

# Utah Dance Fest 2020

Logan Senior High Auditorium ~ Logan, Utah  
**SOLO/DUO/TRIO COMPETITION**



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Dear Studio Director ~

We are honored to have your studio as one of our participating studios this year. This year we have 265 solo/duo/trios and 240 teams registered. We are excited to see the dancers and teams that you have been working so hard with, and we hope we can provide a performance and competition opportunity that will be both rewarding and encouraging.

The GENERAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS as well as team and solo/duo/trio line-ups are now available on our website. [www.utahdancefest.com](http://www.utahdancefest.com). You may print or save the schedule on your electronic device but we will also have UDF printed programs available at the competition – and a complimentary one for you. I would recommend having teams and solo/duo/trio participants arrive several hours in advance to ensure enough time to prepare, allowing for the possibility of a quick moving show.

All the information you will need for your teams and solo/duo/trios is also available on our website. We are posting a PRELIMINARY SHOW ORDER for both Friday and Saturday right now, but please know that changes or adjustments are a possibility and check the website for that. We will email you final show orders the week of the competition.

When you arrive at Utah Dance Fest, look for the STUDIO CHECK IN TABLE near the entrance. One of our UDF Family members will give you your STUDIO PACKET, which includes: your UDF gift from me to you, a necklace name badge for directors (please wear all weekend), wristbands for assistant directors (needed to use VIP room), complimentary UDF program for each Studio Director and Show Orders for Assistant Directors. Please make sure you pick up your packet when you arrive.

## **Send us your music!**

If you haven't done so already, we need all participants to upload or email us their music. Please email to: [music@utahdancefest.com](mailto:music@utahdancefest.com) or upload your music on our website at least 2 weeks prior to the show. Make sure each song is named with Show # and Song Name and subject of email is your STUDIO NAME. You may send in one or multiple emails. Please have a representative at or very near the sound table during every routine in case back up is needed. Back up may be a CD or a device.

# Get ready for The Utah Dance Fest BEST OF SHOW BATTLE!

Throughout both days at Utah Dance Fest, every hour we will post an updated TOP 10 list of the highest scores of the day so far. At the end of the day, the TOP 5 ROUTINES from the entire day will BATTLE for the UDF BEST OF SHOW AWARD by performing one more time for the judges right before the final awards ceremony. Be prepared to stay for the battle if your routine(s) qualify!

## Utah Dance Fest COMPETITION DETAILS:

### Entry Fees & Admittance:

- NO SPECTATOR ENTRY FEES will be charged at the door. All spectators may enter free of charge. We hope many of your family and friends will come and enjoy the great dancing and great atmosphere at Utah Dance Fest.
- **Director Badges:** Pick up your name badge and complimentary program at the STUDIO DIRECTOR CHECK IN table just inside the front doors. Your Director Badge will get directors into hospitality room all weekend –a quiet room with drinks and snacks just for you. And it also makes it easier for all of us to see each other and get to know one another
- **Assistant Directors:** will be allowed access to the hospitality room as well with their assistant director wristband. Wristbands will be in Director packets
- **Competition Programs** will be available that day for \$5.00.

### Directions to Logan Senior High School

Logan Senior High is located at 150 West 100 South in Logan. It is just one block west of the highway (Main Street) as you come into town. Coming from North or South, turn west at 100 South ~ there is a light and it's just at the top of a small hill. You will see the school past the next light. The Auditorium is located just inside the front, main entrance to the school. There is a large parking lot across the street and on the west side of the building, and another down the hill by the Rec Center. Street parking is also allowed in the neighborhood around the school. Please follow parking signs. School will be in session Friday. WE WILL HAVE A RESERVED PARKING SPOT FOR EACH STUDIO ON SATURDAY in the parking lot straight across from the main doors at Logan High.

### About Logan High Auditorium Stage

The Logan Senior High Auditorium is a beautiful, newly remodeled stage and concert hall. The stage dimensions are approximately 72 feet wide by 40 feet deep. (That is nearly the size of a high school gym floor.) They have also installed new lighting, sound, video technology and seating. There will be a marley surface laid on the stage.

### NEW JUDGING FORMAT

This year we will be changing the categories of judging and doing something completely different. Instead of a score out of 100 it will be 3 scores out of 10 for a total of 30 points. Judges will use tenths of points as well. And the judging categories will be as follows:

1. DESIGN: (choreo, costume, props, make up and the story of the routine)
2. EXECUTION: (the dance, how well the design is executed)
3. PERFORMANCE: (the dancers - their passion, emotion and the power of the routine)

## **NEW - VOICE FEEDBACK**

New at Utah Dance Fest – we will provide voice feedback from our professional judges panel and ONLY AT UTAH DANCE FEST... we will email them to you immediately following your performance. We are excited to offer this much more personalized experience with our judges so that dancers & teachers & parents can benefit from almost immediate feedback on each performance. (Scores will be emailed at the end of each day)

## **Awards**

The awards at Utah Dance Fest are very delicate (they are dancer figurines) and must be handled with care. Please allow room in your vehicle(s) to bring home your participation awards box(es) - a small figurine for every dancer from your studio- as well as other trophies you will win. Once the awards are in your hands, they are your responsibility. We apologize that we cannot be responsible to replace broken ones.

## **Hotel Accommodations**

We have Utah Dance Fest Sponsor hotels who provide a special rate to all Utah Dance Fest participants. Information about each hotel is available on our website: [www.utahdancefest.com](http://www.utahdancefest.com).

- ❖ Best Western Weston Inn: 800-532-5055 (UDF rate: \$100/night)
- ❖ BRAND NEW Downtown Hampton Inn: 435-855-4957 (UDF rate: \$129/night)
- ❖ Days Inn: 435-752-9141 (UDF rate: \$95/night)

## **Food**

There will be drinks and snack foods available for purchase at Utah Dance Fest on Competition Day. We also have several UDF restaurant sponsors located near the school that we hope you will visit for meals.

## **NEW in 2020 - FREE VIDEOS OF EVERY ROUTINE!**

New this year – we will be GIVING AWAY FREE a professional video of EVERY PERFORMANCE. Manshak Films will be videoing every routine and emailing the link where you can access your performances following the competition.

## **Photography:**

YES we allow parents to photograph their dancers at Utah Dance Fest! We are a family friendly event that still believes parents have that right. We want to be able to continue allowing photography so please be honest and considerate. And NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY or tripods or large video equipment in the auditorium.

## **Social Media**

We will post the number we are on the show both days at UDF on our Twitter account – every 4-5 numbers. We will do a UDF Apparel giveaway on Instagram both days so you may want to follow us there as well.

## **Special Treatment for Studio Directors**

When you arrive at Utah Dance Fest, be sure to locate the Directors Hospitality Room where you will find a quiet place to get away, as well as drinks and snacks throughout the competition for our studio directors. Please note that only directors with name badges will be allowed in the Hospitality Room.

### Competition Day Rules:

- **PERFORMANCE TIME:** Any team or dancer not ready to take the stage at their scheduled number may be required to wait until the end of the day to perform. Please be ready on time. We will not stop for a fast moving show!!
- **MUSIC:** All music will be **UPLOADED** or **EMAILED** to us a minimum of two weeks prior to the competition. Please email your music with each routine labeled by show number and team name, to [music@utahdancefest.com](mailto:music@utahdancefest.com). Please have a representative with a back up CD and/or device near the sound table during every routine.
- **BACKDROPS/SCENERY:** Any **BACKDROPS** or **SCENERY** with painted surfaces must be **CARRIED** – not **SLID** – onto the stage, so plan on enough man-power to accomplish this. Also, carpet squares or other protection must be placed under all painted pieces of scenery. Call Keith at 435-232-2505 to make arrangements to bring in props through large doors if needed. Please be considerate and keep all props tightly stacked and out of the way as much as possible. And large props please arrange to take out of the school after you perform.

### Performance Times

Please look all show schedules carefully, and notify us immediately with any mistakes or problems. **NO CHANGES** will be made at this time, unless:

1. We have made a mistake entering your registration OR
2. A team or dancer would rather **SHOWCASE** than compete in the category they are in. (They will receive their adjudicated award only)

Remember, all times are **ONLY APPROXIMATIONS!** Please have dancers ready at least an hour before you think you will perform. We will not stop a fast-running show to accommodate those who aren't ready.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me or email me. Thanks again for your participation.

Good Luck to you and your dancers! See you soon at Utah Dance Fest!

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