

DANCE SCHOOLS ON STAGE 2024

– APPLY TO PERFORM AT KUOPIO DANCE FESTIVAL, FINLAND

Kuopio Dance Festival is the largest, most diverse and the oldest dance festival in the Nordic countries, which will be held for the 55th time on summer 2024. The festival includes dance performances, seminars, courses and other cultural activities for a whole week. The purpose of the event is to offer an international and cultural experience to everyone interested in dance.

The Dance Schools On Stage-concept will take place on 12.-13.6.2024 and is organized together with the Finnish Dance Schools Association, STOPP ry. This year, the event will move to a more magnificent setting in Kuopio City Theatre, Maria-stage.

Finnish and international dance schools will be selected to participate. Dance School on Stage-concept is not a competition. The purpose is to offer the participating dance schools and the audience a peek into the levels and dance styles of different dance schools. Participants must be over 7 years old and not professional dancers.

The groups will receive feedback on their performances from the artistic director of Kuopio Dance Festival Riku Lehtopolku and the representative of the Finnish Association of Dance Schools STOPP ry. They are also responsible for the selection process.

The application period for international groups is 16.10.2023 – 30.11.2023. The selected groups will be notified by 29.12.2023. Participation must be confirmed by 31.1.2024. The application period for Finnish groups is 11.12.2023-31.1.2024. The selected groups will be notified by 18.2.2024.

The goal of the Dance Schools on Stage-concept is to inspire and encourage dancers to continue their determined practice and to provide a platform for networking between dance schools.



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Dates / Schedule

Wednesday 12.6.2024 / time: 15.00 and Thursday 13.6.2024 / time: 15.00

Applying and rules

WHO CAN APPLY AND HOW?

You can apply under the following conditions

GROUP

- Performers should be aged 7 years and up
- No professional dancers
- Group size min. 2 dancers

PERFORMANCE

- Free choice dance style
- Duration max. 6 minutes
- Flexible technical solutions (2–3 basic light situations)
- The performance place is Kuopio City Theater (Maria-stage). Stage details are width 8,5 m, depth 8,8 m. Entrance to the stage is possible from both sides, but the main access is from the left side (facing from the audience).

APPLYING

Applying: 16.10.-30.11.2023

Selection: 29.12.2023

Applying via online form opens at 16.10.2023

https://www.lyyti.in/dance_schools_on_stage_2024

SELECTION

- Groups to be chosen will be informed by 29.12.2023
- The performing groups are selected by the festival's artistic director Riku Lehtopolku and the representative of the Finnish Association of Dance Schools STOPP ry.

In the selections, attention is paid to e.g., to the following matters

- The technical skills of the performers
- Choreography
- Expression
- The skill of dancing in a group
- Musicality
- Courage
- Suitability of the presentation's difficulty level for the group

SELECTED GROUPS

- The selected groups must confirm their participation by 31.1.2024
- Kuopio Dance Festival will pay a travel grant (700 €) for each international performing group.
- Kuopio Dance festival will take care of marketing, media and general arrangements
- Other expenses and arrangements will be covered by the schools / performing groups. We recommend to apply funding for your costs from your country.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- On the day of the performance, time will be set aside for each group to rehearse and go through the performance together. We will announce the rehearsal time and date before the festival.
- Group members will also receive a festival pass, which entitles to discounted tickets for the festival's paid performances and courses.
- The selected groups and their sponsors commit to promote the performances on their social media channels. Postings will include #kuopiodancefestival #kuopiotanssijasoi.
- By filling in the application form, all members of the group give permission to film and photograph the performances and use the images on the festival's channels.

FEEDBACK

Every performing group will receive feedback right after their performance.

