

Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL

<p>What is Dancefest?</p>	<p>DANCEFEST is an Ontario-wide Dance festival for secondary students to celebrate and develop their passion and skill for the art of dancing. Students will choreograph and perform routines, receive feedback from professional adjudicators, take part in a variety of workshops run by some of Canada's top professional dancers and choreographers, and will celebrate their hard work and achievements at a final banquet and awards ceremony.</p>
<p>Can teachers choreograph dance entries at Dancefest?</p>	<p>No. We are focused on showcasing and adjudicating STUDENT choreographed pieces only.</p>
<p>What is your refund policy for participant fees and/or dance entry fees?</p>	<p>We DO NOT offer refunds once fees are paid. Unfortunately, since we are a not-for-profit organization and we cover many of our event costs ahead of the event (which changes based on the number of participants), we are unable to afford refunds.</p>
<p>If my school has only one routine, can we join the event for just one day?</p>	<p>While Dancefest includes a competition component, the greatest experience for students really comes from attending the events outside of the competition. The interactions with other schools, attending the social dance and banquet, our freestyle event, the professional workshops and even staying on campus in a residence, are all components of the unique experience of attending Dancefest and a large part of what we offer and focus the experience on compared to other dance competitions. While you can choose to attend for a day, you really would miss out on the majority of what this event is really about and the growth and experience that would be offered for dancers that attend the entire event.</p>
<p>Do you sell MERCH?</p>	<p>Yes! We offer Merch ahead of our event from our ONLINE STORE and a small selection of merch at the event itself. If you are wanting to make sure you have access to merch, it is recommended you order ahead of time (keep an eye on instagram for the opening of our online store!) to receive that merch upon arrival at the event.</p>
<p>I am not new to OSSDF but would like to know what is different this year</p>	<p>-New theatre location: Humanities Theatre at the University of Waterloo</p>

DANCE ENTRIES

<p>What if I am unsure about which level of performance a dance entry is?</p>	<p>Use a combination of the level descriptions and the teacher's professional judgment.</p>
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Can students choreograph a dance but not perform in it?	Yes, students can choreograph a piece that they do not perform in.
ACCOMMODATIONS/MEAL ORDERS	
What do I need to pack if I am staying in a residence at UofW?	See the "ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION PACKAGE" on our main information page for a packing list for each residence.
Is there Bus parking?	Yes
Are dietary restrictions accommodated?	Yes, please indicate this information on the participant registration form as well as any meal plan forms (should you choose a meal plan).
WORKSHOPS	
What kinds of workshops can I take at Dancefest?	We strive each year to offer a variety of workshops in different styles, genres and cultures. Previous years have offered Popping, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Vogueing, Indigenous Dance, Tap, Musical Theatre, Lyrical, Ballet, Bollywood, Dancehall, Breakdancing, etc.
Are all workshops for all levels of dance?	Yes, we inform workshop leaders to prepare open level workshops to accommodate all learning levels
COMMUNICATION	
What is the best way to stay up to date with OSSDF information?	Our information page is a FIRST STOP for all up to date information. Secondly, our instagram page will post reminders and updates throughout the school year. Lastly, emails will be sent to participating schools at strategic points over the year such as before due dates, with the most up to date information and reminders.
Who can I contact if I have a question?	Katie Knowlton at ossdancefest@gmail.com