



Utah Dance Fest 2026

March 20-21 @ Logan Senior High School
SOLO/DUO/TRIO COMPETITION

February 2026

Dear UDF Solo/Duo/Trio Participant,

We are SO EXCITED to dance with all of you very soon! We love that so many dancers come together at Utah Dance Fest each year - that just makes our hearts dance. We are so excited to see you on our stage!

We have posted all competition day information on our website. You will find a PRELIMINARY SHOW ORDER for each day of competition, but please know that changes or adjustments are a possibility and you should check the website often for that. If there are any changes, we will also email final show orders the week of the competition. PLEASE READ THIS LETTER thoroughly - it will give you all of the competition details to help you have a fantastic experience at Utah Dance Fest.

Get ready for The BEST OF SHOW BATTLE!

Throughout both days at Utah Dance Fest, every hour we will post in the lobby and on Twitter (@UtahDanceFest) an updated TOP 10 list of the highest scores of the day so far. At the end of each day or segment of competition, the TOP 5 ROUTINES will BATTLE for the UDF BEST OF SHOW AWARD by performing one more time for the judges right before the final awards ceremony. Be sure to keep your eye on the top 10 list and be prepared to stay for The Battle if your routine(s) qualify!

SEND US YOUR MUSIC!

We will soon need all participants to get us their music – we will email you when the upload option is ready on our website. You will be required to enter your show number when submitting – which is why we wait to have you upload music. Please upload it on our website or email to: music@utahdancefest.com. **Make sure each song is titled with song or dancer name and put the dancers name and # in the subject of the email.** Please have a representative at or very near the sound table during your routine in case back up is needed.

PERFORMANCE TIME

There is the possibility that you may perform slightly earlier or later than scheduled, and no dancer will be allowed to perform out of order, regardless of an early or late running show. You should arrive at the competition an hour before your performance time to have time to check in and get ready. Dressing rooms will be available 45 mins before the start of the competition on Friday and an hour before the start of the show on Saturday. **PLEASE BE READY AT LEAST 30 MINS BEFORE YOUR ESTIMATED PERFORMANCE TIME and check in backstage when you are ready!** CHECK THE WEBSITE the day before the competition to make sure you have the most UPDATED show order!

SPECTATOR INFO:

There are NO SPECTATOR ENTRY FEES at Utah Dance Fest. All spectators may enter free of charge. And FREE digital competition programs will be available by QR code at the event.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

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 on the HOTEL INFO page.

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 of others costuming, choreography and ideas and don't video any routines that aren't your own. NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY, tripods or large video equipment in the auditorium.

JUDGE'S VOICE FEEDBACK - Immediately

At Utah Dance Fest we 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)

JUDGING FORMAT

A few years ago, we revamped our judging system by changing the categories of judging to more represent what the judges feel is truly important

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)

Instead of a score out of 100 it will be 3 scores out of 10 for a total of 30 points – then percentages will be calculated. Judges will use tenths of points as well. We also allow our judges a much wider range of scoring than most comps so don't be alarmed by scores that aren't as high as you might be used to. That's normal here. 😊

PARKING & DIRECTIONS

Logan High is located at 150 West 100 South in Logan. 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. FOR THOSE DANCING EARLY ON SCHOOL DAYS PARKING WILL BE DIFFICULT as school will just be ending... but students will leave fairly quickly and lots of parking will open up once the show gets rolling. Please arrive early in case you have to park far away.

STAGE INFO

The Logan Senior High Auditorium is a beautiful, recently 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 also recently installed new lighting, sound, video technology and seating. There will be a marley surface laid on the stage.

FOOD

There will be a wide variety of snack foods available for purchase at Utah Dance Fest. We also have several UDF restaurant sponsors located near the school that we hope you will visit for meals and can also be found on our website and in our digital program.

UDF APPAREL:

At Utah Dance Fest you will LOVE our cute & trendy apparel – most dancers go there very first when they arrive! Our apparel line is SUPER CUTE again this year – we can't wait for you to see everything. Get there early – we often sell out! And BONUS...overall winners in the solo/duo/trio competition will receive a UDF Apparel gift card.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We will post the number we are on in the show throughout the event on our UDF Twitter account – every 4-5 numbers – so follow us on X @utahdancefest. Also, we will have a \$50 UDF Apparel giveaway on Instagram @utahdancefest both Friday and Saturday so you will want to follow us there as well.

AWARDS

The awards at Utah Dance Fest are dancer figurines and are very delicate. Every solo/duo/trio participant will receive one. They must be handled with care. To help with this, we will have dancers pick up their figurine in its styrofoam packaging backstage after each category is read so you can transport them home more easily.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Angi or Shanae via email at angi@utahdancefest.com or shanae@utahdancefest.com. Thanks again for your participation. We plan to make it an event to remember!

Sincerely,

Angi & Shanae

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Utah Dance Fest Directors

