

Utah Dance Fest 2026

March 20-21 @ Logan Senior High School

TEAM COMPETITION



February 2026

Dear Studio Director ~

We are eagerly preparing for an AMAZING Utah Dance Fest experience once again...we are SO EXCITED to dance with all of you this year! We have so many dancers coming together soon at Utah Dance Fest and that just makes our hearts dance.

The GENERAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS as well as team and solo/duo/trio show orders are now available on our website, but please know that changes or adjustments are a possibility and check the website for that.

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 & SWAG BAG, which includes: a UDF gift from us to you, a necklace name badge for directors, wristbands for assistant directors, and printed show orders for those of you who still love the feel of paper in your hands ;).

Send us your music!

We soon need all music – we will email you within the week to let you know when uploading is ready. Please upload all your songs on our website. You will be required to enter your show numbers when submitting - which can also be found on the website.

Or you can email to: music@utahdancefest.com ASAP. **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 every routine in case back up is needed.

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!

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.

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.

JUDGES 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 each performance. We are excited to offer this much more personalized experience with our judges so that dancers & teachers can benefit from almost immediate feedback on each performance. (Scores will be emailed at the end of each day)

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... 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.

****WE WILL HAVE A RESERVED PARKING SPOT FOR EACH STUDIO on Friday evening and all day Saturday in the parking lot straight across from the main doors at Logan High.**

STAGE INFO:

The Logan 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 have also installed new lighting, sound, video technology and seating. There will be a marley surface laid on the stage.

AWARDS

The awards at Utah Dance Fest are very delicate - they are dancer figurines - and must be handled with care. Once the awards are in your hands, they are your responsibility. We apologize that we cannot be responsible to replace broken ones. A small, fun participation gift will be handed out at each team awards ceremony to the all the dancers and your studio will receive one GIANT dancer figurine with a tag listing all of the adjudicated rankings that your teams earned at Utah Dance Fest. We hope you love these large figurines as much as we do! Only team overall awards will receive individual figurines.

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 under UDF Hotel Info.

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.

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.

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 on Friday and Saturday @utahdancefest so you will want to follow us there as well.

VIP ROOM FOR STUDIO DIRECTORS:

Our Director VIP room will be available on Friday & Saturday and you are welcome to come enjoy drinks and snacks and some peace and quiet any time except when our judges are using that space during meal/awards breaks and before and after the show each day.

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 please arrange to take large props out of the school as soon as possible after you perform.

SHOW ORDER CHANGES:

Please look all show schedules carefully, and notify us immediately with any mistakes or problems. **NO CHANGES** will be made at this time, unless we have made a mistake. We sent all registration info to studio directors two weeks ago for correction and changes at that time.

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 or email us. Thanks again for joining us this year at Utah Dance Fest!

Good Luck to you and your dancers! We can't wait to see you!

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Utah Dance Fest Directors

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