

2019 CONCERTS

☺ **Please read all information and save for later!** ☺

This notice will give families the majority of information they will need during the preparation for our concerts. Please read thoroughly! In the past, Leaps and Bounds Dance School students have found the annual concert a very rewarding experience and a great chance to show their family and friends what they have learnt throughout the year. Participation in the concert is optional, but I encourage every student to be involved! This year the concert theme will be "New York, New York!"

Concert dates

Thursday 19 th September	Concert participation form and fees due – last day of Term 3
Monday 14 th October	Tickets go on sale to Leaps and Bounds families through THE WEDGE Box Office
Monday 28 th October	Remaining tickets go on sale to general public
Saturday 23 rd November	Compulsory dress rehearsal & photo day for all students (at Leaps and Bounds studios)
Saturday 7 th December	Concert day (at THE WEDGE - Foster St, Sale)

Concert day

As per usual, the day has been broken into three concerts - there will be one concert in the morning for **Kinder Dance, Pre-Primary and Primary classes only** at 10.30am. Please note 'Primary' refers to dance level, not Primary School. The other two concerts starting at 1.30pm and 6.30pm will be for **all other classes** and these students **must** dance in both shows.

To reiterate: students in Kinder Dance, Pre-Primary Ballet, Pre-Primary Jazz, Primary Ballet, Primary Jazz, Primary Hip Hop and Primary Tap will only perform in the 10.30am concert. **ALL** other students will perform in both the 1.30pm and the 6.30pm concerts.

Concert participation & costumes

Each student must be registered for the concert by filling out the online form on our website by **Thursday 19th September**, the last day of Term 3. The form can be found in the "Enrol Online" section of our website www.leapsandbounds.com.au. The concert participation fee is **\$20.00 per student, per class**. We have found this is the most affordable way for families to participate (as opposed to having to buy or make costumes). If the participation form is not submitted with payment by the due date then students will miss out on a costume and will not be able to perform in the concert. Payment can be made by credit card or by direct deposit upon invoice. Please note **troupe students** count troupe as a class, so \$20.00 must be added for troupe on top of other classes. The following classes will **NOT** have a routine in the concert: AcroDance, Toddler Dance, Yoga/Meditation, Saturday Ballet Exam, Stretch & Strengthen, DanceFit and Adult classes.

Please note that concert participation forms will not be accepted if there are still outstanding fees from previous terms. Term fees MUST be paid first!

Concert tickets

Tickets can be ordered from THE WEDGE box office from **Monday 14th of October**. Please double check as to which concert/s your child is performing in before ordering!

Similar to last year, tickets will be limited initially to **4 per family** for the 10.30am concert and **6 per family** for the 1.30pm and/or 6.30pm concerts. After tickets have been on sale for 2 weeks the remaining tickets will be opened up to the general public (Monday 28th October) and this will also give families the opportunity to purchase extra tickets.

Once concert forms have been submitted and fees paid, a **voucher** which entitles each family to purchase the allocated tickets will be given to your child in class in an envelope. **Vouchers can also be collected during the holidays during our office hours (Mon and Wed 9am-2pm)**. Families with children in all three concerts will receive two vouchers (one for the 10.30am concert and one for the 1.30pm and/or 6.30pm concerts.) This voucher **MUST** be sighted by the box office staff in order to purchase tickets. If tickets are ordered over the phone the voucher must still be sighted **on pick up** of tickets. Tickets purchased after the initial two week selling period will **not** require a voucher.

NOTE: Do NOT misplace your ticket voucher/s – tickets CANNOT be purchased in the first 2 weeks without box office staff sighting a voucher and Leaps and Bounds will not be re-issue vouchers, so please put your voucher in a safe place as soon as you receive it!

Prices for tickets are shown below:

Child Ticket (15yrs and under)	10.30am concert	\$10.00	1.30pm & 6.30pm concerts	\$16.00
Adult Ticket (16yrs and over)	10.30am concert	\$16.00	1.30pm & 6.30pm concerts	\$22.00

CHILDREN UNDER 2 YEARS FREE WHEN SEATED ON PARENT'S KNEE

REHEARSAL DAY & hair/makeup

There will be a full dress rehearsal day held at the Leaps and Bounds Dance School studios on Saturday 23rd November – students **must** be able to attend rehearsals on this day in order to participate in the concert! This day will also be used for photos, so students must come with hair and makeup done as for the concert (if makeup is required – see below). A notice detailing times for dress rehearsal day will be given out in class during Term 4. **The required hairstyle for all classes will be specified on the dress rehearsal notice.**

Boys Dance, Kinder Dance, Pre-Primary and Primary level classes do not require **makeup**. (Again please note ‘Primary’ refers to dance level, not Primary School.) All students in classes from Test 1/Beginner level and above should have **basic** makeup including brown eyeshadow, red lipstick, black mascara and black eyeliner. False eyelashes are optional for 14 & Under/Open Troupe students.

Please note that **underwear and jewellery** must NOT be showing at full dress rehearsal or concerts! Please make arrangements for this prior to dress rehearsal day – particularly for older students! If it is showing you will be asked to take it off.

On rehearsal day costumes will be at the studio for collection at the office – students must not take costumes home!

SHOES/TIGHTS requirements (Students MUST have correct shoes/tights for rehearsal day and concerts)

10.30am concert: **Kinder Dance and Pre-Primary** students do not need shoes or tights. **Primary Ballet** students need ballet tights and ballet shoes, **Primary Jazz** students need redenzas (tan tights) and black jazz shoes and **Primary Tap** students need redenzas (tan tights) and black tap shoes. **Primary Hip Hop** students need any sneakers or runners, but do not require tights. Boys also do not require tights.

1.30/6.30pm concerts: **Ballet** students need ballet tights and ballet shoes, **Jazz** students need black jazz shoes and redenzas (tan tights) and **Tap** students need black tap shoes and redenzas (tan tights). All **Hip Hop/Boys Dance** students need **BLACK** sneakers or runners (Target often have cheap black sneakers). **Contemporary/Teen Belly Dance** students may wear foot thongs (optional). **Singing** students need any black shoes (jazz shoes preferred) and redenzas (tan tights).

If you are unsure of what is required, please call the office on 5144 5744 or email us at info@leapsandbounds.com.au. We do sell all the required dance wear through Leaps and Bounds (with the exception of hip hop shoes) and will have lots of stock available for purchase in the lead up to concerts.

Concert photos

Leaps and Bounds will be using photographic company, ‘Strike A Pose’, to take group and individual photos of your child. Photo proofs will be available to view and order online. The photo day will run in conjunction with the full dress rehearsal day on Saturday 23rd November. Please note that parents, guardians and siblings are not permitted into the photo room on this day. No still or video cameras will be allowed in Studio 1 at dress rehearsal or THE WEDGE on concert day. This is due to copyright laws and has also been requested by THE WEDGE.

Drop off & collection on CONCERT DAY

On concert day, students need to be dropped off and collected from the rear stage door at THE WEDGE (will be signposted on the day). **Troupe students** should be dropped off **45 minutes** before each concert starts, **all other students** should be dropped off **30 minutes** before each concert starts.

All students will stay backstage for the **whole** concert (this applies to ALL shows). Leaps and Bounds staff will assist the students to change and look after them. There will be **NO early pickups!** Do not purchase tickets for your children to watch as they will not be able to leave the backstage area until the completion of each concert. Students will be able to watch the concerts on a large screen backstage and will all come back on stage for the finale.

Once the concerts have finished, parents/guardians are asked to wait 10 minutes for students to change and then come to the rear stage door to collect students. The 10.30am concert should run for approximately 1 hour and the 1.30pm & 6.30pm concerts should run for approximately 2.5 hours each. Please note that there will be staff manning every backstage door. No student will be able to leave without a parent/guardian unless over 18 years. Advanced students will, however, be given permission slips in Term 4 which will allow them to leave without a parent.

Concert DVD

The 2019 Concert DVD will again be produced by “Mobile Video Services”. The cost will be \$45.00 per DVD and orders must be submitted online with payment by Saturday 23rd November. Families will be advised in Dec/Jan as soon as they are ready for collection.

Extra troupe rehearsal

There will be a rehearsal for ALL TROUPE members for the opening/finale items on Friday 22nd November (the night before full dress rehearsal) from 4-6pm. Please make arrangements now so that students will be available for this rehearsal!

Please call or email me if you have any questions. Please also make sure you keep this information as you may need to refer back to it closer to the concert date. I look forward to another great day of concerts this year!

Jenny Cumming
Principal