

Paramount Theatre Regulations

Dance Competitions 2014

While doing our best to provide the premier venue and highest safety for Dance Competitions, we do need to protect our Historical Landmark Theatre with some general rules for everyone to follow. Please adhere to the following rules to make this the best experience for everyone involved. Please be aware that the organizers of each dance competition are in agreement with the following rules and regulations; and they will assist the Paramount Theatre Security Staff to enforce these rules and regulations, which could include payment for any damages, cleaning that is not considered customary, and possibly ejection from the competition.

PARKING

We are located in Downtown Aurora and parking is limited. There is no longer any metered street parking in downtown Aurora. Street parking is now free; but with time limits of 90 mins, 2hrs, 3hrs, and 4hrs, depending on each particular street in downtown Aurora. Time limits are strictly monitored & enforced, and parking tickets are frequently issued. These time limits are in force from 8AM to 8PM Monday through Friday, and 8AM to 2PM on Saturday. There are no parking time limits on Sunday. There is a four story decked parking garage, which is located directly behind the Paramount Theatre at the corner of Stolp and Downer; and, there is an eight story decked parking garage located at the corner of River & Galena, which is one block west of the front entrance of the Paramount Theatre. There are two banks in the area that will allow patrons of the Paramount Theatre to park cars in their parking lots with a Paramount Theatre parking pass, which you can obtain from the Event Manager on duty. These bank lots are available from 2pm on Saturday and all day on Sunday. The general rule is Paramount Theatre patrons may use these two Bank parking lots outside of banking hours, and the parking pass must be displayed in the windshield. Old Second and PNC Bank are the banks you are allowed to park at. **THERE IS NO PARKING AT BANCO POPULAR OR FIFTH THIRD BANK: YOU WILL GET TOWED.** A map is available at <http://www.paramountarts.com/planparking.php>.

The lane on the south side of Galena Blvd from the corner of Stolp Avenue to the Paramount Theatre's East Lobby entrance doors is a drop off lane and 5 minute parking for patrons of the theatre to park while at the theatre's box office to purchase tickets for upcoming shows and events. It is also a FIRE LANE, which means the lane must be free of vehicles in the event that fire trucks or ambulances are called to the theatre for an emergency. **This lane will be monitored and any vehicles parked in this lane for more than five minutes WILL BE TICKETED AND/OR TOWED at the OWNER'S EXPENSE.**

SECURITY

The Paramount Theatre employs a security staff that is assigned to monitor all areas of the theatre where audience members, competitors and dance competition staff have access. For the safety & welfare of all, the security staff will enforce all rules and regulations of the theatre, as well as monitor the audience members in attendance, including possible screening upon entry into the lobby of the theatre.

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FOOD & BEVERAGE REGULATIONS: OUTER LOBBIES & AUDITORIUM

In order to protect the integrity of the theatre, food and drinks are **ONLY** allowed in the front lobby areas of the theatre (see also F & B Regulations for Dressing Rooms & Backstage Area). If any food is found in the auditorium area (seating area) of the theatre, our security will inform those patrons found with food to take it to the designated eating areas in the lobby to be consumed. This includes everything from subway sandwiches to bagged chips, to fruit, such as oranges, grapes, and apples, to all forms of candy. Coffee and tea with proper fitting lids or bottled water are allowed to be taken anywhere in the theatre, including backstage dressing rooms.

You are allowed to bring your own food and coolers to our theatre, however, all coolers **MUST** be stored on the east side of the upper level of the **GRAND GALLERY ONLY**. Coolers **MAY NOT** be stored in any other lobby areas, seating area, or backstage area of the theatre. There are tables on both levels of the **GRAND GALLERY** designated for consuming meals. There is not a lot of room; so, if you are not eating, please vacate the table of all your belongings so others may utilize the eating area as well. Tables in designated eating areas **CANNOT** be saved. All designated eating areas will be monitored and any items left unattended for **FIVE MINUTES** or more will be removed.

We do have a café available with items for sale such as pizza slices, hot dogs, chicken nuggets, Gatorade, soda pop, juices, water, chips, muffins, fruit, yogurt and pretzels. The café has its own eating area, which can accommodate up to 130 people. ***In the past ONLY food or beverages purchased at the theatre's café were allowed to be consumed in this area. The theatre will now allow competitors who bring their own food items to sit with fellow competitors who purchase food items from the theatre's café. Coolers are NOT allowed into the main floor of the GRAND GALLERY CAFÉ areas.***

In an effort to keep the east lobby and the **GRAND GALLERY** areas clean and show respect for your fellow competitors and their family members, please pick up any papers, wrapper, cartons, plastic bottles, uneaten food items, etc upon finishing eating your meal or snack. The Paramount staff will be checking the tables periodically for cleanliness; however, it is the responsibility of the competitors and their families to keep these areas clean, if you want the theatre to continue to provide these areas for your dining purposes.

FOOD & BEVERAGE REGULATIONS: DRESSING ROOMS & BACKSTAGE AREA

The theatre has received many requests from parents to allow some type of food items into the backstage dressing room areas for dancers, who are unable to receive a break long enough to go to the designated lobby areas for food consumption. In response to these requests **APPROVED FOOD ITEMS ONLY (SEE BELOW)** will be allowed in the backstage dressing room areas. (Examples are: Gold Fish Crackers, pretzels, non-greasy chips, dry cereals, nuts, trail mix, granola bars, dry fruit snacks, dried fruit, etc.) The **ONLY FRUITS** allowed in the backstage dressing room areas are **APPLES** and **PEARS**. Vegetables, such as carrots or celery sticks are also allowed. Absolutely **NO WET FOOD ITEMS** such as, but not limited to: sandwiches of any type, fruit, spreadable condiments, vegetable dips, candy, gum, fruit juices, sugar based beverages including "diet drinks", etc. If you have any questions regarding acceptable and non-acceptable food items, please call the theatre and ask to speak with the Dance Competition Management Staff.

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Anyone found eating a food item or drinking a beverage, which is deemed to be banned food or beverage items will be instructed to put the item/items away; and, when eaten, must be consumed in the designated areas of the front lobby. Any competitor refusing to comply with these rules will be referred to the organizers of the competition and asked to have them removed from the competition. Any food or unacceptable beverage items left out in view of the theatre's security personnel in the backstage dressing rooms or in the theatre will be confiscated by the theatre's security personnel.

ALL FOOD & BEVERAGES ARE BANNED FROM THE STAGE AREA & WINGS OF THE STAGE.

APPROVED DRESSING ROOM FOOD & BEVERAGE LIST

- APPLES & PEARS
- VEGETABLES (NO DIP)
- NON-CHEESE FLAVORED CHIPS/CRACKERS/PRETZELS
- DRY FRUIT SNACKS/DRIED FRUIT
- GRANOLA BARS
- TRAIL MIX
- WATER
- COFFEE* (no coffee drinks with sugary toppings. i.e. caramel, whip cream, chocolate)
- TEA

*There are many variations of coffee and tea available these days. It is not reasonable for us to check each drink or ask how much sugar is in it. Therefore we will be allowing coffee drinks into the theatre, excluding any coffee drinks with sugary toppings such as caramel, whip cream or chocolate.

MEN'S DRESSING ROOM

The men's dressing room is usually located in the lower level of the lobby, but can be re-assigned by the theatre manager. Please check with the theatre manager upon arriving as to where the men's dressing room is. No females are allowed in the men's dressing room, as well as no males are allowed backstage in the women's dressing room areas. Male dancers are only allowed to traverse from the seating area to the stage when their number is called. This rule is strictly enforced.

DRESSING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

The theatre has found assigning dressing rooms and/or dressing areas to each of the attending dance studios in relation to the room size and the number of dancers each studio is bringing to the competition to be very helpful in keeping the backstage atmosphere less chaotic, helpful in locating dancers and instructors when necessary, keeping the dressing rooms clean and picked-up, and reducing vandalism to the dressing rooms and back stage areas. The company staging the competition will give the theatre's stage manager a list of the attending studios with the number of dancers each studio is bringing to the competition. The theatre's stage manager will then assign each studio to a specific dressing room or area.

SPECIAL NEEDS DRESSING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

If you have a special needs dancer, please contact the theatre manager prior to arriving at the theatre, so that arrangements can be made to accommodate your competitor.

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VANDALISM

Vandalism will not be tolerated. Persons, who break this rule, will be financially responsible for repairs or replacement due to damages attributed to vandalism; and, anyone known to have purposefully committed vandalism to the theatre, they will be escorted out of the theatre and will not be allowed to return. Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, writing on walls, sticking gum on seats, cutting upholstery, marring woodwork, putting holes in walls, damaging washroom stalls, and kissing walls with lipstick. Please be respectful of this beautiful and historic venue.

ATM

The theatre's café accepts CASH ONLY. An ATM machine is located within the building. This is an Old Second Bank ATM, and its location is near the main floor washrooms in the GRAND GALLERY lobby area.

LOBBY BALCONY AREA

The GRAND GALLERY second level on the north & east sides are available for dining (area with rectangle tables). The south & west sides of the GRAND GALLERY second level are OFF LIMITS to everyone. The west side of the GRAND GALLERY second level (same side as the washrooms) is used as a practice area. All dancers practicing must be accompanied by their dance instructor, and inform the Chief of Security that they wish to use the practice area.

TAP SHOES

Tap shoes are not allowed in the Grand Gallery; however, you may wear tap shoes in the Grand Gallery or Café Area, **IF** booties are placed over your tap shoes. There is no tap dancing allowed on any hard surface floor.

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

There are numerous restaurants within walking distance. If you would like a map of local restaurants, the Event Manager on duty will have one for you. Most fare is your typical American food, such as burgers, fish and chicken sandwiches, and there are a number of Mexican restaurants as well. An Irish Pub style restaurant is located one block north of the Paramount Theatre on New York Street, and to the immediate west of the Hollywood Casino. A McDonald's restaurant is located on Galena Blvd 3 & ½ blocks west of the theatre. A Subway Sandwich restaurant is located one block south of the theatre on Stolp Avenue. A Jimmy Johns sandwich shop is located on River Street 3 blocks south of the theatre.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO RECORDING

Each dance competition has different restrictions on shooting still photographs and video of the acts that take place on stage. Most do not allow flash photography or video recording. Please check at the registration table or with the event manager as to the rules for your particular dance competition.

CELL PHONES

Please turn off your cell phone upon entering the seating area. Please be respectful of your fellow participants and viewers and refrain from talking on your cell phone in the theatre.

EMERGENCY PHONE- Paramount Event Manager (630) 723-2482 or Café (630) 723-2491.