

April/May 2025 Dance News / Showtime Instruction Sheet

Hi Dance Family!

SHOWTIME 2025 "Empower" is nearly here! We are so looking forward to seeing the dances on stage. You still have a few more days to order your Showtime T-Shirt if you have not already, so please place your order in the online store in the Parent Portal by May 8th.

Before we go on, we would like to say **THANK YOU** to **EVERYONE** for a wonderful year! **WE LOVE YOU**, we're very proud of our dancers, and grateful to **OUR LORD** for the opportunity to celebrate through dance! Thank you so very much for being a part of our dance family!

Please read this document THIS WEEK & save this document for future reference! It can be found in the parent portal under "Student documents." All of the details you need to know for SHOWTIME are in the following pages.

End of Year Check List:

- Is your account PAID in full?** (Check the portal to make sure! Balances **must** be paid in FULL by May 20th in order to participate in Showtime. Email Diane OfficeFDW@gmail.com for any concerns. THANK YOU!)
- Have you registered for Summer & Fall Classes?** (Check the portal! Dancers must be registered in order to be eligible for scholarships on stage on SUNDAY by June 5th)
- Have you emailed/delivered us your A & B Report card for the HONOR ROLL Scholarship box?** (Send to FloridaDanceWorkshop@gmail.com)
- Have you purchased your tickets & told ALL your FRIENDS, FAMILY and NEIGHBORS about Showtime?** (Tickets on sale at FloridaDanceWorkshop.com >> "Event Tickets")
- Do you have all costumes, shoes, make up & accessories for Showtime?** (Make any last minute purchases by May 1st in the Parent Portal)
- Do you know your Drill Week Schedule?**

IMPORTANT NOTES

- ★ Full size programs, Showtime T-Shirts, USBs of the show are for sale in the Parent Portal. As well as any dance wear needs such as earrings, tights and shoes. **The deadline to purchase any needed dance wear and Showtime T-shirt is MAY 8th on you parent portal under Shop >> Showtime**
- ★ June 2nd, 3rd & 4th is DRILL WEEK. All dancers are expected to attend. **Please click here to view the adjusted schedule that week.**
- ★ The Shows are June 6th, 7th & 8th. All dancers are expected to attend. Details are in the following pages.
- ★ Showtime Committee: Make sure to be at our Saturday Dress Rehearsal for the 10am prep meeting sign up at **Showtime Volunteer Form**
- ★ Showtime Program Ads that assist in our annuals Showtime scholarships deadline is April 28th at **Showtime Sponsor Ads Form**
- ★ Dressing Room Assignments, Show order, and Costume details will be given out during drill week.
- ★ Please note that the Friday Aerial Silks & Acrobatics show have a dress rehearsal Friday before show. The dress rehearsal for the Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon show are TOGETHER Saturday morning. (Scroll down for specific date and times)
- ★ Tickets are \$25, are sold online only & must be purchased in advanced for anyone who occupies a seat. You can purchase tickets at <https://dancestudio-pro.com/tickets/floridadanceworkshop>
- ★ ****NEW**** Heather from 356 Photography will not only be taking candid during rehearsals and the shows, she will also be offering Showtime Portraits as well. Sign up today for May 9th (for Ovations Competition Team) and May 10th (All Classes and Levels) at **356 Portrait Day Sign Up**

SHOW LOCATION:

The Center for Performing Arts (CPAC) 701 Carmalita St Punta Gorda FL 33950
Park in main lot, enter through the side door (on the left, if you are facing the building)

*The MAIN, front entrance is for our "performance audience"
on Saturday evening & Sunday afternoon.*

Important contacts in case of emergency:

Backstage Tasha 941-456-4173 Lobby/ Audience, Bev 941-286-4963

Alicia 941-204-7321

A note about "SHOWTIME": We refer to our show as a program, production, performance, revue, presentation, show, etc., but NEVER a "RECITAL". We work very hard to make our program especially professional and entertaining. For the past 30+ years in Charlotte County, we have earned a reputation for presenting "A CLASS ACT" each season and most people agree that FDW, Showtime Productions are of a much higher caliber than a typical children's "dance recital". We hope to wow and inspire you! Thank you for your support!

FRIDAY June 6th: Aerial Silks and Acrobatics Classes ONLY.

Everyone must participate in Dress Rehearsal. Please arrive in costume (covered by an FDW T Shirt/ Jacket or coverup), full stage hair and make up, eyelashes recommended. Bring clean snacks & water. *Make sure your name is on everything! :-)*

- ✓ Dancer Check in backstage at 3:30 PM
- ✓ Report to stage for group warm up at 4:00PM
- ✓ Dress Rehearsal will start at 4:30 PM
- ✓ Show 7PM (Doors Open 6:30PM)

FDW Dancers are welcome to watch the show for FREE if they wear their Red FDW T Shirts or Jackets! Come support your fellow dancers! :-)

SATURDAY June 7th: Dress Rehearsal (Full Dance Cast for SATURDAY and SUNDAY show).

Everyone must participate in Dress Rehearsal. Please arrive in costume (covered by an FDW T Shirt/ Jacket or coverup), full stage hair and make up. Put your name on all shoes, costumes etc! Bring clean snacks, water & activities for little ones. You CAN leave your costumes overnight in the dressing rooms.

- ✓ Dancers & Committee check in backstage at 9AM / Dancers under age 6: 9:30AM
- ✓ Everyone report to audience 9:45AM
- ✓ Dress rehearsal 10AM- 2PM *** shortened or extended as needed*
 - ✓ Parents & Dancers can **watch the rehearsal in the audience**. Report backstage **2 numbers before your own**. Unless changing, or waiting to go on, please do not hang out backstage during the rehearsal, and never in the wings.
 - ✓ **Parents must help your own dancer during rehearsal**, during the show our committee parents will be in charge backstage. Please take a time to make sure you understand ALL of the details (hair, make up, costume, tights, shoes) so you get it right for the dress rehearsal! 356 Photography takes photos during the rehearsal and both shows.
 - ✓ All dancers and parents must stay until after the post rehearsal announcements
- ✓ Break ~2-4pm

Saturday June 7th: 5pm (5pm show case must attend)

Kinderdance Monday, Beginner Ballet/Tap Tuesday, Beginner Hip Hop, All styles of Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, Advanced 1 and Advanced 2 (Except Acro and Silks classes)

Please arrive in costume (covered by an FDW T Shirt/Jacket or coverup), full stage hair and make up. Put your name on all shoes, costumes etc!

- ✓ Dancer & committee check in back stage for Show 4PM / Dancers under 6: 4:30PM
- ✓ Doors open for audience 4:30PM
- ✓ Showtime (all classes) 5PM
- ✓ **Dancer & Committee Checkout Back Stage**, to check your dancer out you must go to the backstage door. (Back Stage door location: if you are facing the front of CPAC you take the left outside sidewalk around the back to the glass door. Please be patient as we have to hand check each dancer out safely).

SUNDAY June 4: 12PM (12 pm show cast must attend)

Kinderdance Thursday, Beginner Ballet/Tap Thursday, Beginner Ballet/Jazz Monday, all Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, Advanced 1 and Advanced 2 (Except acro and silks classes)

Please arrive in costume (covered by an FDW T Shirt/Jacket or coverup), full stage hair and make up. Put your name on all shoes, costumes etc!

- ✓ Dancer & Committee check in 11AM / Dancers under age 6: 11:30AM
- ✓ Doors open for audience 11:30AM
- ✓ Showtime 12PM

- ✓ **Dancer & Committee Checkout Back Stage**, to check your dancer out you must go to the backstage door. (Back Stage door location: if you are facing the front of CPAC you take the left outside sidewalk around the back to the glass door. Please be patient as we have to hand check each dancer out safely).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Backstage Coordinator: Tasha 941-456-4173

- ✓ Please get your **committee tag** at dress rehearsal when you check in
- ✓ Please remember to help **ALL dancers** in your assigned room, not only your dancer
- ✓ Check that all **head pieces** are on and secure for every dance!
- ✓ It is all committee member's responsibility to make sure all dancers are ready for the stage in the proper tights, costumes, shoes, make up, etc. A list of costumes, dancers and quick changes will be provided. **Be kind, be calm, get creative!** There is nothing we can't figure out! THANK YOU!
- ✓ **Backstage committee parents:** Please stay and help check out children within your dressing room. We would appreciate if committee parents assist with every child until the last one leaves from their room.

THE DAY OF THE SHOWS:

- ✓ All performers' must be **checked in & checked out through the main backstage door**. (Back Stage door location: if you are facing the front of CPAC you take the left outside sidewalk around the back to the glass door. Please be patient as we have to hand check each dancer out safely).
- ✓ Cast member's parents & students **only** are allowed to watch the dress rehearsal! During rehearsal, parents should get their dancer ready and remain in the audience until 2 numbers before their dance. During rehearsal only go backstage when you need to, otherwise watch the show in the audience. **During the show, only committee members are allowed backstage. Dancers are encouraged to stay in their assigned dressing rooms.**
- ✓ Cast members **ALL REMAIN BACKSTAGE throughout every SHOWTIME PERFORMANCE.**
- ✓ **PICK UP:** After the finale, all dancers return to their dressing room for headcount by the committee members.
 - ✓ For dancers under 12 years old: a parent should come to the back stage door (where you dropped off) to **CHECK OUT** (Back Stage door location: if you are facing the front of CPAC you take the left outside sidewalk around the back to the glass door. Please be patient as we have to hand check each dancer out safely).
 - ✓ For dancers 12 & UP are also asked to **CHECK OUT** with their Committee person to let them know that you are leaving

If a student is being brought to rehearsal by someone in place of the parent, please contact our backstage coordinator, Tasha 941-456-4173 in advanced!

PHOTO & VIDEO:

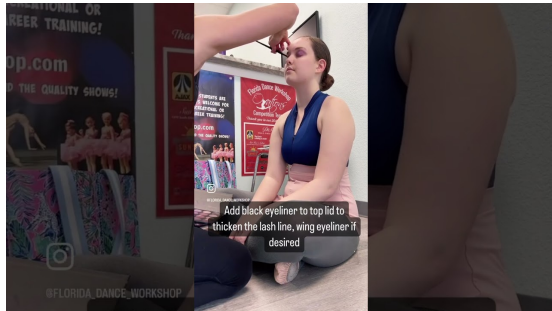
The show is professionally filmed by **Apple Video** and Photographed by **356 Photography**.

- ✓ **PHOTOS:** After the shows, an email will be sent from **356 Photography** with a link to review the photos by class. From there you can download the full quality resolution images of your choice. Heather, the photographer, takes care to photograph each child while on stage. *All download proceeds will be going to Andréa Popielarz's son Andrew.*
- ✓ **VIDEOS:** Videos of the Shows are available to view or download on our website, FloridaDanceWorkshop.com under the "Students" Tab. DVD or USB copies of the videos may also be pre-ordered in our Online store if you choose in the portal. Orders are fulfilled by **Apple Video and Photography**. These are available for pick up at FDW 2 weeks after the show during Summer studio hours.
- ✓ During rehearsal, parents & students may take photos and videos near the stage, but during a performance, they may only be taken from your seat.

SPECIAL NOTES FOR DANCERS

- ✓ **PROTECT your skin from SUNBURN** before Showtime.
- ✓ Put your name in EVERYTHING. Shoes, costumes, etc.
- ✓ Come dressed in your **FIRST** costume. Parents, please **DO NOT** let children play with costumes before the show. They can get ruined and accessories get lost.
- ✓ **DANCE SHOES AND TIGHTS MUST BE APPROPRIATE STYLE AND COLOR.** Please see “costume” section of the parent portal for your specific needs. Make your purchased **TODAY** if you need something! (Deadline for last order before Showtime is May 8th)
- ✓ **TIGHTS** should be purchased from FDW to get the right colors! You can not buy the right color in the store. We sell tights at the studio and will bring extra tights to the show, but please plan ahead and purchase now. **Tan “Honey” Stirrup tights for all Hip Hop, Jazz, Acro, Silks, Tap, Lyrical classes and “Ballet Pink” for all Beginner levels and up Ballet dances. KINDERDANCE will wear “tan” for BOTH Ballet and Tap.**
- ✓ **If a dancer wears both pink and tan tights in the show, the TAN tights hold be worn throughout the entire show & pink tights should go OVER the tan for quick changes.**
- ✓ **(GIRLS) UNDERGARMENTS:** Bra straps must not show. Wear **NUDE** or **STRAPLESS** bra. Some costumes don’t require one. Check before dress rehearsal to determine which ones do. A **NUDE BODYSTOCKING** with **CLEAR** bra straps makes changing easier.

Showtime Hair & Make Up Video



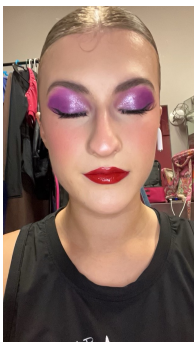
✓ **Tights take the place of underpants under costumes.** Mature dancers can choose to wear “seamless” thong style underwear OR a **NUDE BODYSTOCKING** if desired. **No underwear showing underneath costumes please!**

✓ **HAIR:** Please watch video (click on the image.) Low bun with side on on the dancer’s left. Bun should be at the nape of the neck. Wet & brush the hair thoroughly with gel before putting hair in any & in bun & secure with hair screws, bobby pins and a hair net. Finish with lots of hairspray! **ALL levels (NOT including Kinderdance/Beginner Levels) should wear hair in a bun.** Kinderdance & Beginner can wear any hairstyle

that is pulled out of their face and secured for the Performing Arts show (Saturday and Sunday Shows). **ALL LEVELS for the Friday’s Aerial Silks and Acrobatics should wear hair in a bun. All headpieces are placed on the RIGHT with a sufficient amount of bobby pins! Headpieces should not fall off on stage!**

- ✓ **MAKE-UP:** Do make-up at home for both dress rehearsal and performance. Stage lights “wash out” the face. **Make up is needed for dancers of all ages.** Stage makeup is a heavier look than everyday wear. **It’s not about making kids look “older,” it’s about seeing their expressions on stage! :-)** **THANK YOU** for your understanding!

- ✓ **EYES:** Dark Purple Eye Shadow on the lid, blend for a seamless transition to the brow. Fill brows with a pencil to add definition as needed (choose a color lighter than actual brow color). Add Black eyeliner on top lash line & finish with mascara.



★**FALSE EYELASHES** are a great touch & mandatory for all Ovations & Company members and are recommended for Int II levels & up.

✓**FACE:** Use primer and foundation as needed to even skin tone & help makeup stay in place. Use a generous amount of dark blush on the cheeks.

✓**LIPS:** Bright **RED** Lipstick. Layer with translucent setting powder OR use “long lasting” products. Reapply as needed.

✓**EARRINGS:** Only Stud style earrings “rhinestone” style earrings should be worn

- (if any). Ovations and Dance Company should wear “flower” stage earrings. **No other jewelry should be worn to the theater!**
- ✓ **NAILS:** only nude, French (or no) colors on the hands and feet (if seen)
 - ✓ **BOYS:** Boys benefit from contouring cheek bones and filling the brows to enhance masculine facial features. See director for help.

TICKETS:

- ✓ Every person who occupies a seat must have a ticket. It is allowed for children under 5 to not receive a ticket if they are not taking up a seat by sitting in their parents lap the **entire show**. (The usher will note the seat location and periodically check during the show.) **Showtime tickets are \$25**. Since our expenses to present Showtime are extremely high, and we do not charge our students a “show fee”, we ask you to **spread the word and invite as many friends and neighbors to Showtime as possible**. We need to cover expenses so that our dancers can have the opportunity to continue to perform in such wonderful venues for years to come. We will be awarding the **School Spirit Trophy and Scholarship** for the most Ad Sales. (Along with our many other Trophies and Scholarships) The Winners will be announced on stage at the end of the performance on Sunday.

A FINAL NOTE FOR PARENTS:

We keep the length of SHOWTIME under 3 hours. *Please bear with us as dress rehearsals are usually longer than the actual show, and some dances will be asked to stay longer for a redo as determined by the director. We work as fast as we can!* Cast members are allowed to sit in the audience to enjoy the dress rehearsals (but never during a show). Please **DO NOT** use the word: “nervous” we are instead: **“EXCITED”!** Tiny dancers performing for the first time will be given a tour and stage “orientation” before the rehearsal starts to make their experience positive and comfortable.

THANK YOU! WE LOVE & APPRECIATE YOU! Please reach out if you have any questions! 941-743-2115
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