



2026 *Défilé* Information Packet

Saturday, May 23, 2026

Ives Theatre, Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center
11411 Masonic Home Drive, Bloomington, MN

What is *Défilé*?

The French word “défilé” translates in English to a “procession or show.” This is Ashley Ballet Arts Academy’s annual semi-formal end-of-the-school-year showcase. Although our motif may alter from year to year, we maintain a tradition of hosting *Défilé* not as a full-length ballet production with extravagant costumes, but rather as an intimate performance where our students can demonstrate the skills and progress they have gained during the school year.

More details: ashleyballetarts.com/performances/defile

Participation

Though highly recommended, participation is not mandatory. Learning choreography is a fun and essential part of dance training, so even if students choose not to participate in *Défilé*, they will still learn the choreography during class time.

The attached Participation Form is due by **Saturday, January 17, 2026** whether or not your dancer will participate.

Choreography

Each class level has a syllabus which students progress through from September to May. Beginning in February, instructors start stringing together skills from the syllabus and set them to music to create a choreographed “piece” which the students will perform at *Défilé*. This enables us to make technique the forefront of our classes, yet also give the dancers experience learning and performing choreography — another valuable element of their training. This year, we are thrilled to showcase our classical ballet theme. ABAA’s Ballet Arts Youth Ensemble (BAYE) will be showing the full ballet called, “Carnival of The Animals”. Drawing inspiration from the ballet the remainder of the Academy will be showcasing the theme “Symphony of Nature”.

Due to the nature of the class work, pre-pointe, pointe prep, acro and Mind/Body classes will not have a performance piece.

Tickets

Online ticket sales will begin on **Saturday, March 14, 2026**.

- Each family may purchase up to 6 tickets in the initial round of ticket purchasing. You will be emailed the ticket site link and your individual purchasing code by **Monday, March 9, 2026**. Please ensure that your email address is up to date in our system and that you are receiving ABAA’s emails. Each code is limited to 6 tickets; do not share your code.
- Any tickets remaining on **Monday, March 23, 2026** will be for sale on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Seating will be assigned.
- Ticket pricing: \$30. Reduced price of \$25 for seniors (ages 65 and older) and children (ages 12 and under)

Virtual tickets for a livestream of the entire day of performances will be available for \$40 per household
Showcase #1: 11:30am-1:30pm & Showcase #2: 2:30-4:30pm





Photography & Videography

We have arranged for a professional video company to produce digital recording of the performances. Included in your **Défilé** Participation Fee will be a Digital Link of the performances (Show #1 or Show #2) which will be available approximately 6-8 weeks after the performance.

We will be taking in-studio photos the week of February 23-28 2026. Your group photo will be scheduled during your normal class time. You may schedule individual photo sessions for your dancer in up to 3 costumes, or more with an additional fee. Photos may be purchased directly through the photographer. You are not required to purchase photos. More details will be emailed to you next month:-)

Costuming

Défilé participants are not required to purchase a costume. Students will wear a ABAA Costume and headpiece.

•Accessories and Loaner Items:

- Pre-Ballet: Dancer will wear their pink leotard. ABAA will provide a loaner tutu & hairpiece
- Junior & Senior Ballet: Dancer will wear their pink tights and ballet shoes. ABAA "Dance Dress" and hairpiece will be provided. Dance Dress & Hairpiece is the property of ABAA. **Dancers do Not keep the dress or hairpiece. There will be a \$25 unreturned fee for headpieces/accessories and \$75 for the dress.**
- Junior & Senior Modern/Jazz: Dancer will wear their black leotard and black leggings/ jazz pants & black jazz shoes. ABAA headpiece (provided).
- Pointe: Dancer will wear a black leotard, Pink tights, white practice tutu, loaner headpiece, and/or costume pieces

•Hair & Makeup

- Female dancers wear hair in a high bun, no part, no bangs. Please, no bun forms or scrunchies.
- Male dancers wear hair neat.
- All dancers wear light stage makeup.

Don't forget to bring extra hair pins, hairspray, lipstick, etc.!

Participation fees are listed per dancer. This fee covers the cost of theatre rehearsal & performance time, performance Link, and costume/accessories. A 5% processing fee applies to card transactions. Pre-Ballet Participation Fee: Included in Session 2 tuition. Junior Level 1-5 Participation Fee: \$50. Junior Level 6 & Senior Level Participation Fee: \$75 BAYE dancers fee included with BAYE fees.

Rehearsal & Performance Details

Performances and rehearsals will be held at the **Ives Auditorium at the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center, 11411 Masonic Home Drive, Bloomington, MN**. Detailed schedules will be available online.

Showcase #1

•Rehearsal: 4:30-9:00pm, Thu, May 21, 2026

- Each class will receive a specific time slot during this rehearsal.

•Performance: 11:30am-1:30pm, Sat, May 23, 2026

Showcase #2

•Rehearsal: 4:30-9:00pm, Fri, May 22, 2026

- Each class will receive a specific time slot during this rehearsal.


•Performance: 2:30-4:30pm, Sat, May 23, 2026

Showcase Class Participation List

See overview on previous page. ***Specific rehearsal and call times will be announced within 90 days of Jan. 1, 2026.***
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Showcase #1	Showcase #1
Class	Continued
Carnival of The Animals(BAYE)*	
Preballet 3/4 - Sat	Contemporary I Wed
Preballet 5/6 - Wed	
Preballet 5/6 - Sat	
Preballet 5/6 - Thur	
Jr Ballet1-Sat	
Jr Ballet2-Mon	
Jr Ballet2-Sat	
Jr Jazz1/2-Sat	
Jr Ballet3/4-Sat	
Jr Ballet4/5-Tue	
Jr Ballet5-Wed	
Jr Modern5-Fri	
Jr Jazz 5/Sr.1/2-Wed	
Sr Ballet2/3-Mon	
Sr Ballet2-Wed	
Sr Ballet3/4-Wed	
Sr Ballet4/5-Tue	
Sr Ballet5-Mon	
Sr Modern4/5-Thur	
Sr Jazz 4/5/Adv-Fri	
Advanced Ballet-Mon	
Open Concept-Fri	
Advanced Modern-Thur	

Showcase #2	Showcase #2
Class	Continued
Carnival of The Animals (BAYE)*	
Preballet 3/4 - Thur	Advanced Ballet Thur
Preballet 3/4 - Wed	Contemporary II Tue
Preballet 3/4 - Mon	
Preballet 5/6 - Mon	
Jr Ballet 1 - Mon	
Jr Ballet 1/2 - Wed	
Jr Modern 1/2 - Wed	
Jr Ballet 3 - Mon	
Jr Ballet 3 - Thur	
Jr Ballet 4 - Wed	
Jr Ballet 5 - Fri	
Jr Modern 3/4 - Thur	
Jr Jazz 3/4 - Sat	
Sr Ballet 2/3 - Fri	
Sr Ballet 2/3 - Tue	
Sr Ballet 4 - Thur	
Sr Ballet 5 - Thur	
Sr Modern 2/3 -Fri	
Sr Jazz 3 - Tue	
Advanced Ballet - Tue	
Advanced Modern - Thur	

2026 ABAA Défilé Participation Form

All Dancers Return By: Saturday, January 17, 2026

*****Return a completed form for each Dancer/Family
WHETHER OR NOT you will be participating*****

Showcase #1

- Rehearsal: Thursday, May 21, 2026
- Performance: Saturday, May 23, 2026

Showcase #2

- Rehearsal: Friday, May 22, 2026
- Performance: Saturday, May 23, 2026

Parent Name(s):

Dancer Name(s):

- ☐ \$0 Pre-Ballet Dancer Participation Fee Included with Session 2 tuition
_____ Yes I will be Participating _____ No, I will not be Participating
- ☐ \$55 Junior Level 1-5 Dancer Participation Fee per Dancer
_____ Yes I will be Participating _____ No, I will not be Participating
- ☐ \$80 Junior Level 6 & Senior Level Dancer Participation per Dancer
_____ Yes I will be Participating _____ No, I will not be Participating
- ☐ \$0 BAYE Dancer Fee Included with BAYE Fees _____ Yes I will be Participating
- \$ _____ TOTAL**

Price per dancer. Includes cost of theatre rehearsal & performance time, performance DVD, costume rental (if applicable) and/or accessories.

Payment Preference (please circle): cash | check # _____ | card on file (5% fee applies)

Make checks payable to ABAA. A 5% processing fee applies to card transactions. If no payment preference is selected, we will process automatically on the card on file.

Account Signature:

office use only:

date received: _____ charge entered: _____ payment processed: _____

