



Student Showcase 2024 **Performance Information**

This year the Contra Costa Ballet Centre’s *Student Showcase* will be held on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at the Leshler Center for the Arts. The *Student Showcase* is a collection of choreographed pieces that demonstrate the breadth of each level’s training over the course of the school year. Audience members have the unique experience of viewing the development of a dancer from budding pre-ballerina to aspiring professional. The performance culminates with the Contra Costa Ballet Company – the Centre’s highest level of achievement – performing an exhilarating excerpt from *Études*, one of the cornerstones of traditional ballet repertoire.

Classes are divided among two performances:

Sunday, May 26 at 3:00pm

Level 5 Character
Level 1
Level 3
Level 5
Level 6 & Company

Sunday, May 26 at 6:00pm

Level 4 Character
Basic Ballet
Level 2
Level 4
Level 5
Level 6 & Company

REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 26

Contra Costa Ballet Centre

9:30 – 10:30 Level 5, 6 & Company Warm-Up Eddie

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<u>Sign-In</u>	<u>Rehearsal</u>		
11:00	11:30 – 12:00	Level 6/Company	Yuko
11:30	12:00 – 12:25	Level 5	Mercedes
11:55	12:25 – 12:45	Level 3	Sherri
12:15	12:45 – 1:00	Level 1	Hiroko
	1:00 – 1:15	Level 5 Character	Eddie
	1:30 – 2:30	Break	

3:00 – 4:00 PERFORMANCE

<u>Sign-In</u>	<u>Rehearsal</u>		
3:45	4:15 – 4:35	Level 4	Yuko
4:05	4:35 – 4:50	Level 2	Mercedes
4:20	4:50 – 5:00	Basic Ballet	Isabela
	5:00 – 5:15	Level 4 Character	Eddie

6:00 – 7:00 PERFORMANCE

Note: The school is closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

SIGN-IN/OUT

It is critical that dancers be dropped off at the backstage entrance (faces Locust St.) promptly at their sign-in time (NOT their performance time), as they will be rehearsing on stage prior to their performance. All dancers will check in at the backstage security desk and receive a badge (which must be returned after the performance). Basic Ballet through Level 2 dancers will then sign-in with their instructor; Levels 3 – Company will sign-in at the backstage bulletin board. Parents may not enter the backstage area unless they are pre-approved chaperones. Parents will greet their dancers at the courtyard outside the backstage entrance after the *Student Showcase* performance.

COSTUME

Students are responsible for arriving at the theater wearing their complete costume on performance day.

Ladies: Dancers in all levels wear the performance leotard ordered by CCBC. Ballet-pink or skin-toned tights (without seams for Basic Ballet and Levels 1 – 4) and ballet-pink or skin-toned shoes are required. Underwear should not be worn under tights (causes lumps beneath the leotard).

Gentlemen: Black tights held at the waist with a waistband belt, fitted white t-shirt, black socks and black shoes.

Because the floors are waxed, dancers need to bring a pair of socks (preferably treaded “slipper socks”) to wear OVER their ballet shoes while downstairs (they can remove them upstairs in the “green room” before entering the backstage area).

Jewelry should be left at home to prevent loss (jewelry is not permitted to be worn on stage). Nails should be free of colored polish. We also ask that no make-up be worn by Basic Ballet through Level 3 students.

HAIR

Ladies: Hair must be “performance ready”, in a bun at the highest point of the back of the head (a.k.a. “high bun”), secured with an invisible nylon hair net, and all wispy hair sprayed or gelled. If your dancer’s hair is too short to make a bun, ask their instructor for hair ideas. Basic Ballet and Level 1 dancers may have well-trimmed bangs (above the eyebrows) or pinned and gelled/sprayed back if longer.

Gentlemen: Hair should be neatly combed away from the face and hair sprayed.

SNACKS & ACTIVITIES

Dancers will have idle time between their rehearsals and performances. It is suggested that they bring a bag with a few books or quiet toys and neat snacks. Please do not pack anything which might stain clothing, such as crayons, markers, chocolate or grape juice.

TICKETS

Tickets are available for purchase through the Leshar Center for the Arts box office in-person at 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek, by calling (925) 943-7469, or visiting www.contracostaballet.org/student-resources or www.lesherartscenter.org. Tickets are \$22.00 for ages 12 and under, and \$36.00 for age 13+. Seating is assigned. As it is a large venue, we anticipate there to be plenty of seating and encourage extended family and friends and observers to attend the performance!

LOCATION

Leshar Center for the Arts
1601 Civic Dr.
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

The nearest public parking garage is located on Locust St., adjacent to the theater. Please note that the garage may have “event parking” which means that a flat-rate payment (up to \$5, depending on the time of day) is made upon entering the garage. For directions and more venue information, visit www.lesherartscenter.org/plan-your-visit.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

The performances will be recorded by a professional videographer and made available for purchase. Ordering details to be published. Personal photography and videography is not permitted in the theater.

VOLUNTEERS

In order for the rehearsal and performances to proceed in an organized and professional manner, we rely upon the support of backstage parent volunteers. Volunteer sign-ups will be emailed with further details.

*Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
The dancers have worked hard all year and will cherish their performance experience!*