



2024 *Défilé* Information Packet

Saturday, May 25, 2024

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 13, 2024 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 also thrilled to revive our classical ballet theme, and will be using music and drawing inspiration from the ballet “*Paquita*.”

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

Tickets

Online ticket sales will begin on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**.

- 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 18, 2024**. 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 **Wednesday, March 27, 2024** will be for sale on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Seating will be assigned.
- Ticket pricing: \$20. Reduced price of \$15 for seniors (ages 65 and older) and children (ages 12 and under)

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



Photography & Videography

We have arranged for a professional video company to produce a DVD of the performances. Each dancer who participates in *Défilé* will receive a DVD of the performances (Show #1 and Show #2) which will be available for pickup at ABAA approximately 6-8 weeks after the performance. This is included in your participation fee.

Steve Lucas Photography will be taking in-studio photos of each class and individual shots of each dancer during your normal class time the week of February 5-10, 2024. Photos may be purchased directly through Steve Lucas Photography; you are not required to purchase any photos. SLP will email you ordering information approximately 2 weeks after the photo shoot. For questions, please contact: info@lucasphoto.com, (952) 949-0578.

Costuming

Défilé participants are not required to purchase a costume. Students will wear an 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/Modern/Jazz: Dancer will wear their pick tights and ballet shoes. ABAA "Dance Dress" and hairpiece (provided).
 - Junior & Senior Modern/Jazz: Dancer will wear their black leotard and black leggings/ jazz pants & black jazz shoes. ABAA headpiece (provided).
 - Pointe: loaner headpiece, tulle cummerbund and/or costume pieces (unreturned item: \$45 fee)
- 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 DVD, 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 23, 2024**
 - Each class will receive a specific time slot during this rehearsal. Pre-Ballet and Junior Level 1-2 dancers will be excused by 7:30pm.
- **Performance: 11:30am-1:30pm, Sat, May 25, 2024**

Showcase #2

- **Rehearsal: 4:30-9:00pm, Fri, May 24, 2024**
 - Each class will receive a specific time slot during this rehearsal. Pre-Ballet and Junior Level 1-2 dancers will be excused by 7:30pm.
- **Performance: 2:30-4:30pm, Sat, May 25, 2024**



2024 Défilé - Student Showcase				
Showcase #1	Rehearsal Date		Performance Date & Time	
	Thursday, May 23rd		Saturday, May 25 11:30am	
Class * = In both showcases	Rehearsal check-in time	Rehearsal time *approx. times	Performance Check-in time	Performance time *approx. times
Ballet Arts Youth Ensemble*	4:00PM	4:30PM	9:30AM *Stage Warm up 10:00-11:00am	11:35AM
Preballet 3/4 - Sat	4:30PM	4:50PM	11:00AM	11:40AM
Preballet 5/6 - Sat	4:40PM	5:00PM	11:00AM	11:42AM
Preballet 5/6 - Thur	4:50PM	5:10PM	11:00AM	11:44AM
Jr Ballet 1 - Sat	5:00PM	5:20PM	11:00AM	11:46AM
Jr Ballet 2 - Mon	5:10PM	5:30PM	11:00AM	11:49AM
Jr Ballet 3	5:20PM	5:40PM	10:30AM	11:52AM
Jr Ballet 4	5:30PM	5:50PM	10:30AM	11:55AM
Sr Ballet 1	5:40PM	6:00PM	10:30AM	11:58AM
Sr Ballet 3/4	5:50PM	6:10PM	9:30AM *Stage Warm up 10:00-11:00am	12:01PM
Advanced Ballet*	6:00PM	6:20PM		12:05PM
Variations 1/2 (SB3/4 dancers)	6:10PM	6:30PM		12:09PM
Variations 3/4	6:20PM	6:40PM		12:14PM
Advanced Variations*	6:30PM	6:50PM		12:20PM
~Intermission~				12:30-12:45PM
Ballet Arts Youth Ensemble Modern*	7:00PM	7:20PM	(See above)	12:45PM
Jr Modern 3/4	7:10PM	7:30PM	10:30AM	12:55PM
Sr Modern 3/4	7:20PM	7:40PM	10:30AM	12:58PM
Advanced Modern*	7:30PM	7:50PM	10:30AM	1:01PM
Jr Jazz 3	7:40PM	8:00PM	10:30AM	1:04PM
Jr Jazz 4/5*	7:50PM	8:10PM	10:30AM	1:07PM
Sr Jazz 3/4	8:00PM	8:20PM	10:30AM	1:10PM
Advanced Jazz*	8:10PM	8:30PM	10:30AM	1:13PM
Ballet Arts Youth Ensemble Jazz Pieces*	8:20PM	8:40PM	(See Above)	1:16PM
Final Bow (all dancers invited onstage)	-	-	-	1:26PM
Important notes:	<p>Times are approximate, schedules may run ahead or behind schedule A parent must check in and check out their dancers with an ABAA Faculty member for safety Please be on time so we can stay on schedule to the best of our ability Pre-ballet dancers may be excused at intermission Final bow is optional, but all dancers are encouraged to participate Final bow will line up backstage at approx. 4:10PM</p>			





2024 Défilé - Student Showcase				
Showcase #2	Rehearsal Date		Performance Date & Time	
	Friday, May 24th		Saturday, May 25 2:30pm	
Class	Rehearsal check-in time	Rehearsal time <small>*approx. times</small>	Performance Check-in time	Performance time <small>*approx. times</small>
Ballet Arts Youth Ensemble*	4:00PM	4:30PM	9:30AM *Stage Warm up 10:00-11:00am	2:35 PM
Preballet 3/4 - Wed	4:30PM	4:50PM	2:00PM	2:40 PM
Preballet 3/4 - Mon	4:40PM	5:00PM	2:00PM	2:42 PM
Preballet 5/6 - Mon	4:50PM	5:10PM	2:00PM	2:44 PM
Jr Ballet 1 - Wed 5:00pm	5:00PM	5:20PM	2:00PM	2:46 PM
Jr Ballet 2 - Wed 5:00pm	5:10PM	5:30PM	2:00PM	2:49 PM
JR Ballet 2/3	5:20PM	5:40PM	2:00PM	2:52 PM
Jr Ballet 5	5:30PM	5:50PM	1:30PM	2:55 PM
Jr Ballet 6	5:40PM	6:00PM	1:30PM	2:58 PM
Sr Ballet 2	5:50PM	6:10PM	1:30PM *Stage Warm up 1:45-2:15PM	3:01 PM
Advanced Ballet -	6:00PM	6:20PM		3:05 PM
Variations 1/2 (SrB2 dancers)	6:10PM	6:30PM		3:09 PM
Advanced Variations	6:20PM	6:40PM		3:14 PM
~Intermission~				3:25-3:40PM
Ballet Arts Youth Ensemble Modern*	6:50PM	7:10PM	(See above)	3:40 PM
Jr Modern 1/2	7:00PM	7:20PM	2:00PM	3:50 PM
Jr Modern 5/6	7:10PM	7:30PM	2:00PM	3:53 PM
Sr Modern 2	7:20PM	7:40PM	2:00PM	3:56 PM
Advanced Modern*	7:30PM	7:50PM	2:00PM	3:59 PM
Jr Jazz 2	7:40PM	8:00PM	2:00PM	4:02 PM
Jr Jazz 4/5*	7:50PM	8:10PM	2:00PM	4:05 PM
Jr Jazz 6/ Sr Jazz 2	8:00PM	8:20PM	2:00PM	4:08 PM
Advanced Jazz*	8:10PM	8:30PM	2:00PM	4:11 PM
Ballet Arts Youth Ensemble Jazz Pieces*	8:20PM	8:40PM	(See Above)	4:15 PM
Final Bow (all dancers invited onstage)	-	-	-	4:25 PM
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2024 Défilé Participation Form

Return by: Saturday, January 13, 2024, 2:00pm

****Please return this form WHETHER OR NOT you will be participating****

Showcase #1

- Rehearsal: Thursday, May 23 2024
- Performance: Saturday, May 25, 2024

Showcase #2

- Rehearsal: Friday, May 24, 2024
- Performance: Saturday, May 25, 2024

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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

\$50 Junior Level 1-5 Dancer Participation Fee per Dancer
_____ Yes I will be Participating _____ No, I will not be Participating

\$75 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**
Price per dancer. Includes cost of theatre rehearsal & performance time, performance DVD,
costume rental (if applicable) and/or accessories.
\$ _____ **TOTAL**

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: _____

