**Monday 18 Sept**)

Late entries for adult performers may be admitted, but please be aware that costume shipping times or supplier availability may be affected by a late confirmation.

Costume Payments: Due by Term 3 Week 11 (**Monday 25th September**)

\$35 Concert Levy: Due by Term 3 Week 11 (**Monday 25th September**)

Dress Rehearsal: Sunday 19th November, at WAPS
(Schedules available in Concert Info Pack 2)

Technical Rehearsal: Wednesday 13th December at The Royale Theatre
(Schedules available in Concert Info Pack 2)

Concert: Wednesday 13th December at The Royale Theatre
(Schedules available in Concert Info Pack 2)

★ How do I confirm my participation in the concert?

If you wish to participate in the 2023 End of Year Concert, you will just need to complete the below form link.

→ [Click HERE for the 2023 Concert Participation Form for Adults!](#) ←

This year we've gone digital! Instead of paper forms, we are using Docusign to collect your concert participation forms.

Please access the form via the link above and complete all the required fields. **If you would like a concert T-shirt, be sure to tick the Concert T-shirt box and include your SIZE.** Failure to do so may cause delays or the wrong size being ordered.

We look forward to having you join us onstage at our special edition end of year concert, Extravagala!