

2024 Spring Celebration Performance Information Packet

Circus Preschool and Circus Kinders!

The following information is for students in our Preschool and Kinders classes only. If your student is in our youth program age 6+, please refer to the 2024 Spring Celebration Performance Information Packet for Youth.

Spring Celebration Performance Timeline		
Date and start time	Event	Time
Saturday, February 24	Family meeting	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 11	Arena Placements available to view at CJ	ongoing
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 30	Recommended shoe ordering deadline from Grand Jete	see shoe flyer
April 1– April 6	NO CLASSES (spring break)	
Tuesday, April 16-20	Extra Practices for Preschool/Kinders	See website for more info
Saturday, April 20	Last day of spring session classes	
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	6:15 p.m. Kinders call time
Saturday, April 27	Yellow show performance 1:00 p.m. show	12:15 p.m. Kinders call time
Saturday, April 27	Blue show performance 7:00 p.m. show	6:15 p.m. Preschool call time
Sunday, April 28	Blue show performance 1:00 p.m. show	12:15 p.m. Preschool 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	6:15 p.m. Preschool call time
Saturday, May 4	Green show performance 1:00 p.m. show	12:15 p.m. Preschool call time
Saturday, May 4	Purple show performance 7:00 p.m. show	6:15 p.m. Kinders call time
Sunday, May 5	Purple show performance 1:00 p.m. show	12:15 p.m. Kinders call time
Sunday, May 5	CJ Carnival!	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tues, May 7 – Fri, May 10	Pick up costumes from CJ lobby	9:00-6:00 p.m.

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.

Preschool and Kinders General Information

Procedures for Preschool and Kinder performers are different than for students in the youth program. Please read the following instructions carefully to be sure you and your performer are prepared!

EXTRA PRACTICES

- Preschool and Kinder performers will have one extra practice toward the end of spring session. This rehearsal allows the students to practice in center arena with their full show team.
- See the extra practice schedule posted on [the Family Portal: Spring Show Announcements](#).
- Please note that your student's extra practice might be at a different day and time than their weekly class. If it is at a different time, students should also attend their regular class that week. If it is at the same time, students just attend the rehearsal.

COSTUMES

- Preschool and Kinder costumes are distributed and taken home the last week of spring session classes.
- Students should **arrive for tech rehearsal and performances dressed in costume.**
- Before checking in for each performance, parents will make sure students are fully dressed in their costume, shoes, and accessories.
- Preschool and Kinder performers are not allowed to take anything with them backstage. This includes shoes, coats, and special items.

SHOES

- All Preschool and Kinder performers will need to purchase shoes for their costume.
 - Circus Kinders (girls) - White Capezio Agility Shoe
 - Circus Kinders (boys) - Black Capezio Agility Shoe
 - Preschool (all) - White Capezio Agility Shoe
- Please refer to the Shoe Flyer on our [website](#) for full information.
- Shoes need to be purchased by families and are **not included with the student's costume.**
- CJ has a long partnership with Grand Jete on Grand Ave. in St. Paul! If you purchase your shoes from Grand Jete by the deadline, you will receive a 10% discount. Refer to the shoe flyer for more details!

HAIR AND MAKEUP

- Long hair should be pulled up off the face and well secured. Ponytails and braids work well.
- Please arrive to tech/dress rehearsal and all performances with hair done.
- **Preschool and Kinder performers should NOT wear makeup.**

TECH/DRESS REHEARSAL

Yellow show
Wednesday, April 24

Blue show
Thursday, April 25

Green show
Wednesday, May 1

Purple show
Thursday, May 2

- Arrival time for tech/dress is 4:00 p.m.
- Preschool and Kinder performers should **arrive in costume**.
- Give yourself extra time to be on time. When people are on time, things run smoothly. Please be seated in the seating system by 4:00.
- Parents/caregivers and students should sit in the south side of the seating system and should stay in the arena until your performer is dismissed. Please remain seated during the rehearsal.
- A short meeting will be led by the directors and then rehearsal should begin.
- Preschool and/or Kinders will be the first act of the show and will rehearse first.

Tech/Dress Agenda - 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

CJ Show Blog

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

Preschool and Kinders

All youth program information is found in the Youth info packet

Arrival Times for Preschool and Kinders:

Evening Performances- **6:15 p.m.**

Matinee Performances- **12:15 p.m.**

Check In Procedure

- **Preschool and Kinders will be checked in and picked up IN THE FRONT LOBBY.**
- Preschool and Kinder performers need to be fully dressed in costume (costume, shoes, accessories).
- When you enter, go to the check-in station in the lobby.
- Preschool and Kinders can then be checked in by their adult at the lobby check-in. Only Preschool and Kinder performers check in in the lobby.
 - If a student is being checked in by anyone other than a parent/guardian, that person's name and phone number must be provided upon check in.
 - We will assume the person signing in will also be signing out; please notify the CJ staff person at check in if this is not the case.
- Students will be escorted backstage and supervised by CJ volunteers.
- Students cannot bring anything with them backstage. They will be provided activities and monitored by CJ volunteers.
- Helpful hint: have someone drop you off near the doors and have a parent walk in with the young performer to sign them in. Parking can be very challenging.

Performance

- Preschool and/or Kinders are the first act of each show.
- Parents/guardians will NOT be allowed to watch the performances UNLESS they have purchased a ticket. You will not be able to stand in the entry or peek through the curtain since this blocks the exits.
- When Preschool and Kinders are done performing, they exit directly into the lobby.

Check Out Procedure

- Preschool and Kinder students are dismissed immediately after their act has finished performing.
- The Preschool/Kinders act will finish 10-15 minutes after the show begins.
- Students will be escorted directly from their performance into the lobby.
- **Parents/guardians must meet their student IN THE LOBBY and check them out with the CJ volunteer by signing out your performer.**
- Students may re-enter the arena as a spectator ONLY after being signed out and ONLY if they have a ticket.

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 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

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.