IBA Concert 2026

It is that time of year again! Time to begin thinking about if your dancer is going to participate in this year's Spring Student Concert.

Our dancers (with the exception of Competition Team dancers) are NOT required to do the Concert, it is optional.

However, performing in the Concert is a wonderful opportunity to showcase what your dancer has learned in classes all year and to experience the excitement of performing onstage with lighting, costuming and an audience cheering them on! Dance is a performing art, therefore an important part of a dancer's well-rounded training includes having onstage performance opportunities.

If you do choose to participate in the Student Concert, please mark your calendar now to have mandatory technical and dress rehearsals at the Urbandale High School's Performing Arts Center stage during the days leading up to the show (May 27th - May 28th). Please check your calendar carefully to be sure you are conflict-free that week/weekend as you make your decision on participation. Specific dates and times for your child's rehearsals will be announced later in the spring.

Our two concerts will take place on Friday, May 29th and Saturday, May 30th, 2026 at the Urbandale High School Performing Arts Center. Both shows will take place at 6:30 in the evening and your child's show assignment will be announced in the early spring.

Pre-Professional 1-5 special notes:

All Pro 1-5 Ballet students who are doing the concert should note on their calendars that they will have a required in-studio "2nd Act Ballet production" dress rehearsal on May 26th, 2026.

Concert Portal:

We are adding an online resource to share the most up to date information about the concert. You can access this page at https://www.iowaballetacademy.com/concert-2026/

Or use this QR Code:

Concert Location:

Urbandale Performing Arts Center,
7111 NW Aurora Ave., Urbandale, IA 50322

Concert Package:

This year we are excited to offer a bundled package that includes:

- Concert participation fee
- Unlimited admission to the show
- DVD of desired performance (one per family)
- Concert T-Shirt for your dancer

This bundle starts at $150 for dancers who are in a single dance, and $195 for dancers in multiple dances.

If a family has more than one dancer, additional dancers will be discounted $30.

Solos and duets performing in the concert have an additional $30+tax participation fee.

You will have the option to split the payment of the concert into two payments, one due December 20th, and one due January 20th, or you can pay the entire fee on December 20th.

Costume Fees:

Participation in the Spring Concert has associated Costume Fees. We split the Costume Fees into two payments to help spread out the cost. The initial Costume Fee Deposit for all classes is due December 20th, 2025 and is $60+tax. This deposit ensures we can place your dancer's costume order in a timely manner. We cannot guarantee payments made after December 20th will be able to receive a costume. The remaining Costume Fee Balance will be due January 20th, 2025. There are three tiers of costume pricing:

Children's Division (Creative Movement, PreBallet, Combo 1):

-Creative Movement and PreBallet children perform one routine and purchase one costume ranging $65-$90+tax.

Open/Elective Division - (Lyrical, Acro, Hip Hop, Tap):

For each of these classes that your dancer is enrolled and chooses to do a concert dance with, you will purchase a costume that ranges from approximately $75-$100+tax.

Pre Professional Division:

Pro 1 – Three costumes total (ballet, tap, and jazz) - purchase three full costumes ($70-$125 each+tax)

Pro 2-5 – Three or four costumes total (jazz, modern, tap and ballet/pointe) - purchase two full costumes ($70-$125 each+tax), and rent one IBA owned ballet/pointe costume ($50+tax).

*Pro 3, 4 and 5 dancers will perform en pointe for the 2nd Act Ballet Production. Pro 1 and 2 will perform the 2nd Act Ballet Production in their soft ballet slippers.

*Important Note - Pre-Professional ballet technique and pointe technique classes do NOT have a concert dance. These technique only classes are devoted strictly to technical training and do NOT also work on a piece of concert choreography. If your dancer is not in a ballet/pointe choreography class or other type of choreography class but wishes to dance in the concert, please consult us so we can direct you to additional classes that DO provide the opportunity to perform. If you are unsure about the type of class your student is currently in, please contact us and we can confirm what your student is currently enrolled in.

Your family's specific Initial Costume Deposit invoice will be emailed as soon as we have received your request to register for the concert. You may pay it anytime after you receive your emailed statement up until the December 20th deadline.

Your Remaining Costume Balance invoice will be emailed on January 13th, and will be due January 20th, 2025.

COMPETITION DANCERS

Competition dancers who have solos and/or duets – Please notify us by no later than December 20th if you are NOT interested in performing your solo/duo in the concert. As a reminder, these dances could be in either show depending on where they will fit best. There is an additional Concert Fee of $30 for performing solos and/or duets - this fee covers as many solo/duos as you plan to perform.

Grand Opening Number - ALL competition team members will perform in the Grand Opening number. All competition team members will be invoiced for an additional costume deposit of $60+tax for this dance and the remaining Costume Balance will be due on January 20th (the same billing schedule as their other concert dances). Rehearsals for this dance will begin in May, the full rehearsal schedule will be sent to families at a closer date.

All Competition Team group dances will perform in both the Friday and Saturday shows.