

CDT Spring Concert 2026 | *Wild Ideas*

Dancer Packet



This year's show, *Wild Ideas*, is all about Utah's spectacular landscapes. The show follows a group of young explorers across deserts, mountains, forests, and rivers. We've collaborated with TWIG Media Lab to tell the story through short films that will be shown between the live dances on stage.

Tanner Dance is a member of the Utah State Board of Education's Professional Outreach Programs in Schools (POPS). Free matinee performances of the CDT show are one of the services we provide for elementary school students. These performances are listed as "school matinees" in the schedule. CDT also performs two public shows at Capitol Theatre and one at the Midvalley Performing Arts Center.

Please read through this packet carefully so that you and your dancer will be prepared for an amazing concert experience!

Please remember to:

- Be on time! It's important to have all dancers ready to go when rehearsal begins. Please be considerate of your classmates and teachers by being present and on time to all rehearsals.
- Wear your CDT blacks to all company rehearsals and performances. Rehearsal blacks are this year's black leotard or shirt with black leggings or dance pants.
- Wear your hair neatly pulled back for all rehearsals.
- Bring a water bottle with your name on it.
- Be respectful to all dancers, monitors, teachers, costumers, and theater staff.
- Leave money and valuables at home. Tanner Dance and Capitol Theatre are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- Remove ALL nail polish, jewelry, watches, and accessories before concert week. Skin-toned Band-Aids or wraps will be required to cover permanent jewelry.

SHOW ORDER

The show is divided into 3 blocks to minimize the wait time for each class during long rehearsals. Please refer to these blocks in the concert schedule at the end of this packet.

1st Block

SUNRISE – Amy's 2nd grade (C2A)
OPEN SPACES – Lindsey's Dance Ensemble (DE)
SAND DUNES – Natalie's Junior High 2 (JH2)
DESERT – Melissa's 2nd grade (C2B)

2nd Block

PARCHED EARTH – Nathan's Junior High 1 (JH1)
MUSHROOMS – Lexi's 3rd grade (C3B)
ASPENS – Chara's 3rd grade (C3A)
SLOT CANYON – Diana's Dance Ensemble piece (DE)

3rd Block

HOODOOS – Mary Ann & Melissa's 4th grade (C4)
FIRST SNOW – Ashley's 6th grade (C6)
RIVER – Eliza & Sandy's 5th grade (C5)
MOUNTAINS – Mary-Martha's High School (HS)

LEADS

Lead dancers will receive a separate rehearsal schedule for their roles in specific dances. Lead call and pick-up times may be shorter than what is listed in this packet, but this is a general reference.

FINALE

The finale is the last dance of the show with the whole company on stage. Our first finale rehearsal is Saturday, Feb. 28. For this first rehearsal, dancers are divided into Part A and Part B, and each group will come at a different time (see schedule at the end of this packet). The first finale rehearsal takes longer to piece the choreography together, so we divide into two groups to minimize the amount of time dancers need to be at rehearsal. Part A and Part B assignments will be sent in January. For all other rehearsals, Part A and Part B will rehearse together. All dancers will perform the finale for all shows.

BIG/LITTLE SIBLINGS

Each CDT dancer will be assigned to a big or little sibling to connect with and support during concert time. Dancers will meet their siblings during the finale rehearsal on February 28. A gift exchange takes place on Friday night at the Capitol Theatre. Some of the most meaningful gifts are written notes or handmade items. Gifts should be no more than \$15.

NEW PARENT CONCERT MEETING

There will be a concert orientation meeting for parents who are new to CDT this year. The meeting is **Tuesday, Jan. 13 from 5:00 – 6:00 PM.**

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Each CDT family is asked to volunteer 20 hours each year. We have many opportunities during concert time to fulfill these hours. Class monitors and traffic monitors are especially important in helping our dancers stay safe and have a successful performance. Please consider filling these positions first if you are able. There are also opportunities to donate food items for concert-related events. Signups will be posted in Track-it-Forward at the end of January. All volunteers must complete the safety of minors training every year and a background check every 3 years. Please contact Jennifer Killpack-Knutsen if you have any questions: jennifer.killpack-knutsen@utah.edu

MONITOR MEETING + 2ND GRADE THEATER TOUR

All parent monitors and all CDT 2nd grade dancers will have an orientation meeting and theater tour on Saturday, March 14 from 9:30 – 10:30 AM at Capitol Theatre.

POSTERS

Each CDT dancer will receive 3 concert posters the week of February 17. Please post these at local businesses and other public locations to advertise the performance. Dancers will receive their own souvenir poster at the end of the year.

T-SHIRTS

Each dancer will receive a concert t-shirt at the finale rehearsal on February 28.

TICKET SALES

Tickets will go on sale the week of February 17. This year, the class that sells the most tickets will win a fun outing/experience to attend together! (Since each class has a different number of dancers, the winning class will be calculated by percentage.) Each class will receive a referral code to share with family and friends. These codes will be sent in the eNEWS in February.

CONCERT BOUTIQUE

Flower bouquets will be available to pre-order in February along with a few other concert-related boutique items. Order links will be sent in the eNEWS.

SENIORS

Parents of graduating seniors are invited to attend the dress rehearsal on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00 PM followed by a reception in the Capitol Room (west end of the lobby). An invitation will be sent home with your dancer in February.

The Dance Ensemble Senior Piece will be performed in each of the public shows:

Friday, March 20 at Capitol Theatre

Saturday, March 21 at Capitol Theatre

Thursday, March 26 at Midvalley

PHOTOS + VIDEOS

Individual and class portraits will be taken at the Capitol Theatre during the Thursday school matinees. These photos are included in your CDT tuition. Digital download links will be sent in April.

Photos are also taken during the performances, and staged photos are taken following the second matinee on Thursday. These will also be made available to you.

The performances are filmed by TWIG Media Lab. A digital download of the performance will be available to rent or purchase.

PLAYBILL ADS + SPONSORSHIPS

Ticket sales and tuition only cover part of the cost of producing the Capitol Theatre show. Costs include costumes, lighting, music, venue rental, and this year, our collaboration with TWIG Media Lab. If you have a connection to a local business, please let us know! Businesses can support CDT by placing an ad in our playbill or by becoming a performance sponsor. Contact our Development Director, Natalie Jones, for more information:

natalie.jones@utah.edu

COMPANY REHEARSALS at TANNER DANCE

WHAT TO WEAR: CDT blacks with hair pulled back

WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle labeled with your name

Saturday, Feb. 28: Finale Rehearsal at Tanner Dance

1:00 PM	Call Part A + Leads
2:30 PM	Call Part B
3:15 PM	Pick Up Part A
4:45 PM	Pick Up Part B + Leads

Monday, March 2: Rehearsal at Tanner Dance (No ETT classes held)

CALL TIMES

3:45 PM	Leads
4:00 PM	1st Block
4:30 PM	2nd Block
5:00 PM	3rd Block

PICK UP TIMES

6:30 PM	1st Block
7:00 PM	2nd Block
7:30 PM	3rd Block + Leads

Tuesday, March 3: Regular classes for 2nd and 3rd grades

Thursday, March 5: Regular classes for 4th – 12th grades

Saturday, March 7: Rehearsal at Tanner Dance

CALL TIMES

12:30 PM	DE
1:00 PM	1st Block + Leads
1:30 PM	2nd Block
2:00 PM	3rd Block

PICK UP TIMES

3:30 PM	1st Block
4:00 PM	2nd Block
4:30 PM	3rd Block + Leads

Monday, March 9: Regular classes for 2nd and 3rd grades

Tuesday, March 10: Regular classes for 4th – 12th grades

Thursday, March 12: Rehearsal at Tanner Dance (No ETT classes held)

CALL TIMES

3:45 PM	1st Block + Leads
4:15 PM	2nd Block
4:45 PM	3rd Block

PICK UP TIMES

5:45 PM	1st Block
6:00 PM	2nd Block
6:45 PM	3rd Block + Leads

Saturday, March 14: Rehearsal at Tanner Dance

CALL TIMES

12:30 PM	DE
1:00 PM	1st Block + Leads
1:30 PM	2nd Block
2:00 PM	3rd Block

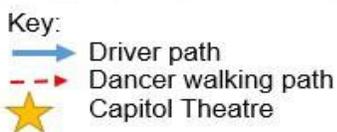
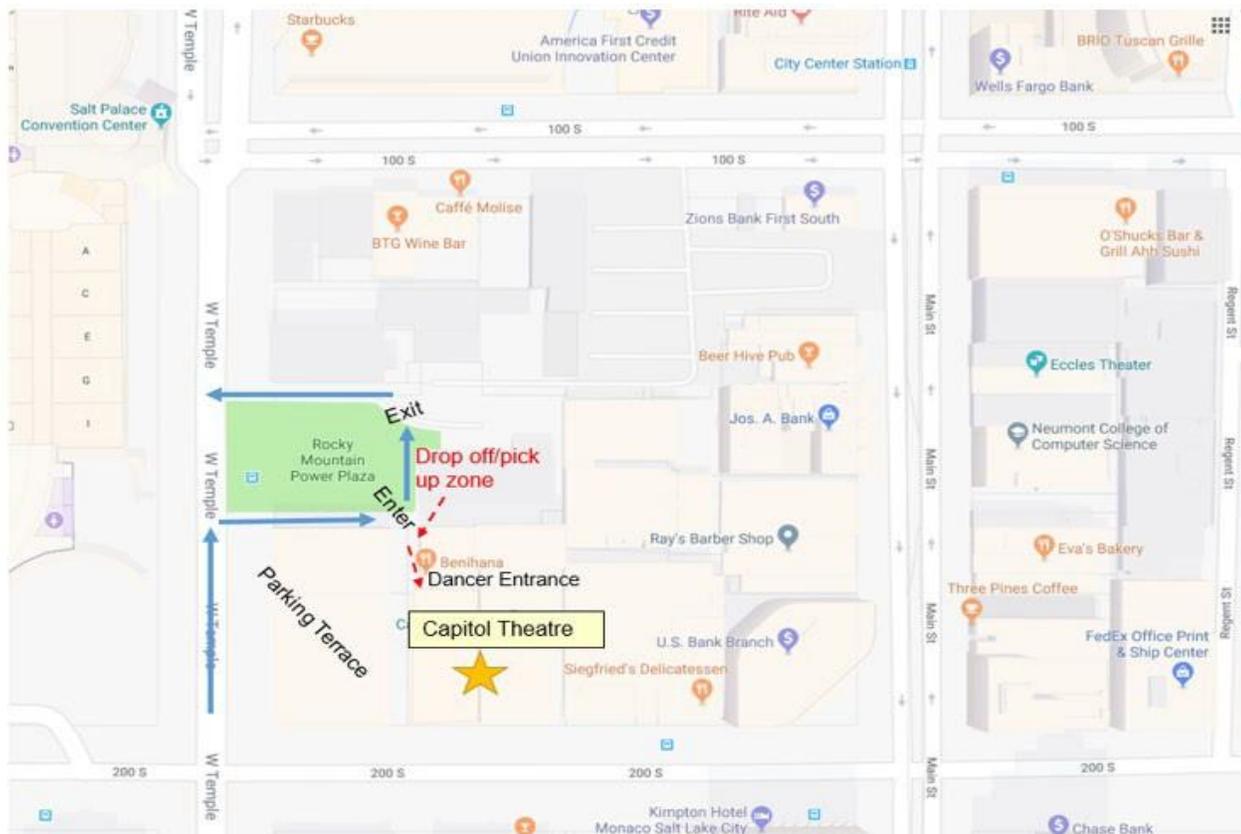
PICK UP TIMES

3:00 PM	1st Block
3:15 PM	2nd Block
4:00 PM	3rd Block + Leads

REHEARSALS + PERFORMANCES at CAPITOL THEATRE

PICK UP + DROP OFF:

- Please see the map below for drop off and pick up during Concert Week.
- Please do not arrive earlier than your dancer's pickup time. We are not allowed to have cars extending out into the street, so we have staggered pick-ups in order to avoid creating a safety hazard.



WHAT TO WEAR:

- Skin-toned performance undergarments under your CDT blacks
 - undergarments include one, or a combination of, the following: camisole leotard, biker shorts, dance bra – these items must be fully covered by your costume
- hair in the style for your class (TBD) – be sure that all elastics and pins match your hair color
- light makeup
- no jewelry, nail polish, watches, or accessories

WHAT TO BRING:

- Water bottle labeled with your name
- quiet book, game or homework
- Thursday: sack lunch
- Friday Evening Performance: note & small gift for your brother/sister (no more than \$15)

CONCERT WEEK SCHEDULE:

Monday, March 16: Spacing Rehearsal at Capitol Theatre

CALL TIMES

3:15 PM DE
3:45 PM C2A
4:15 PM CJH2, C2B
4:45 PM CJH1, C3B
5:15 PM C3A, C4, CHS
5:30 PM C5, C6

PICK UP TIMES

7:00 PM C2A, C2B, C3B
7:15 PM CJH1, CJH2
7:30 PM C3A
7:45 PM DE
8:00 PM C4
8:15 PM C6
8:30 PM C5
8:45 PM CHS

Tuesday, March 17: Tech Rehearsal at Capitol Theatre

CALL TIMES

3:15 PM DE
3:45 PM Leads, C2A + C2B
4:00 PM CJH2
4:30 PM C3A + C3B
4:45 PM CJH1
5:30 PM C4, C5
5:45 PM C6, CHS

PICK UP TIMES

6:45 PM 1st Block
7:15 PM 2nd Block
8:00 PM 3rd Block

Wednesday, March 18: Dress Rehearsal at Capitol Theatre

CALL TIMES

3:45 PM All CDT

PICK UP TIMES

7:45 PM 1st Block, 2nd Block, Leads
8:00 PM 3rd Block

Thursday, March 19: School Matinees + Class Photos at Capitol Theatre

CALL TIMES

8:30 AM All CDT
2:15 PM Ryoanji

PICK UP TIMES

2:00 PM 1st Block, Leads
2:15 PM 2nd Block
2:30 PM 3rd Block
3:45 PM Pick Up Ryoanji

Friday, March 20: School Matinee + Evening Public Performance at Capitol Theatre

SCHOOL MATINEE

8:30 AM Call All CDT
11:15 AM Pick Up 1st Block + Leads
11:30 AM Pick Up 2nd Block, 3rd Block

EVENING PERFORMANCE

6:00 PM Call All CDT
9:00 PM Pick Up All CDT

Saturday, March 21: Public Matinee Performance at Capitol Theatre

12:00 PM Call all CDT
2:00 PM Public Performance
3:30 PM Pick up All CDT

Monday, March 23: No CDT classes

Tuesday, March 24: No CDT classes

MIDVALLEY PERFORMANCES

Thursday, March 26: Midvalley Performing Arts Center

WHAT TO WEAR:

- skin-toned undergarments under your CDT rehearsal blacks
- hair in the style for your class
- light makeup
- no jewelry or nail polish

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sack lunch
- water bottle labeled with your name
- quiet book or game or homework

PICK UP + DROP OFF: The Midvalley Performing Arts Center is located at 2525 Taylorsville Blvd, Taylorsville.

SCHOOL MATINEES

7:45 AM Call All CDT
1:45 PM Pick Up All CDT

EVENING PUBLIC PERFORMANCE

6:00 PM Call All CDT
8:15 PM Pick Up All CDT

Regular CDT classes will be held March 30 – April 2.

CDT Spring Break is April 6 – 9.

