

2024 SHOWCASE INFORMATION FOR ALL SHOW PERFORMERS

Theme: Female Icons (Postive Female Role Models in the music industry)

Performer information Pack

Welcome to the Blush 2024-5 Annual Student Showcase



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Event & Theme Information

Blush Showcase's celebrate the artistic element of aerial, burlesque and pole whilst providing a supportive environment for all level of performers to recognize their performance potential. Students, teachers and guest performers are invited to showcase their latest work to sell out audiences of family, friends, students and enthusiasts.

IMPORTANT DATES

Adult Show Date: Saturday 1st February 2025 (The New Adelphi Theatre, Salford) 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Technical Rehearsal (For Adults): Saturday 1st February (The New Adelphi Theatre, Salford) 1pm – 4pm

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday 25th January 2025 (Blush Studios)

Scratch Rehearsal: Saturday 16th NOV 2024 (Blush Studios)

KIDS Show Date: Saturday 1st February 2025 (The New Adelphi Theatre) 5pm – 6.30pm

Technical Rehearsal (For Kids): Saturday 1st February 2025 (The New Adelphi Theatre, Salford) 10.30am – 1pm

Dress Rehearsal (For kids): Sunday 26th January 2025

Scratch Rehearsal (for kids): Sunday 17th NOV 2024

Showcase Venue: The New Adelphi Theatre

2023-4 show was an epic show. It was a journey of highs and lows ending in the best show we have ever done in the best venue we have ever performed in. As a result, we realised the highs and lows were meant to be.

It was the second time we had ever run a showcase in a theatre since our iconic 2 night 10th anniversary show in 2018!! Roll on this year, as we embark on a new layout for the show, based on the accidental success of 2023-4 show which has paved the way for future shows.

The venue is ideal for aerials and dancers. A black box theatre with all the possible lights, cyclorama backdrop, tiered seats, gallery and circle seats, so much space in the wings, multiple changing spaces, and a practice space with equipment. To top it off we couple the expertise of the technicians at The New Adelphi (who are all female – how fitting!) with experts in Aerial rigging UK Rigging, who do all our fittings for the aerials for the show. The aerial equipment is hung on static lines at the theatre giving us ample space to perform, easy switch overs and heights that suit all performers.

The theatre has ample free parking for audience members, it is modern, accessible, and welcoming. It is part of the Salford University and you can view the space here, check out the 360 view of the theatre space too:

This theatre is the most expensive space we have ever performed in. The cost reflects the calibre of the venue, and as a result we have amended our application fees to reflect the costs to hire this space for 2 days along with the riggers and equipment used to set up the aerial equipment safely for our shows.



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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2024-5 SHOWCASE (Adults & Kids Show)



Things we are keeping the same:

Theatre: We are performing at the same theatre (New Adelphi Theatre, Salford) it was a problem that turned out for the best. The theatre was voted as your best yet in a recent poll. The technicians and support staff were amazing, so we managed to squeeze back in again for this show.

Professional Photographer: The feedback from last year, where we had a photographer capturing images on the day and then having these available immediately after the show as digital and prints to purchase was brilliant. You loved being able to view the images immediately, and this was a lot easier for our admin team too. It meant you could select the images immediately from the experience yourselves and take them home straight away. Unfortunately the photographer who attended our show in 2024 is not available for our date in 2025. However we do have details of another photographer who will be doing a similar offer for this show. Therefore we are planning to have the same experience, and the images from show will be available to view & purchase on the day.

Videographer: We are hiring a professional videographer to ensure your performance is captured at its best. The videos from previous shows have been priceless. A videographer means audience can watch without the need to film. A better experience for everyone. A professional recording is a well worth keepsake of the hard work that goes into showcase. There is no extra cost for the videographer, the application fee covers the cost of the professional videographer.

Dress Rehearsal at the studio: The Dress rehearsal is a chance to see other performers routines, get a full run through of the show for the producers and ensure the technical information is recorded correctly and passed onto the technical team at the theatre. It is compulsory that all performers attend dress rehearsal of the show they are performing in. This makes the technical rehearsal easier and more effective on show day. We will be running the dress rehearsal at the studio, with a separate dress rehearsal for the kids and adults. The cost of this rehearsal is included in the application fee. Please see the dates and times on page 1.

Scratch Rehearsal at the studio: This is an opportunity to run the show and the routines in front of each other before they are fully polished. The routines will be finished for this rehearsal, and it will likely be the first time you perform in front of people, therefore giving performers chance to gain valuable feedback. We will be running this rehearsal and ask that all performers are available for this. We accidently had one for 2023 show as we were waiting on news of a venue, it proved helpful and therefore we are keeping this for future shows. The cost of this rehearsal is included in your application fee.

Technical Rehearsals It is compulsory for all performers to attend the technical rehearsal of the show they are performing in. The technical rehearsal is held at the theatre on the day of the show. The rehearsal times are subject to change slightly. Please keep the dates listed above as free as possible, if there are any amendments we will communicate these via the facebook showcase performers page as soon as possible.

Adults will book in for the scratch, dress and tech rehearsals via TeamUp (no extra cost for these rehearsals)

Kids will book in for the scratch, tech and dress rehearsals via class4kids (no extra cost for these rehearsals)

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Finale & Showcase T Shirts:

The Showcase T shirts we know you love to have and wear as a keepsake of participation at show. We are keeping this tradition. The costs of clothing has risen dramatically, therefore this has been reflected in the increase in application fee costs. The price of the application fee covers among other things, your Showcase T shirt. Your showcase T shirt will be worn on show day, collected on show day and worn for the Finale.

Separate shows for kids and adults:

We successfully split the shows into adults and kids in 2023-4 and we will keep this tradition. The theme is the same for both the adults and kids, however the kids choice in ICONS will reflect their age and inspirational role models. By splitting the shows this allow more people to get tickets (our show sold out 2 months in advance in 2022 when the adults and kids were on the same show).

Things we are changing

Performance Licences/new times for Technical Rehearsals & Show

Due to the new theatre than previously used, we have to apply for a licence to run a show with minors (under 16). The licence offers strict rehearsal and performance times for anyone under the age of 16. To ensure we adhere to the guidelines we have outlined specific time frames for rehearsals and performances on the day of 1st Feb. The kids and juniors will be running their technical rehearsals first, followed by the adults. They will return for their show which will run just before the adults show. See times on page 1.

The reason for this, is so we can adhere correctly to the performance licence. The kids and juniors will therefore have to be picked up after their technical rehearsal (and while the adults technical rehearsal is on), taken offsite by a parent or carer and then returned for their show. If your child is performing in the kids show and you are performing in the adults, you may need to arrange childcare for your child while the adults the rehearsal is running. It will mean you can watch the kids show and tech rehearsal easily if you are also performing in the adults show.

Age limits on Adults showcase

The above licence also restricts the age of performers in the adults show, and we are not permitted to have any performers under the age of 16 in the adults show. We are aware that some of our juniors attending adults classes are under 16. And of course we do not want them to miss out on a show, therefore if you/or your child is under 16 and wants to perform in showcase, they will apply to perform in the juniors routines in the kids showcase.



Application Process: As we have two shows, there are two applications, one for kids and one for adults. This application pack has general information for both shows. Please ensure you read through the application information for the show you are applying to do. Please also ensure you apply for the correct show. Both applications and information are in the "showcase performers" facebook group and at the following website link: www.blushdance.com/showcase

Theme: Both the adult and kids shows will have the same theme: Flying Female Icons. These are the Game Changers, The Rule Breakers and the Positive Power Players for females in the music industry. The show will have the feel of a music concert and a show all rolled into one, to give the audience a unique experience and the performers an opportunity of a lifetime!

Tickets: Adult Performers who would like to watch the show will be required to purchase a ticket. We offer a performer only price for performers wanting to watch, these are available nearer show day. Tickets for audience members will go on sale August 2024 via ticketsource. Tickets are priced between £15.00 - £20.00, with concessions available. Access and wheelchair seats are also available, please let us know if anyone coming to watch you needs an access or wheelchair seat.

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Our previous student showcases are listed below.
(please click to view videos and footage of the show)



[Click the year below to watch the videod performances](#)

[2023-4 The Flying Musical \(adults\) at The New Adelphi Theatre, Salford](#)

[2022 – BlushettFlix Showcase \(at Romiley Forum Theatre\)](#)

[2021 – Dancing Through The Decades Showcase \(at Blush Studios\)](#)

2020 – Due to Covid, we sadly did not run a student showcase

[2019 – Cabaret De Paris Showcase \(At Blush Studios\)](#)

[2018 – The best of Blush Showcase 10 years! \(At Stockport College Theatre\)](#)

[2017 – Comic Book Showcase \(At Stockport College Theatre\)](#)

[2016 – We Will Rock YOU! Showcase \(At Stockport College Theatre\)](#)

[2015 – Around The World Showcase \(At Stockport College Theatre\)](#)

[2014 – The Musical Showcase \(At Stockport College Theatre\)](#)

[2014 – The Divas Showcase \(At Manchester Rugby Club\)](#)

[2013 – Movies Showcase \(At Z Arts Centre\)](#)

[2012 – Prohibition Showcase \(At Z Arts Centre\)](#) – this was mostly filmed on DVD

2011 – Twisted Circus Showcase (At Z Arts Centre) – this was filmed on DVD

2010 – Winter Wonderland Showcase (At Z Arts Centre) – this was filmed on DVD