



Once Upon A Circus

Dress Rehearsal - Saturday 21st June

Show day - Sunday 22nd June

Location: Thurston Community College, IP31 3PB

Show Letter 2

The countdown is ON!

Attendance to all classes is extremely important—even if your child is injured or not able to participate physically, it's vital they still attend to watch, learn, and stay connected with the show!

We are getting very excited about this year's show and we can't wait to see you all shine on stage!

Here is some further information and a few reminders:

If you ever wish to revisit any information or need any links they can be found on our website:

<https://www.academyofmovement.co.uk/show>

Including where to go and tickets! Tickets are selling quickly, so please make sure you've secured yours and any for family members, before they're gone.

Photoshoot:

Unfortunately, due to photographer availability and the arrival of show costumes after our original photoshoot date of June 8th, we've made the decision to postpone our annual photoshoot to later in the year. We'll share the new date as soon as it's confirmed—thank you for your understanding!

Costumes:

We have a lot of hired costumes arriving before the dress rehearsal where these will then be tried on.

Costumes & Show Box Info – Please Read Carefully

- All costumes will be labelled by AOM and packed in bags with your child's name and the name of the routine on them.
- Every child must bring a plastic storage box with a lid to both the dress rehearsal and show day. This is called their '**Show Box**' [Similar to this](#)
- The **Show Box must be clearly labelled** on the lid with:
 - Your child's full name
 - Any medical information
 - An emergency contact number

Show box example:



Label example:

First name & Last name Emergency contact 1 Emergency contact 2 Medical information

- **No suitcases or other bags allowed** – just **one Show Box** big enough to hold everything, with a lid. This helps us keep dressing rooms neat and organised.
- Food and drink must be packed in a separate bag to avoid costume spills. This smaller bag / lunch box can go inside the Show Box.

Costume Requirements:

- **Girls** must bring their own **tan** footless dance tights. - Easily found on google or in town at Dance and Party crazy.
- **Boys** must bring their own tight-fitting plain black tracksuit-style bottoms with no logos.

Please make sure your child brings a large loose-fitting hoodie/T-shirt, dressing gown, or lightweight robe/cover-up to wear during breaks between routines—last year, a lot of food and makeup was accidentally spilled on costumes that didn't belong to us, resulting in fines from costume companies, so it's really important we keep costumes protected at all times.

Hair & Makeup:

As a circus school we don't feel the need to have every student with the exact same hair and want the students to feel comfortable and show their individuality, however we do please ask for the following:

- All hair needs to be neat and tidy and off the face, no fringes or wispy bits. For longer hair preferably a plait, this can be one french plait, 2 plaits, plaits into a ponytail. Alternatively space buns are great, but please make sure that hair is tight and won't fall out.
- **Make up for younger students (9yrs and below):** Basic stage makeup consisting of blusher, mascara and reddish lipstick.

Please note that students need to wear this for their faces to be seen under the strong stage lighting.

- **Older students (10yrs +):** Full stage make up please consisting of foundation, blusher, eyeshadow, eyeliner, mascara and red lipstick. False eyelashes may be worn.
- No stage makeup is required for boys although we always suggest a bronzer at least, to avoid looking washed out under the lights.
- No jewellery or fake tan under any circumstances please.
- Please apply the above make up prior to both the dress rehearsal and show day, bring makeup with you for any touch ups needed.

Show T-shirts

Once again, we are excited to offer our exclusive show T-shirts, featuring the show logo on the front. This year, we are introducing an exciting new addition, each T-shirt will also display the previous show on the back, and with each year's T-shirt, we'll continue adding shows, like an AOM on Tour collection!

T-shirts are £12.50 each and can be ordered from the link below. The deadline for ordering t-shirts is the **5th of June**, all t-shirts will be handed out in classes the week of the show.

👉 Order now: <https://www.academyofmovement.co.uk/showshop>

Show Programmes

Our show programme is packed with exclusive behind-the-scenes content — at £4 per programme - including our show concept, storyline, quotes from the directors, rehearsal snapshots, the full running order, and so much more! It's the perfect way to remember the magic of *Once Upon a Circus*.

✉️ Add a Good Luck Message!

Back by popular demand! Each group will have a copy of the programme to browse during downtime — why not surprise your child or their group with a special good luck message inside? These are just £2 and were such a heartwarming hit last time!

Just like our show t-shirts, programmes and good luck messages **must be pre-ordered**. Final order deadline: 5th June to allow for printing. Programmes will be handed out to audience members at the show.

👉 Order now: [academyofmovement.co.uk/showshop](https://www.academyofmovement.co.uk/showshop)

Dress rehearsal: 10:30am - 4pm (with staggered arrival times)

The dress rehearsal will take place at Thurston Community College on Saturday 21st June.

Please note: This does not include our ABC's classes.

All students must arrive at the main reception to be signed in and taken to their dressing rooms by chaperones only. Parents are not permitted past the sign-in point.

Please follow the staggered arrival times below:

- **Development Squad & Squad** – arrive at **10:30am**
- **Ages 12 and older** – arrive at **10:40am**
- **Ages 8–11** – arrive at **10:50am**
- **Ages 7 and under** – arrive at **11:00am**

👉 If your child has a younger sibling in the show, please arrive at the **younger sibling's arrival time**. All cast must arrive with hair and makeup done, wearing their show T-shirt or AOM uniform.

Please bring your fully packed '**Show Box**', including all accessories, tights, and anything else you've been asked to provide. This rehearsal should be treated exactly like the real show.

This rehearsal is compulsory.

It will finish at approximately **4:00pm**.

Please collect your child from outside the main **reception**, where they will be signed out.

Show day information:

The Show day is at Thurston Community College on Sunday 22nd June with 2 x performances:

Early Matinee Performance - 12:30pm

Pick up ABC students from this show at 3:00pm

Afternoon Performance - 4:00pm

Staggered arrival times:

- **Tuesday ABC's students are to arrive at the main reception at 11am** to be signed in and taken to the dressing room by the chaperones, to then commence their own dress rehearsal on stage before the show.
- **All Squad and development squad to arrive at 11:15am**
- **All other students are to arrive at 11:30am** sharp to be taken to their dressing room.
- All cast must arrive with hair and makeup done in your show t-shirt or uniform.

- Once inside the theatre students will not be allowed to leave until the end of the day (approx 6:30pm), please bring lunch, dinner, snacks and plenty of water!
- Saturday ABC's students to arrive at 3:00pm as they will perform in the afternoon performance only
- **We anticipate a pick up / collection time after the last show at approximately 6:30pm**

All casts are to be collected from outside the reception area after they have finished their performances.

Any child being collected by someone other than the parent/ guardian needs to inform us in advance.

Chaperones

We still need people to help out!

This show cannot run unless we have enough volunteers and we are getting dangerously close to having to cancel. We are currently **4 chaperones short**. If you can donate your time then please email info@academyofmovement.co.uk to volunteer, it will be truly appreciated and would be devastating if it came to having to cancel.

Here's some information to help you decide:

- Chaperones will still get to watch one show
- Chaperones will receive a free show ticket (or refund of one ticket if already booked)
- Chaperones get to be part of the backstage BUZZ! Why would you want to miss out on this!?
- Please note we are not using classrooms this time around so mostly all chaperones will be together in the main canteen.

Further information

Show letter 3 will give you a full costume breakdown including quick changes, final check list on what to bring, plus the full running orders, show video information,

Chaperones, assistant coaches and young leaders will receive more information shortly on arrival times, and duties.

Best wishes,

Ben & Jamie.