



ROODEPOORT DANCE FESTIVAL

INFORMATION

The Roodepoort Dance Festival is an annual event that is held at the **Roodepoort Theatre along Christian de Wet Road in Florida Park.**



100 Christiaan de Wet Rd, Florida Park, Roodepoort, 1709

Numerous dance schools from all over the Westrand participate and compete against one another during this event. Various dance forms are performed during with the first few days showcasing Lyrical Acro, Ballet and Spanish dance and the second half of the festival showcasing modern, tap and hip hop.

The estimated dates for the festival this year are the **2nd of September through to the 17th of September with the “Prestige Evening” planned to take place on the 18th of September.**



Festival Competition Dates for 2026

2nd September - 17th September

Prestige Evening: 18th September

! Please note that your daughter **will not have to perform every afternoon or evening.** Her group will be designated a performance time, either afternoon or evening on a specific date that will be confirmed closer to the time when the programme has been arranged.

In the event of your daughter’s group being nominated as a “prestige evening qualifier”, the group participants may have to perform on the afternoon and/or evening of the 18th but this is only on condition that they are awarded a first prize for their first performance. I will be sure to inform you should your daughters group be nominated for this section.

All the girls from school grade 0 upwards (RAD Pre-primary to RAD Intermedaite) are invited to participate in a group item per subject they participate in which will be choreographed and

rehearsed during class times during the week. Some grades may be joined together to make bigger groups so the timetable may change slightly.

Tiny Tots (Nursery Schools & Dance to your own tune) - will continue with normal classes. Regrettably as they are so young and their technique still requires practice, it is unfair to put unnecessary pressure on them for competition stage work.

Some pupils who show particular talent might be asked to participate in an additional festival item (e.g. a solo, set solo, duet, trio or quartet) and this request will be sent in a separate e-mail to those parties selected. It will be at the parent's discretion for your daughter to participate in any of these additional items, **although I would like to emphasise that non-participation in a group item, in favour of a solo, duet etc. is not permitted. Festival rules stipulate that any child participating in an "additional item", such as a solo, duet etc., must participate in a group.** I am sure we can all understand the reasons for this as once again "team work" is the main aim of this event and participants should not be allowed to think that they are "above" group participation.

The selection of soloists, duets, trios & quartets is at Haleigh's discretion and is a decision made carefully with much thought given to the child's maturity, confidence, performance, attendance and technical ability!

Please do not be disappointed if your daughter is not chosen for a solo or additional item – the main purpose of participating in these types of events is to encourage a love of dance, the skills required to work within a group and ultimately the excitement of live stage performance.



I would also urge those parents and pupils whose children have been selected to do additional items to please not "advertise" their selection and to accept the opportunity to participate in additional items with grace.

Any soloist found to be boasting about their selection will have their dances cancelled immediately.

Prior to the performance, **stage rehearsals** at the theatre will be **required**.



Stage Rehearsal Dates

18th August - 1st September 2026

Stage rehearsals are scheduled to start from the 18th of August until the 1st of September

and I will confirm exact dates with you closer to the time.

Due to a tight schedule, stage rehearsal times may vary and thus it may be necessary for girls to leave school early to attend these rehearsals.

Stage rehearsals cannot be missed and it will be the responsibility of the parents to ensure that your daughters attend & that you check the schedule sent out for your daughters timeslot.

Should pupils be late or miss stage rehearsals the pupil will regrettably be withdrawn with immediate effect and all monies outstanding are still due!

Neither the teachers nor the studio will be responsible for transporting the girls to and from the theatre for rehearsals or performances!

For the festival itself, performance times are usually only scheduled after 2pm during the week and from 8-9am on a Saturday thus allowing pupils to attend school during this time as normal.

In some instances however girls may have to leave early from school as a preparation time of one hour (sometimes one and half hours depending on the size of the group) prior to the performance time is needed for costumes, hair and make-up checks.

Festival participation involves additional costs for costumes, entry fees etc. that are not covered by termly fees.

Please see below the approximate breakdown of costs for festival entry:

Costs for Festival Participation	
Entry Fee:	R110 per dance item
Stage Rehearsal Fee:	R110 per dance subject per child (i.e. If Susie does ballet she pays R110 for stage rehearsal, but if she does ballet and modern she pays R220)
Costume Hire:	Approx. R190 – R450 per dance item (Ballet Tutu hire if required will be more)
Festival Sundries:	R110 per family
Tickets for the event:	<p><u>Week Days & Weekends:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning - Lunch Session = R100 per person per session • After lunch - Evenings = R100 per person per session <p>More information will be provided closer to the time</p>
Pictures & Videos	Purchased through an independent company at the festival - additional details will follow closer to the time

We appreciate that events like this can become costly and thus require careful budgeting. We will thus do our best to allow for payments to be divided up over the next 3 months. Entry fees, however, are due by the 25th of July please as entries go in before the end of July.



Entry Fee

NO PAYMENT = NO ENTRY

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Festival invoices have to be settled by at least 90% before September - failure to do so will result in pupils being withdrawn.

Please note that in addition to the costs involved it is crucial that all pupils planning on participating in this event are aware of the commitment involved. **Pupils who do not attend at least 85% of their lessons from June - September and are frequently absent will not be permitted to participate.**

I would also urge parents to please reconsider participation if you plan on being away during any of the dates outlined as having pupils absent towards the end of August when there are possible stage rehearsals and during festival is not an option.

I trust that I have managed to give you as much of an outline to the festival process as is possible and I will be sending a more detailed letters closer to the time.

Please make sure you keep this notice for future reference and do not hesitate to contact **me** should you have any queries.



This event is the highlight of the girls dancing year and I hope that we can make it as enjoyable for them as possible!

Yours in Dance,

Haleigh & Tasmyn

! Festival Parent Summary – Key Points to Remember

Please keep the following important information in mind:

- Festival Dates: **2 September – 17 September 2026**
- Prestige Evening (if qualified): **18 September 2026** (only applicable for qualifying items)
- Dancers **will not perform every day** – performance dates and times will be confirmed closer to the festival.
- **Stage Rehearsals are compulsory** and are expected to take place between: **18 August – 1 September 2026**
- Rehearsal schedules may require dancers to **leave school early** on certain days.
- Parents are responsible for **transport to and from rehearsals and performances.**
- Festival participation requires **additional costs** including:
 - Entry Fees: R110 per dance item – due by **25 July** (no late entries)
 - Stage Rehearsal Fees: R110 per subject per child
 - Costume Hire: R190–R450 per item (tutus may cost more)
 - Festival Sundries: R110 per family
 - Theatre Tickets: R100 per person per session (morning/afternoon/evening)
- **Entry Fees are due by 25 July 2026**
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NO LATE ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED
- **Invoices:** Festival accounts must be **at least 90% settled before September.**
- **Attendance Requirement:** Dancers must maintain **85% attendance from June – September** to remain eligible for participation.
- **Commitment:** No absences during rehearsals or festival dates
- **Transport:** Parents are responsible for drop-off & pick-up at theatre
- **Photos/Videos:** Available for purchase from independent company at festival
- Families planning holidays or absences during rehearsal or festival periods are kindly asked to reconsider participation commitments.

- Group participation forms an important part of the festival experience – teamwork, commitment and studio spirit remain at the heart of this event.