

2008 Code of Etiquette

Manitoba Provincial Dance Festival

In The Theatre

- ⊕ No screaming in the theatre
- ⊕ Respect the Venue. No feet on seats. No food or drinks in the theatre. No sitting in roped off areas.
- ⊕ Entrance to and exit from the theatre is restricted to breaks between performances
- ⊕ All performers should be treated with dignity and respect (no cat calls, no talking during performances, etc)
- ⊕ Costuming should not be visible in the theatre
- ⊕ Cell phones and pagers must be turned off

In The Lobby

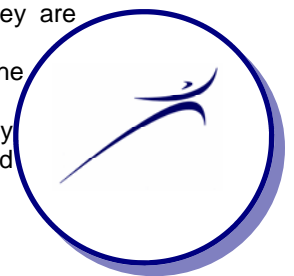
- ⊕ Food and drinks are allowed in the lobby areas provided participants clean up after themselves
- ⊕ No raised voices in the lobby
- ⊕ No rehearsing in the lobby. Rehearsal space is provided
- ⊕ All instructions given by the Festival staff, the Pantages Playhouse Theatre House Manager, or the Festival Volunteers must be followed at all times
- ⊕ The balcony and balcony lobby are off limits for Festival sessions
- ⊕ All participants must have their registration cards with them in order to be admitted to the theatre. Those without their registration cards must pay for admission

In The Backstage Areas (Wings, Dressing Rooms, Green Room)

- ⊕ The Stage Manager and Assistant Stage Manager are in charge. All participants must follow their instructions for your own safety.
- ⊕ No talking in the wings
- ⊕ Muted talking is permitted in the dressing rooms and green room areas
- ⊕ No food backstage
- ⊕ No water backstage, in the wings, or in performances onstage
- ⊕ Dressing rooms are to be kept clean by the participants. If dressing rooms are not kept clean, dressing room privileges will be revoked for your studio/school
- ⊕ Tap shoes are to be worn only onstage or on the carpeted areas backstage
- ⊕ All participants are on stand-by 30 minutes prior to the beginning of their session. All participants on stand-by must remain in the dressing room area until called to the wings
- ⊕ All instructions given by the Festival staff must be followed
- ⊕ Only performers, teachers or designated chaperones with chaperone ID card are allowed in the backstage areas
- ⊕ Dancers may not leave the back stage area once they have been called by the stage crew without the permission of the Stage Manager and/or Assistant Stage Manager.
- ⊕ All participants will respect each other's property
- ⊕ Under fire regulations, hallways and doorways must be kept clear and free of clutter
- ⊕ Performers must not do anything that may damage the stage area (including flooring and scrim) or endanger other performers (ie., no liquids onstage, no baby powder, no footwear that will damage the flooring, etc)

In The Rehearsal Hall

- ⊕ Those participants using the rehearsal hall must share the space in a cooperative manner. Rehearsal Hall is provided for brief warm ups and quick run through. It is not intended for full scale rehearsal of a piece. Those failing to share the space will lose rehearsal hall privileges.
- ⊕ Participants are not allowed in the rehearsal hall during the session in which they are performing
- ⊕ Tap shoes must only be worn on the dance floor or on the carpeted areas in the rehearsal hall
- ⊕ In the event of workshops and unavailability of the rehearsal hall, dancers may briefly and quietly warm up in the Korol Studio lobby. Performer organizers are encouraged to check the workshop schedule for any potential conflicts and plan accordingly.



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2008 Manitoba Provincial Dance Festival

May 11 – 24, 2008



Dear Festival Participant,

Dance Manitoba would like to remind all of the participating groups/schools that the conduct of your dancers and teachers is the responsibility of your group/school. A copy of the Code of Etiquette for Festival Participants has been included in your registration package. **The Code has been altered to include those items that are not explicitly governed by the official Rules & Guidelines, but which we strongly recommend all participants follow in order for the betterment of everyone's Festival experience.**

Take the time to review the Code of Etiquette, along with the Rules & Guidelines, with all of the participants from your school (dancers, teachers, teaching assistants and chaperones). We have also included a poster of the Code of Etiquette so that it can be posted in your studio for a quick reference for all your participants and your parents. Most of the information is common sense and self-explanatory.

If for any reason you have questions about the Code of Etiquette, please contact Dance Manitoba for further information. **Please note those participants who fail to follow the Code of Etiquette will be warned and advised to conduct themselves accordingly. Continual disregard for the Code of Etiquette will result in the participant and/or the participant's studio being disqualified from further participation in the Festival at the discretion of Dance Manitoba.**

In order to be assured that all of the Festival participants have been familiarized with the Code of Etiquette, the contact person from each school/group must sign a declaration to that effect, therefore, making them responsible for the conduct of their participants. **The form below must be completed and returned with your entry forms(s). Failure to do so will make your entries incomplete and they will not be processed.**

It is Dance Manitoba's goal that the Festival be a positive educational experience for all of the participants. Part of that education is to teach our young dancers how to behave in a courteous and professional manner in a theatre. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



I, _____, of _____
(Your Name) (Name of School/Group)

do hereby declare that I have reviewed the Code of Etiquette for Festival Participants with all of the participants from my school/group. I realize that my school/group is responsible for the behaviour of the participants from our school/group while they are at the Provincial Dance Festival. I realize, and have explained to the participants from my school/group, that failure to follow the Code of Etiquette for Festival Participants on the part of the participants from my school/group will result in their disqualification.

Signature

Date