

Diwali

DANCE FEST 2024

Thursday

Parade Rehearsal

Time	Buses Depart at 3:05 PM sharp from Port Orleans Resort Riverside! Rehearsal will start at 3:45 PM sharp ! (Pickup Spot: https://maps.app.goo.gl/oqJzwCiUCT1SVB2x9)
Location	Contemporary Resort Everyone will meet outside Port Orleans Resort Riverside to get on their bus to take them to the Rehearsal!

Itinerary

Every studio will have a different order of events. Specific times will be sent soon.

1. Everyone will enter through Room 1, where participants and directors will receive their gift bags.
2. Then studios will be guided on where to go.
3. We will then do a quick Welcome! And guide all the Dancers through Stretches.
4. During Stretches, we will have a Director's Meeting in Room 2 to go over final logistics/questions.
5. We will then Split into two Rehearsal Rooms - Parade 1 will practice the Parade in Room 1, and in Room 2 Studios will get a chance to practice their Showcase Dance. In Room 2, you will also get light Snacks & Refreshments for your dancers. After an hour, we will switch Rooms.

Room 1: Parade Rehearsal (~1 hour)

Room 2: Showcase Rehearsal (7 minutes) & Snacks / Refreshments (Spring Rolls, Nacho Bar, Water)

What to Bring to Rehearsal

Wear Your Studio Gear!

Bring Your Tan Jazz Shoes, Studio Sign for Pictures, and **wear your Party Wristbands!**

Feel free to bring a change of clothes for the party if you would like to change!

Other

We will be giving out gold velcro neckbands for all the girls! For their hair they can use a black pony tail!

No parents or guardians are allowed at rehearsal. This is for directors and participants only.

We will play the showcase tracks we received for showcase rehearsal. Please bring a backup just in case!

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Diwali Dance Fest EET Party

Time	Buses will depart from the Rehearsal to Disney Springs at varying times, as mentioned below. All other Guests should arrive directly to EET in Disney Springs at their designated time . <u>No one will be allowed in earlier than the time listed!</u>
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Location	EET Restaurant - 1780 E Buena Vista Dr Suite B, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
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Itinerary

Party 1 Timing: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET; **Party 1 Studios:** Rhythmaya, DanceFlix, Pranavam
For Dancers & Directors at the Rehearsal, you will be done with your Parade & Showcase Rehearsal by 5:25pm, you will have a few minutes to change, and then our bus will take you at 5:35pm to Disney Springs

Party 2 Timing: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET; **Party 2 Studios:** AUM, Shivaay, Devyani
For Dancers & Directors at the Rehearsal, you will be done with your Parade & Showcase Rehearsal by 5:40pm, you will have a few minutes to change, and then our bus will take you at 5:50pm to Disney Springs

Party 3 Timing: 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET; **Party 3 Studios:** Nartan Rang, Maryann Michael, Sanskriti Arts, Sargam Dance School, Ethnique Performing Arts, Starrz Dance Academy
For Dancers & Directors at the Rehearsal, you will be done with your Parade & Showcase Rehearsal by 6:15pm, you will have a few minutes to change, and then our bus will take you at 6:25pm to Disney Springs

Party 4 Timing: 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM ET; **Party 4 Studios:** Bee in Sync, Matru Dance, NNKB, Sunrise Dance, Classical Rhythms, Rhythmic Arts
For Dancers & Directors at the Rehearsal, you will be done with your Parade & Showcase Rehearsal by 6:15pm, you will have a few minutes to change, and then our bus will take you at 6:50pm to Disney Springs

What to Bring to the Party

Feel free to wear Indian clothes to the party and **do not forget to wear your Party Wristbands!**

Other

You **must** wear the proper color wristband for your party slot. You will not be let in without it, and no extra wristbands will be given for lost ones.

You will only be allowed at the party during your guaranteed time slot! Please do not try to come earlier or stay later.

BFunk dancers and anybody who purchases DDF 2024 Merchandise will be able to pick them up at the Party!

We will also have a handful of Vendors (Kulture Khazana, The Chai Box, Saaj by G, Suri Toy Company) selling some of their amazing merchandise. Please stop by their stands to say hello!

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Parade Day	
Time	Parade 1: 11:00 AM Parade 2: 11:20 AM Buses for Guests will Depart at 9:15 AM sharp from outside Port Orleans! Buses for Dancers & Directors will Depart at 9:45 AM sharp outside Port Orleans! (Pickup Spot: https://maps.app.goo.gl/oqJzwCiUCT1SVB2x9)
Location	Disney Springs (starting at Cirque-du-Soleli)
Parade 1	Parade 2
Rhythmaya Dance Pranavam School of Dance DanceFlix Academy AUM Dance Creations Shivaay Dance Academy Devyani School of Cultural Arts Rhythmic Arts	Nartan Rang Dance Academy Maryann Michael Studios Sanskriti Arts Sargam Dance School Sargam Dance School Ethnique Performing Arts Starrz Dance Academy Bee In Sync Matru Dance Nritya Natya Kala Bharti Sunrise Dance Classical Rhythms
Parade	
All Dancers should be ready and dressed by approximately 9:30 AM for the parade so they can get on the 9:45 AM bus!	
We ask dancers to refrain from bringing personal belongings (except medications) to the parade. We will provide water bottles to dancers after the parade!	
Directors are allowed to bring a bag and are encouraged to hold any participant's medications.	
Directors, please wear DDF Shirt, black pants, and white sneakers.	
Transportation	
Transportation will be provided for all guests and dancers from the hotel to Disney Springs per the times above.	
Transportation back to the hotel will begin after BOTH parades are complete and go until ~1 PM.	
We ask families & guests to stay and support both parades.	
Disney Springs does not provide transportation to the theme parks!	



Friday Night	
BFunk Rehearsal (Only applicable to BFunk Dancers)	
Time	Buses for Dancers will Depart at 8:15 PM sharp from Port Orleans Hotel and will return around 10:30 PM! (Pickup Spot: https://maps.app.goo.gl/oqJzwCiUCT1SVB2x9)
Location	Celebration Arts Academy (1132 Celebration Blvd, Kissimmee, FL 34747)
Other Information	
All BFunk Dancers will be transported to the Celebration Arts Academy for Rehearsal from 8:45 PM - 10 PM with BFunk!	
DDF Director & Staff will accompany all the Dancers on the bus, stay with them during Rehearsal, and accompany them back.	
We will conduct a roll call for all dancers before departing from both locations to ensure everyone is accounted for. After we return, we will wait until all dancers have been picked up by their families or directors to confirm that everyone is accounted for.	

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Saturday

Showcase

Time	Buses will depart for dancers and directors starting at 5:15 PM. (Pickup Spot: https://maps.app.goo.gl/oqJzwCiUCT1SVB2x9) Please be downstairs by 5:00 PM to receive your sandwiches and snacks! All other guests should take Disney buses or their own transportation by 5:15 PM to ensure they reach the theater before 6:00 PM. Theater Doors Open: 6:25 PM Showcase Begins: 6:45 PM
Location	Finding Nemo Theater in Animal Kingdom; You must be in Animal Kingdom Park before it closes at 6pm!

Transportation After Show

After the Show, you will be escorted out of the park with Disney Volunteers to take the bus back to the Hotel. If you drive to the Theater, you will be escorted to the parking lot and can drive your car back.

Showcase

At the beginning of the Show, Directors will line up backstage for a Special Entrance! Your schedule will have which side of the stage to line up on and the time. After your entrance, you can join your dancers back in the audience.

Dancers will enter the theater and be guided to their seats by DDF Staff. When it is your turn to go backstage, you will be directed to get up and go backstage by DDF staff.

Participants will be asked to leave their belongings in the seats.

Directors will be responsible for all Props for the whole night.

BFunk dancers must bring their T-shirts and Leggings with them Backstage during their performance, so they can change after!

Showcase Order

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SA Dance Company 2. Aum Dance Creations 3. Bee In Sync 4. DanceFlix Academy 5. Classical Rhythms 6. Devyani School of Cultural Arts 7. Ethnique Performing Arts 8. Matru Dance 9. Nartan Rang | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Nritya Natya Kala Bharti 11. Pranavam School of Dance 12. Rhythmaya Dance 13. Rhythmic Arts 14. Sanskriti Arts 15. Sargam Dance School 16. Shivaay Dance Academy 17. Starrz Dance Academy 18. Sunrise Dance 19. BFunk Performance |
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Other

Dancers & Directors will be given Veggie Sandwiches, Chips, and Water to eat on the buses & theater before the showcase.

Please remember your wristbands!! You will not be let into the Theater without your wristband! **Directors, please wear your yellow lanyards to the showcase!**