

2024 Spring Celebration Performance Information Packet

Youth Program (Ages 6+)

The following information is for students in our youth program. If your student is in Kinders or Preschool, please refer to the 2024 Spring Celebration Performance Information Packet for Preschool and Kinders.

Spring Celebration Performance Timeline

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Time</i> |
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| Saturday, February 24 | Family meeting | 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, March 2 | Extra practices | see website for schedule |
| Saturday, March 9 | Extra practices | see website for schedule |
| Monday, March 11 | Arena Placements available to view in the lobby | ongoing |
| Saturday, March 16 | Extra practices | see website for schedule |
| Sunday, March 17 | Last day to order spring show merchandise | |
| Monday, March 18 | Spring show tickets go on sale! | 10:00 a.m. |
| Saturday, March 23 | Extra practices | see website for schedule |
| Saturday, March 30 | Extra practices | see website for schedule |
| Saturday, March 30 | Recommended shoe ordering deadline from Grand Jete | see shoe flyer |
| April 1– April 6 | NO CLASSES (spring break) | |
| Saturday, April 13 | Extra practices | see website for schedule |
| Saturday, April 20 | Last day of spring session classes | |
| Saturday, April 20 | Extra practices | see website for schedule |
| Saturday, April 20 | Building turnover day (Work Study Students) | |
| Wednesday, April 24 | Yellow show tech/dress rehearsal | 4:00 p.m. call time |
| Thursday, April 25 | Blue show tech/dress rehearsal | 4:00 p.m. call time |
| Friday, April 26 | Yellow show performance 7:00 p.m. show | 5:30 p.m. call time |
| Saturday, April 27 | Yellow show performance 1:00 p.m. show | 11:30 a.m. call time |
| Saturday, April 27 | Blue show performance 7:00 p.m. show | 5:30 p.m. call time |
| Sunday, April 28 | Blue show performance 1:00 p.m. show | 11:30 a.m. call time |
| Wednesday, May 1 | Green show tech/dress rehearsal | 4:00 p.m. call time |
| Thursday, May 2 | Purple show tech/dress rehearsal | 4:00 p.m. call time |
| Friday, May 3 | Green show performance 7:00 p.m. show | 5:30 p.m. call time |
| Saturday, May 4 | Green show performance 1:00 p.m. show | 11:30 a.m. call time |
| Saturday, May 4 | Purple show performance 7:00 p.m. show | 5:30 p.m. call time |
| Sunday, May 5 | Purple show performance 1:00 p.m. show | 11:30 a.m. call time |
| Sunday, May 5 | CJ Carnival! | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, May 7 – Friday, May 10 | Pick up costumes from CJ lobby | |

Please refer to the extra practice schedule found on our website for more details, including specific acts and scheduled times. This will be updated regularly.

<https://circusjuventas.org/spring-show-announcements/>

To view CJ events calendar, visit <https://circusjuventas.org/news-events-calendar/>. To sync with your Google calendar, click “+” in the bottom right corner.

Costumes and Shoes

Please label ALL costume pieces that students will take back and forth, including shoes and accessories, with the performer's first initial and full last name.

Costumes

- **Star and Side by Side students** will be given their costume to take home at their last class before the performances. They will wear their costumes to and from the show for each performance.
- **For all other students**, costumes remain at CJ until the conclusion of all performances.

Performers: Your costume is your responsibility. Performers will be changing in the locker rooms (not the bathroom stalls). Please hang it up on the hanger with the correct label and place it on the rack in the correct spot, with your shoes, accessories, and/or fishnets in the accessory bag. Ask a volunteer backstage if you need help!

- Each costume will be labeled on the hanger with the performer's name and act.
- After each act, it is the responsibility of the performer to hang their costume on the correct hanger.
- Please do not put costumes in the lockers or take them home during any part of the show's run.
- If a costume needs to be repaired, it is the responsibility of the performer to bring their costume to their Act Captain or the costume staff located in the multipurpose room.
- **When can costumes be removed from the building?**
 - Performers must leave their costumes in the building after the performances. This prevents a performer from accidentally taking someone else's costume home, and it allows our staff time to organize for pick up.
 - **All costumes will be available for pick up in the lobby area Tuesday, May 7, through Friday, May 10.** Costumes are moved into storage after the second week of summer session, Saturday, May 25.

Shoes

- **Select acts require shoes and are the responsibility of each individual performer.**
 - Please see the shoe flyer for more information about each specific act.
 - If shoes are only used for one show team, students can attach them to that costume's hanger in the accessory bag. Students in more than one show team need to make sure they keep their shoes for the next performance.
 - We strongly advise labeling the inside of the shoes!
 - **Please wear street shoes and change into performance shoes when you arrive.**
- **When and where can I purchase shoes?**
 - For shoe ordering requirements, please refer to the spring show shoe flyer on the [Spring Show Announcements](#) tab in the Family Portal of the CJ or at the front desk. Shoes should be purchased well before show time. To ensure you receive your shoes on time and are able to break them in, we recommend ordering shoes from Grand Jete by March 30. Also, Grand Jete provides a 10% discount on all shoes ordered.

TECH/DRESS REHEARSAL

Yellow show
Wednesday, April 24

Blue show
Thursday, April 25

Green show
Wednesday, May 1

Purple show
Thursday, May 2

4:00 p.m. Call time for all performers

- Show meeting and announcements
- Preschool (if performing)
- Circus Kinders (if performing)
- 1st half walkaround (bow/wave)
- 1st half acts rehearse in order
- 2nd half walk around (bow/wave)
- 2nd half acts in order
- Students are dismissed after their final act of the show

Reminders

- Give yourself extra time to be on time. When people are on time, things run smoothly.
- The parking lot will be full! Plan extra time to find parking and walk to the arena or drop off your student.
- When students arrive, they should go directly to the seating system and find a seat with their things. Performers will be seated in the seats and called backstage when it is time for their act.
- Parents of students 10 and younger may stay in the bleachers until their student is dismissed.
- Performers are dismissed BY THEIR COACH at the end of their last act.
- Bring a water bottle
 - NO GLASS
- Pack healthy snacks that don't make a mess
 - No peanuts
 - No food deliveries to CJ
- Bring quiet activities (books, homework, quiet games) to enjoy while waiting. Students are also able to watch other acts.
- Make a plan about where and when you will meet your student when rehearsal is finished.
- There are many volunteer roles required for tech/dress rehearsals - make sure you check them out!

How do I know when my student is done?

During spring tech/dress rehearsals and performances, Circus Juventas provides a real-time account for CJ families to track what acts are currently performing and which acts are coming up next. These posts help you to know when your performer may be finished and ready for pick up if you are not staying in the building. The information posted does not include performer names, only the act.

<https://circusjuventasperformances.blogspot.com>

Show Day General Information

Hair and Makeup

- All students may choose to wear makeup or opt out. CJ will not be applying or providing make-up.
- Students choosing to wear makeup must arrive already in makeup.
- Video tutorials are available on the website. Specific information about colors to wear for acts and brand recommendations will be shared in early April on the website.
- Students wearing makeup **MUST** follow these tutorials! If a student arrives with makeup that does not adhere to the tutorial provided, they will be asked to remove the makeup prior to performing.
- Your performer should arrive with their hair done. We do not have volunteers to help with hair.
- Long hair needs to be pulled back. Ponytails, buns, or braids work well.

Personal items backstage

Students should be prepared to occupy themselves quietly backstage. Items can be misplaced easily, so please send along necessary items only and label what you can.

- Bring quiet activities such as quiet games, books, and homework in a bag. Have your student help pack the bag so that they know what is in it and how to find it.
- **Leave valuable or special items at home!** We do NOT recommend bringing items such as iPads, hand-held game consoles, or treasured items such as stuffed animals backstage.
- Wi-Fi is NOT available - please keep this in mind when planning backstage activities.
- Cell phones must be silenced backstage.

Cover-Up

Every performer must have a costume cover-up to wear over costumes backstage. Cover-ups protect the costumes from spills and stains and help keep students warm if it is chilly backstage.

- Cover-ups should be a black or dark-colored top (t-shirts or sweatshirts work well), large enough to fit loosely over a costume, and long enough to cover the student's bottom while sitting. Performers can wear their CJ Performer T-Shirt (labeled with their name).
- Please label all cover ups with the performer's first initial and last name!

Food and water bottles

Plan to eat before arriving at CJ – no food deliveries are allowed during tech rehearsals OR shows.

- Bring healthy, non-messy, non-greasy snacks in non-glass containers.
- Please only send the snacks necessary to fuel your performer during the show. Students are seated on the floor in groups, and excess snacks can be spilled and stain costumes.
- Bring a non-glass water bottle.
- **Please do not bring food items containing peanuts.**

Equipment etiquette

To maintain a safe and orderly backstage area, we ask that all students abide by the following:

- Do not touch or use any equipment that you do not use in your act.
- Safety belts must be returned to the tunnel runner after the act in which it was worn.
- Spray rosin, chalk, and athletic tape will be available in the tunnel.

Show Day Arrival and Departure Procedures

(Preschool/Kinder students refer to Preschool/Kinder packet)

Arrival Time for All Youth Program Students:

Evening Performances- 5:30 p.m.

Matinee Performances- 11:30 a.m.

Drop off procedures for all students 6 years and up

- Students may enter through the main lobby or the pickup tent at the rear of the building.
- Parents should NOT accompany students backstage. Backstage volunteers will help direct students.
- Upon arrival, students should find the backstage waiting area for their first act of the night.
- Students with first half acts will then be sent to the dressing rooms to put on their costumes. Backstage volunteers will help younger students.
- All students will report to the south bleachers for the cast meeting at 6:00 p.m. for evening shows and 12:00 p.m. for matinee performances.

Pickup procedures for first half students

- All students in the first half must stay through the first half bow.
- **If your student is only in the first half, they will be dismissed at intermission.**
- **Students 10 and under will be released to an adult at the pickup tent located at the rear of the building.** Adults can access the tent by exiting the lobby and walking to the back of the building (the tent cannot be accessed through the building).
- Students 11 and over may wait for their adult in the pickup tent, but do not need to have an adult to leave. Please plan a meeting space with your performer.
- If your student is only in the first half, they must be picked up or leave at intermission. They cannot wait in the backstage area after intermission.

Second half student pickup

- All performers with acts in the 2nd half will stay for final bow at the end of the performance.
- **Students 10 and under will be released to an adult at the pickup tent located at the rear of the building.**
- Students 11 years and older do not need to have an adult to leave. Please plan to meet your performer at a designated spot.

Style and Smile Awards

- We love to celebrate our stellar students! At the cast meeting for the final performance of each show color, Style and Smile Awards will be presented to stand-out students and acts. Recognition is awarded by the Artistic Director and coaches. Students may be honored for exceptional skill, stage presence, teamwork, positive attitude, leadership, perseverance, or other qualities CJ values in their students.
- Style and Smile Award recipients will be honored on our social media as well!

Cleaning schedule

All students 13 and over are required to help clean the arena following one show for each show color in which they are participating. Cleaning crew will be announced at the cast meeting each day.

Spring 2024 Performer T-Shirts!

Students performing in the spring celebration are encouraged to purchase a performer t-shirt. The online store includes t-shirt options that can be customized with Performer, Crew, or Rigger. There are also long sleeve options, sweatshirts, hoodies, and hats!

<https://bit.ly/CircusSpring24>



- You may have already ordered one with your winter/spring session registration; this can be viewed in your family Active Network Account.
- You can choose to ship your order or pick up at CJ beginning April 12.
- **Orders accepted online until March 17.**

Volunteering!

Without our family volunteers, the show simply cannot go on! You help create the magic that your student will remember for a lifetime! The Spring Celebration Performances require around 600 volunteer shifts over the course of two weeks, with all kinds of roles.

Volunteers must be 18 years or older (16+ for concessions and ticket scanning positions, please contact oliviazindren@circusjuventas.org in advance if you are 16 or 17 and interested in volunteering!) to sign up for their shifts. Despite being a youth circus school, we **cannot** allow children to accompany you or wait during our volunteer positions, due to capacity restrictions and we need your full attention on the job at hand. Thank you for understanding!

All volunteers must complete liability waivers in advance of their shifts each year. Backstage volunteers, spotlight operators, and riggers must also complete a background check by Circus Juventas. When you sign up for your slots, you will be contacted via email about the background check if applicable.

Our SignUp Genius page will go live after the family meeting! There are countless ways to show up as a volunteer, from rigging to concessions sales, to backstage roles, and more! The link to sign up will be sent via email. For more information about volunteering, please contact Olivia Zindren, olivia@circusjuventas.org!

TICKETS

**Tickets go on sale
Monday, March 18, at 10:00 a.m.**

Order Online
circusjuventas.showare.com

Call Showare's ticket line
651-309-8106

Things to Know

- All tickets are **reserved** seating and should be purchased in advance.
- **Arena placements** will be available to view in the lobby one week prior to ticket sales. You can use this information to choose a general area when planning your ticket purchase. We strongly recommend making a plan before tickets go on sale – the date and time of the show, the general area where you'd like to sit, and how many tickets you need.
- **Performers will need their own ticket** to watch after they are done performing. They will not be able to sit on laps or try to squeeze in – there just isn't space in our seating system for someone to sit without a ticket. Lap seats are only available for age 2 and younger.
- In recent years, spring show tickets have sold very quickly. Historically, each matinee has sold out faster than the evening show. We cannot predict what will happen, but we anticipate that the shows will sell out quickly again.
- Families are not guaranteed tickets to their student's performance. The audience for spring shows is family and friends of performers, and tickets are sold on a first come/first served basis. Please be respectful of all families and refrain from over-purchasing tickets.

2024 Tickets

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| VIP seating \$45.00 | Adult \$35.00 | Seniors (65+), Children (10 and under), Military \$25.00 |
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Purchasing Tickets

- Tickets are available exclusively through Showare. Tickets can be ordered online or via phone the website and ticket line listed below will be available once tickets go on sale.
- There will be NO in-person or phone ticket sales through the CJ box office.
- All tickets are subject to a \$3.25 booking fee.
- **All tickets are non-refundable.**
- Due to high demand, exchanges are very limited during spring shows.
 - Tickets can only be exchanged within a show run.
 - Ticket prices cannot be adjusted after purchase.
 - Please do not plan to change your seats after purchase or on the day of the show – options are not often available because the show is sold out.
 - Exchanges must be made via ShoWare (not at CJ), and there is a \$6 exchange fee per order.
- Plan ahead to make note of your performer's arena placement and number of tickets.