



Welcome, Pre-Juniors & Juniors!

Get ready to shine on stage at our 2024 Junior **ENCORE** Concert Showcase! This pack has the initial details to help you prepare.

Key Dates & Venue:

- **Concert Dates:** Saturday, 14th December 2024 (Times TBC)
- **Venue:** Octagon Theatre, University of Western Australia

Important Notes:

- **Attendance is Key:** Regular class participation is vital for learning choreography and ensuring a polished performance.
- **Rehearsals:** There may be additional rehearsals closer to the concert dates. We'll confirm those details in the second information pack (Term 4).

Stay Connected:

- **Concert Hub:** Find updates, ticketing links, and schedules on our Concert Hub: www.waps.com.au/concert (Password: WAPS2023)
- **Questions:** Contact us at rachel@waps.com.au or (08) 9388 6970

Get Excited:

This is your chance to showcase your talent and hard work! We can't wait to celebrate your achievements on stage.

Remember:

- Stay tuned for the second information pack in Term 4 with all the final details.
- Let's make this concert unforgettable.



★ When is the concert?

2024's concert will be held on **Saturday 14th December**, with a technical rehearsal on Saturday 7th of December from 3pm onwards. Times are approximate.

A dress rehearsal and photoshoot will take place on Sunday 1st 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 Junior concert starts late morning/noon. Please see the *Rehearsal* section of this info pack for a guide to rehearsal times.

★ Where is the concert held?

We are excited to announce that 2024's End Of Year Concert, **ENCORE**, will take place at the historic **Octagon Theatre** located within the University of Western Australia. The Octagon Theatre is a thrust stage venue, hosting opera, classical and popular music, as well as dance, theatre, stand-up comedy and seminars.

With 683 tiered seats, the Octagon is incredibly versatile.

All students will be safely supervised backstage at the venue by WAPS staff throughout the day.

★ Why participate in the concert?

Why Take the Stage?

Participating in the concert is a wonderful way for your child to:

- **Boost Confidence:** Shine on stage and celebrate their accomplishments!
- **Gain Experience:** Learn how to prepare for and perform in a show.
- **Develop Essential Skills:** Teamwork, creativity, resilience, and stage presence.
- **Overcome Fears:** Experience performing in a safe and supportive environment.
- **Feel Proud:** Experience the joy of sharing their talent with an appreciative audience!

Remember, it's not just about the performance – it's about the growth and memories your child will make along the way!

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

There is no pressure to perform!

We understand that performing on stage isn't for everyone. Whether your child chooses to participate in the concert or not, they're still welcome to continue their dance journey with us throughout the entire year.

All classes will run as usual, focusing on technique, performance skills, and choreography. Your child won't miss out on any learning experiences if they decide not to participate in the concert.

Our goal is for every student to feel comfortable and supported in their dance journey, regardless of their performance preferences.

Please note - no WAPS classes will run on Saturday 14th December (day of the concert), term fees have been reduced to reflect this change.

★ How much does it cost to participate?

Extra fees are associated with concert participation, which is necessary to cover the additional cost of producing such a large-scale event.

Concert Levy: Every participating student must pay a \$49 Concert Levy in order to participate. This fee covers costs such as extra rehearsals, staff time, venue hire, license and insurance, etc. This fee is not refundable if you decide to cancel your participation in the concert. I apologise for the increase in the cost. Many of our costs have risen considerably.

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 tuition fees in order to participate in the concert. Students with overdue tuition fees on their accounts cannot 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.

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 1st December

Time: The schedule for the whole 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 are required, and costumes 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: Saturday 7th December

Time: Specific arrival/rehearsal times will be confirmed in Concert Info Pack 2. It will commence from approximately 3pm onwards

Venue: The Octagon Theatre, University of Western Australia

Requirements: Hair and make up *are not* required for this rehearsal.



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

Parents may remain with young students in backstage holding areas on Technical Rehearsal day if they wish, although we do have trained staff and helpers to supervise all of our children. 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.

Your child will be supervised throughout the rehearsal by trained WAPS staff, and you can pick them up as soon as they have finished rehearsing their items. More information about this schedule will be made available to you in Concert Info Pack 2.

★ 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?

The costume hire fee is \$55 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 total 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 they have already paid for them.*** 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 costumes, according to teacher instructions.

Sometimes, dancers may be asked to provide all or part of their costumes, 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 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 offer students and staff an optional souvenir Concert T-Shirt 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. 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 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 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). 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 (Saturday 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 at 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.

We ask that you 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 the stage (if they're about to perform), or backstage in their designated rehearsal room. All children are supervised at all times by WAPS staff, and **guests, parents or other non-performers are not to be backstage at any time during the concert.**

Parents of students under 4 years should read the Toddler Concert Info Pack for information on backstage access for parents of very young students.

★ 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.

★ 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 non-compliance with 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 you are leaving to settle a baby or toddler) and that they stay for the entire concert to show support for their 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. WAPS and venue staff will give all performers instructions 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 and Deadlines

Participation Confirmation: Must be received by WAPS admin team, no later than Term 3 Week 9 (**Saturday 14th 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 (**Saturday 14th September**)

\$45 Concert Levy: Due by Term 3 Week 9 (**Saturday 14th September**)

Dress Rehearsal: **Sunday 1st December**, at WAPS
(Schedules available in Concert Info Pack 2)

Technical Rehearsal: **Saturday 7th December** at Octagon Theatre
(Schedules available in Concert Info Pack 2)

Concert: **Saturday 14th December** at Octagon Theatre
(Schedules available in Concert Info Pack 2).

★ **How do I confirm my participation in the concert?**

If you wish to participate in the 2024 End of Year Concert at Octagon Theatre in Crawley, you will just need to complete the below form link.

[Click here to RSVP and register your Participation](#)

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

We look forward to having you join us onstage at the prestigious Octagon Theatre for 2024!