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2026 CONCERT INFORMATION

This newsletter contains loads of information relating to this year's Concert- Dates, Rehearsals, Tickets, Photos, Make-up, etc. Please take an extra moment to read it to answer many of your questions regarding what will happen with events leading up to the Concert day.

☛ CONCERT FEE – Due Monday, 23rd November

The Concert Fee, which is only $40.00 per student, helps cover a portion of the extra costs incurred with operating all of the Concert-related events. This is due by the 23rd of November. Every Participant in this year's Concert is responsible for paying this Concert Fee. If you haven't yet done so, you should pay this Concert Fee at reception or via direct bank transfer as soon as possible to ensure delays with Costume distribution are minimized.

☛ FULL RUN-THRU REHEARSAL – Saturday, 5th December

The Full Run-thru Rehearsal on Sat, December 5th starts at 1.00pm & will finish at approximately 4.00pm depending on how it goes as it involves the entire studio (•Tuesday afternoon & Wednesday morning Preschool classes do not attend this rehearsal). This rehearsal will be held at the ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL HALL. This is NOT a DRESS Rehearsal, so wear your Dancin' Mates uniform. All dance shoes should be clearly labeled with your name. The FINALE of the Concert will be taught and explained at this rehearsal. Those students dancing in several numbers should pay close attention to the order of their dances and write it down.

We kindly ask that the children are simply dropped off at 12:50pm & picked up at the door.

Please ensure that all children go to the toilet & have a cool drink & a bite to eat just before arriving to this rehearsal. Pack a snack & water - no chips, popcorn, nuts, or messy foods please.

- ALL TUESDAY AFTERNOON & WEDNESDAY MORNING PRE-BALLET, PRE-JAZZ & PRE-TAP Students:

  You DO NOT attend this rehearsal. Instead, we will see you at your dress rehearsal on 11/12/26 and the Concert Dances Photo Call on Sun, Dec 6th. A separate Photo Call newsletter will follow shortly.

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☛ DROP-OFF & DRESS REHEARSAL

This year's Dress Rehearsal on Sunday, 20th December will be conducted at our Concert venue - The Art House Wyong.

Drop-off is between 10:45-11:00am AT THE STAGE DOOR on Pauline Lane, not the Main Entrance. Please arrive with hair style completed and bring your costume(s). No facial make- up is required at this dress rehearsal. The Dress Rehearsal will start at 11:30am.The Dress Rehearsal will finish at approximately 2:30pm. No Access is given via the Main Entrance or Foyer.

NO food or drink is to be taken whilst in costume. Please ensure your child has had sufficient food before the Dress Rehearsal. Bring lunch & plenty of sustaining snacks.

Wear something to cover up your costume as under no circumstances are any performers to be seen outside the auditorium area in costume. This includes the foyer area which is open to the public.

All personal belongings must be clearly labeled.

During the Dress Rehearsal all the students, when they are not dancing, will be given the opportunity to be seated in the auditorium & watch the rest of the show. This is compulsory as well as a wonderful chance to see your fellow students dancing. The Dress rehearsal is not open to the parents or public because we hope the concert to be a surprise for you & them.

There is a scheduled break between approximately 2:30pm and 3:30pm when the performers will rest and eat before the Concert. All performers will remain in the dressing room during this break. Supervision will be provided & one parent per family is welcome in the dressing room during this break. Parents are asked to provide their children with plenty of food and drinks. At approximately 3:30pm, the performers will change into their costumes in their designated dressing room areas for the Concert performance.

Parents/Guardians: please ensure that Dancin' Mates has a current mobile phone number should you need to be contacted.

If any parents are available to help at the Dress Rehearsal or Concert, please leave your name at reception, or tell Miss Bronwyn in person or via email.

☛ THE CONCERT PERFORMANCE

The Concert Performance on Sunday, December 20th will begin at 4:00pm. We estimate it to end around 6:15pm. All performers must be collected at THE STAGE DOOR on Pauline Lane following the performance.

All performers are asked to follow strict instructions on how & where to remain sitting quietly until the cue for the End Finale. Any student found misbehaving during the concert will not be permitted to take part in next year's events.

NO food or drink is to be eaten whilst in costume, unless you are wearing something to cover it - dressing gowns are great for this.

Only PERFORMERS, Dancin' Mates Staff, and Designated Backstage Volunteers will be permitted backstage during the Dress Rehearsal and the Performance.

The taking of photos and/or personal video footage is not permitted during this Dancin' Mates Concert performance. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

☛ TICKETS – On Sale from Friday, 20th November

The venue for the Dancin' Mates 33rd Annual Concert will be The Art House Wyong. We are proud to be able to offer our students the opportunity to perform in a professional environment whilst the audience is treated to excellent facilities, service and comfort.

All tickets for this year's Concert will be **Reserved Seats in** a tiered seating plan. Tickets will sell at $65.00 each for Adults, $40.00 each for Children *(3-12 yrs)*, and $55.00 each for Age Pension & Student Concession. Ticket prices include GST and the Art House booking fee of $4.10 per ticket *(inc 10% GST)*. Children aged 2 years and under do not require a ticket and are permitted to sit on a parents lap.

Tickets for the concert will go on sale on Friday, 20th November. Tickets will only be available for purchase directly from The Art House Wyong Ticketing system. They can be purchased online or in person from the Art House Box Office. When our Concert Tickets go on sale, a direct link to their online system will be available on our Website at:

www.dancinmates.com.au/upcoming-events

We are expecting the tickets to sell very quickly and sell out.

☛ COSTUMES

Your child will soon receive a note with the final Costume balance amount(s) due. Costumes will be distributed in Weeks 6 & 7 to those students whose Class Fees, Concert Fees, and Costume Balances are paid in full. Please note that we cannot release a costume until all outstanding balances have been paid.

☛ GENERAL MAKE-UP

All students performing in the concert are to wear some facial make-up:

- A skin foundation and powder (compact preferred) put all over the face to prevent the face from shining on stage.
- A blush (rouge) on the cheeks to add colour.
- Earth-toned eye shadow for girls. Optional for boys.
- Red lipstick is necessary for the girls.
- No nail polish, jewellery, or fake tans.

REMEMBER that stage make up is used to accentuate the facial features, not smother them!

☛ CONCERT PHOTOS – Sunday, 6th December

Newcastle School Portraits will be doing this year's concert photo shoot. They have photographed Dancin' Mates students for over 30 years.

Photos will be taken during the **Concert Dance Photo Shoot at Dancin' Mates Studios on Sunday, 6th of December**. The photographer will take individual concert dance photos as well as the group photos of the various dance classes. Dancing siblings are also able to have a photo together. A separate Photo Call newsletter with the individual class times will follow shortly.

They will bring all photos to the Concert venue. You may view and purchase your photo package from 3:00pm before the concert commencement. We suggest you allow time for this. Packages are available to be purchased after the concert day directly with Newcastle School Portraits.

As always, Dance Class Group Photos will be on display next year in our studio waiting area.

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☛ CONCERT VIDEO LINK

Dance Life Unite Videos will film and produce this year's Concert Video for you to purchase.

The cost per video link is ONLY $65.00. As we respect the privacy of our young dancers, this year's Concert Video will be supplied via a dropbox link, unique to each order delivered to your email. Orders can be made directly with Dance Life Unite Videos. The QR Code Order Form will be emailed to everyone, so check your inbox during the next week.

All Concert Video Orders will be processed over the Christmas Holidays, and will be available for download at the start of the new dancing school year.

*IMPORTANT: Please remember that the use of your own video camera (including phones) at this or any Dancin' Mates Concert is not allowed due to privacy and music copyright laws.

☛ GETTING THERE

The Art House is located at 19-21 Margaret Street in the Wyong town centre (corner of Margaret Street and Anzac Avenue).

BY CAR- Parking is available free of charge in various locations across the Wyong town centre and close to The Art House. There are public car parks located in Hely Street and Hope Street, less than a 5 minute walk to The Art House.

There is on-street parking available adjacent to The Art House in Pauline Lane, as well as in the streets close to the building. Accessible parking is also available in Pauline Lane adjacent to The Art House.

There are two five-minute parking zones for drop offs and when coming in to purchase or collect tickets. These are located right outside the building in both Margaret Street and Anzac Avenue.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT- The Art House is a short walk from Wyong train station. A public bus service is also available.

☛ A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

All of the students have been working very hard preparing their dances for this year's concert, and we are certain you will enjoy the high level of entertainment at our concert. We require all Students to attend both rehearsals. These rehearsals are needed to ease the student into this grand environment and encourage confidence. A smooth running concert requires that each student knows when their dances are on, and where they enter and exit the stage, how and where to wait for an entrance, etc. These details must be rehearsed. These rehearsals also give the student the chance to see their peers dance, as it is valuable to their learning & progression as artists. Also, the Dress rehearsal is the only chance to dance on the actual stage, with the stage-lights and costumes, It is therefore crucial for every student to attend these rehearsals in order to make their concert an enjoyable one. We'd like to thank you for your support and custom in helping Dancin' Mates to establish a reputation for quality dance tuition and service and trust you will enjoy the "Can't stop dancing!" 33rd Annual Concert.

Dancingly yours, Dancin' Mates Staff

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www.dancinmates.com.au/newsletters