

2023 JUNIOR CONCERT INFO PACK 1 (OF 2)



**TODDLER
STUDENTS**



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 Junior Concert** showcase, specifically for students in our **Little Groovers and Tiny Ballerinas** classes only.

If your child is in the following classes, this information pack will apply to you:

- Tiny Ballerinas (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays)

- Little Groovers (Wednesdays, Saturdays)

If your child is five years or older and does not have the same needs as our 2-4 year old students, or is not in any of the above classes, please head over to our Concert Portal (www.waps.com.au/concert password WAPS2023) to access the correct information pack for Junior students.



★ When is the concert?

2023's concert will be held on **Saturday 2nd December**, with a technical rehearsal on Friday 1st December.

A dress rehearsal and photoshoot will take place on Sunday 19th November, at the WAPS Subiaco studio.



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CLASSES STILL RUNNING FOR 2 WEEKS AFTER CONCERT

Classes still on until 17th December

Dance Workshops End of Year Celebrations Special Activities

Come and celebrate post-concert!

The banner features a purple and yellow color scheme with geometric shapes and three circular images showing people dancing in a studio.

★ What time is the concert?

Specific start times and schedules will be made available in **Concert Info Pack 2**, however generally the Junior concert starts late morning/noon. 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 End Of Year Concert, *Kaleidoscope*, will take place at the historic **Regal Theatre** in the heart of Subiaco. Originally opened in 1938 as a cinema, the theatre was converted to a live performance venue in 1977 and remains one of Perth's most iconic theatres.

Parents and guests will enjoy the beautiful architecture in the theatre, while students will be safely supervised backstage at the venue by WAPS staff throughout the day.

★ 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 them for all their hard work throughout the term, and give them a sense of achievement and pride in their performance. Dancing, singing, playing or acting at the concert teaches children about the process of learning and preparing for a large event, about interacting with peers and other adults, as well as promoting creativity, courage, resilience and teamwork.

Exposure to performing in front of others in a safe, warm and friendly environment can help alleviate future anxiety or nerves, particularly in young children - next time they need to be brave, they can look back upon their fun and successful experience at the concert and remember how talented and strong they really are!

★ 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 WAPS classes will run on Saturday 2nd December (day of the concert), but will return the following week as per usual on the Monday following 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.

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 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 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 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. We aim to schedule all junior students for a morning rehearsal where possible.

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. Parents are welcome to watch, and then take their children home as soon as they have returned their costumes after 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: Friday 1st December

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

Venue: The Regal Theatre, Subiaco

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.



★ **Can I supervise my child backstage at the Technical Rehearsal?**

As a general rule, parents may remain with young students in backstage holding areas on Technical Rehearsal day if they wish. However, due to government restrictions, social distancing and backstage traffic, it is our priority to maximise the amount of space backstage per child in order to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Parents may be asked to leave the backstage area if we feel traffic is affecting the safety and comfort of our students.

In the event that we cannot accommodate parents backstage on this day, all students will be fully supervised at all times, and parents are welcome to collect immediately after their child's routine has been rehearsed. **Note: WAPS will always prioritise toddler students as being the most likely to require parent support backstage on rehearsal days.** Please note that the venue and studio policy will apply and that

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?

For most of our dance students, costumes will be coordinated by WAPS. Whilst some studios require families to purchase all costumes, WAPS allows students the choice to either *hire* OR *purchase*. Measurements for junior students are taken during class time in Term 3 and costumes are ordered from overseas by WAPS. As such, any new students enrolling in WAPS for the first time after Term 3 may not be able to participate in the concert.

Costumes are ordered to each performer's measurements, and will vary greatly depending on the style of dance. Do note that most dance costumes require a snug fit in order to avoid sagging or falling down (or off) during dances. As such, some costumes may fit differently to regular clothing, but are only required to be worn for a short time onstage.

★ How much is costume hire?

Costume hire fee is \$45 per costume.

This fee includes the ordering, care, maintenance, cleaning, sourcing, insurance and storage of the costume. This costume will remain the property of WAPS at all times and **must be returned after every rehearsal, and once the concert is over**. If you or your child removes a hired costume from the rehearsals or concert, you will be **liable to pay full purchase costs**.

★ How much are costumes to purchase?

Alternatively, costumes can be purchased instead of hired. Costs of purchase will vary depending on the costume; prices will be made available to parents on the day of the **dress rehearsal**, when students try the costumes on for the first time. ***Students may not take purchased costumes home until after the concert, even if already paid for.*** All costumes must be returned to WAPS care after each rehearsal.

★ Are all students required to have a WAPS costume?

Usually music and drama students are asked to provide their own costumes, according to teacher instructions.

Sometimes dancers may also be asked to provide all or part of their costume themselves, depending on the routine. Costume fees will not apply to students who are not required to hire/purchase any costume item from WAPS.

If you have been asked to provide your own costumes, information will be provided to parents by late Term 3/early Term 4 in order to give families enough time to coordinate.

★ 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 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. No tights for acro.

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

Makeup: We know that all our Tiny Toddler 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 girls, please apply light foundation and blush to match skin tone, brown eyeshadow and lipstick in a red-pink shade (older kids/teens can wear mascara/lashes

if they would like to, but not toddler students). Boys 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.

★ **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**

★ **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 (2nd December), students are required to arrive backstage 1.5 hours prior to the show. Exact times will all be confirmed in Concert Info Pack 2. Students should arrive with all hair and makeup completed.

Parents will drop their children off to the stage door before heading to the auditorium to be seated for the show. Parents and non-WAPS staff are *not allowed backstage at any point on concert day* for the safety and comfort of our performers. Our team of trained staff and assistants will supervise all children backstage, assist with all concert preparation (including costumes and toilet breaks) and ensure their safety and comfort. **In the event that your child becomes distressed we will attempt to contact you via mobile phone call and/or SMS (but please ensure the phone is silenced whilst in the auditorium).**

★ Can I stay with my child backstage?

Pending confirmation of backstage capacity and government restrictions, parents of Tiny Toddlers may choose to stay with their child backstage **upon arrival**, however will be asked to leave approximately 45 mins before the concert starts, to allow our staff time to warm up and prepare the children for the show. Parents are **not allowed backstage while the concert is running**, however parents of toddlers are able to come to the stage door and let us know if they need to collect their child during interval.

★ Can I collect my child before the end of the concert?

Yes! Our Tiny Toddler students will perform in the first half of the concert, and can then be collected **during the interval**. You are welcome to watch the rest of the concert with your Tiny Toddler student *sitting on your lap* in the auditorium, or they can be supervised for the remainder of the concert backstage by trained WAPS staff.

Please note that collection can only be done during interval, **not during the concert**.

★ What happens backstage during the concert?

Performers must stay in their designated and secured rooms throughout the concert with our trained staff and helpers. They will be guided and supervised to either side of stage when it is time for them to perform, or backstage in their designated Toddler Rehearsal Room (separate from older performers). All children are supervised at all times by WAPS staff and **guests, parents or other non-performers are not permitted to be backstage at any time during the concert**.

★ Can I pack my child games, activities, food or drink?

Many families pack games or activities to keep children occupied during any 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 (like textas for colouring), or easily-lost or damaged items, but will have staff allocated to supervising and entertaining students when they are not

preparing to perform. We do usually provide a DVD to watch and some WAPS colouring sheets (pencils only please, no texta) for younger students.

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, which may incur extra fees. Please do not pack any food or drink that contains common allergens like nuts, and instruct all young children that they are **not allowed to share food** with their classmates, even if they have no food/drinks of their own! We do ask that you feed your child a good meal **before** dropping them off to the venue, so that they are not hungry too soon after they arrive. A labelled water bottle is also recommended. Teachers of the appropriate gender will escort toddlers on toilet breaks - please advise us in advance if your toddler wears nappies.

★ Can I record the concert myself?

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 you to leave the auditorium if you are found to be recording performances, so please ensure you 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?

Photos are available for ordering directly from the concert photographer's website from DancePro Photography. Passwords are required to access galleries for privacy reasons. It is important you complete all the photographer's forms to access galleries (where necessary), and it is your responsibility to order your photos before galleries expire.

A video recording of the concert is available to purchase each year. Please remember that recording (provided on USB) costs will **increase after the concert** has taken place, so it is always best to pre-order yours well before the concert. **The USB with concert footage will usually take at least 10 weeks** to professionally edit, produce, package and deliver, from our high quality, 100% local vendors. **You will be notified via email** when your order is ready to be picked up from the studio in 2024. If you are moving, or

unable to pick up your USB, you'll need to inform us via email, provide a postal address, and pay postage & handling fees.

Orders are made simply by emailing us. 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 you are leaving to settle a baby or toddler), and that they stay for the entire concert to show support for their fellow classmates. Should you have an unsettled or crying child, we ask that you kindly settle the child in the foyer before returning to the auditorium to avoid any distractions to our young 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.

★ I heard that tickets sell out quickly – I don't want to miss out!

In the event that venue capacity may be reached, to avoid families missing out on tickets to the concert, WAPS will **reserve** two tickets (in the back row) per family **until one week before the show**.

Once you have chosen and paid for your seats (you may select any available seats on the venue map!), we will release those two reserved tickets that have been held for you, for general sale. This means that whichever seats you have selected and purchased for yourself online will be your seats for the concert.

If you do not make your purchases by the week before the show, we will assume you do not require any tickets and all remaining tickets will be released for general sale.

This is the most fair way to ensure that no parents miss out on watching their children perform from the show selling out early, but it does mean that if you wait too long to purchase your tickets, you may find that you have missed out on selecting your preferred seats in the venue. You **will still need to order and pay for your tickets online** if you are seated in the two seats reserved for you in the back rows. **Concert tickets sell out very quickly each year** so we do recommend you carefully read newsletters, emails and stay in communication with teachers to avoid missing the ticket release date.

★ **Be sure to keep attending classes AFTER the concert!**

Classes continue for 2 more weeks after the concert (with final classes on Saturday 16th December).

Not only will we be celebrating our concert achievements, but we will be holding special workshops, activities, in-class filming and themed classes during this time so we can get as much dancing, singing and acting in as possible before Christmas!



Dates and Deadlines

Participation Confirmation: Must be received by WAPS admin team, no later than Term 3 Week 8 (**Monday 4th September**)

This deadline is set to allow sufficient time for the ordering and arrival of

costumes. Late entries may be admitted for certain classes, but not guaranteed depending on the availability of costumes.

Costume Payments: Due by Term 3 Week 9 (**Monday 11th September**)

\$35 Concert Levy: Due by Term 3 Week 9 (**Monday 11th September**)

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

Technical Rehearsal: Friday 1st December at Regal Theatre
(Schedules available in Concert Info Pack 2)

Concert: Saturday 2nd December at Regal 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 at Regal Theatre in Subiaco, you will just need to complete the below form link.

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

This year we've gone digital! Instead of paper forms, we are using Google Signature forms 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 the prestigious Regal Theatre for 2023!