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# STUDENT SHOWCASE

— JULY 26, 2025 —

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# Welcome!

DANCECleveland, one of the oldest dance presenting organizations in the U.S., is thrilled to present the 2025 Northeast Ohio Student Showcase at the remarkable Playhouse Square. Northeast Ohio is truly lucky to have such a wonderful array of dedicated dance studio owners, teachers, student groups, afterschool programs and performing arts schools embodying a wide variety of dance genres. These special places for movement are filled with eager students who show up each week with their talents, supported by amazing parents and families who encourage their young movers to pursue the art form of dance. We are thankful that today we will get to see performances by fifteen different schools from across our community and that we will experience their love of dance together.

As the second largest performing arts district in the country, second only to New York City, Playhouse Square is a gem of a theatre district. We hope the students participating in the showcase today will cherish their experience performing onstage at Playhouse Square and meeting fellow students throughout the day in the community classes happening across the district. Whether the students performing today go on to become professional dancers, arts advocates, administrators, lighting designers or theatrical technicians, or they decide to pursue a completely different path, becoming our nurses, teachers and more, the art form of dance teaches our young people many valuable skills that will be carried on throughout their lives. The confidence, determination, perseverance, organization, spatial awareness, and spirit of collaboration will be part of who they are. No matter what path they choose to pursue, they will always be dancers at heart. Thank you for sharing your students with us today.

Enjoy the performance!

**Sarah Sumbrum**

Artistic Director

DANCECleveland

**Theresa Remick**

Executive Director

DANCECleveland

# COLOURBLIND

## DANCERS

Giuliana Barker, Brooklyn Bertke, Kenley Bond, Madie Brown, Jillian Chase, Mia Dawson, Brookelynn Gilbert, Evelyn Grady, Maddison Haraka!, Kendyll Hartlaub, Kendall Hoyt, Claire Michaelis, Lily Miller, Alexis Mooney, Haley Nickoli, Isabel Olivares, Darley Reid, Kennady Robertson, Maelyn Rosso, Jocelyn Ryan, Peyton Shulaw, Abby Synowka

## CHOREOGRAPHER

Casi Shupe

## MUSIC

Colourblind by Ed Sheeran

**NorthStar Dance Center** Twenty-two dancers collaborate to create a beautiful piece that incorporates color and fabric. The music begins light, like a flower, but the colors begin to explode as the dancers build in intensity. It shows the beauty and color in life.

# RIVER DEEP

## DANCERS

Elena Combs, Ava Dietz, Elliana Ilko, Anna Keppler, Sophie Klinger, Claire Lemerman, Reese Malarcik, Angela Marino, Adeline McClellan, Quinne Myers, Tucker Okel, Emma Olesen, Sophia Procyshyn, Nyra Rutan, Gianna Shores, Anastasia Wittler, Felicity Wittler

## CHOREOGRAPHER

Natalie Orr-Andrea

## MUSIC

River Deep by Celine Dion

**Creative Motion Studios** CMS Company is the competition and performance team at Creative Motion Studios, a dance studio located in the Akron/Fairlawn area. Creative Motion Studios offers classes for all ages and abilities and strives to provide a welcoming space for anyone who wants to dance. Providing competitive and recreational programs, CMS offers classes in several styles, including ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical, and acro – as well as aerial silks. CMS staff are certified by Youth Protection Association for Dance and work hard to maintain the highest standards of age-appropriate dance education while ensuring a fun and positive experience for their families.

## PAS DE TROIS DES ODALISQUES

### DANCERS

Gigi Greene-Stocks, Elise Thomas,  
Paige Thomas

### CHOREOGRAPHER

Marius Petipa

### MUSIC

Pas de Trois des Odalisques from  
Le Corsaire

**Academy of Cleveland Ballet** The exquisite artistry of Cleveland Ballet has been capturing the hearts of patrons in Northeast Ohio and beyond since 2015. Recognized for its commitment to innovation and creativity, Cleveland Ballet is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of ballet enthusiasts through the Academy of Cleveland Ballet. Cleveland Ballet is proud to be among the prestigious ranks of a Playhouse Square resident company.

## HALLELUJAH HERE BELOW

### DANCERS

Maci Ackerman, Jenna Bing, Paradys  
Cantwell, Kaylynn Carpenter, Abriell  
Dowdy, Izzie Mellon, Madyson Moore,  
Katie Rizzo, Mila Welling

### CHOREOGRAPHERS

Hannah Bloomquist & Emily Mauser

### MUSIC

Hallelujah Here Below by Elevation  
Worship

**Revival Dance Complex** Revival Dance Complex fosters a love for dance through a supportive, high-energy environment, blending passion, creativity, and professionalism to inspire growth and confidence in every dancer.

## TARANGAM – RHYTHMIC EXPLORATIONS

### DANCERS

Vedanshi Bhatt, Sudhiksha Ramesh,  
Shashini Mohan, Samyutha Polaconda,  
Saadhika Shankar, Rakshita Ramesh

### CHOREOGRAPHER

Sujatha Srinivasan

### MUSIC

TARANGAM - Rhythmic Explorations –  
Shri Kalaa Mandir – Sujatha Srinivasan

**Shri Kalaa Mandir – Center for Indian Performing Arts** Founded by award winning Artistic Director Sujatha Srinivasan in 1993, Shri Kalaa Mandir (SKM) is a distinguished Indian classical dance company that has been enchanting audiences across Northeast Ohio with its award-winning presentations of Bharathanatyam – both traditional and boldly innovative. Committed to excellence in training, SKM has been shaping the next generation of professional Bharathanatyam artists while fostering a deep, enduring passion for the art in every aspiring dancer. With a strong emphasis on education and community outreach, SKM brings Indian classical dance into NE Ohio schools and public spaces, broadening cultural awareness and appreciation. From acclaimed stages to national competitions, SKM dancers consistently earn top honors, establishing themselves as dynamic trailblazers in North America's Bharathanatyam scene. Classes are currently offered in Strongsville, Parma, and Chagrin Falls.

# LET ME DOWN

## DANCERS

Lily Anslokken, Chrysanthi Constantinou, Vanessa Langer, Jillian Salzer, Mina Turcinov

## CHOREOGRAPHER

Ahna Bonnette

## MUSIC

Let My Key Be C by Nils Frahm

**The Dance Centre** Founded in 1989, The Dance Centre in Rocky River, Ohio's mission is to create a space that emphasizes high quality dance instruction while also encouraging giving back to the community, leadership skills, and wellness education. This performance ensemble, Core Creative, focuses on the principles of, collaborative creation, innovation, and improvisation.

# PRIVATE SCHOOL

## DANCERS

Maci Ackerman, Dahlia Maier, CJ McAfee, Izzie Mellon, Madyson Moore, Baylee Moore

## CHOREOGRAPHER

Hannah Bloomquist

## MUSIC

Private School Mix including We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together by Taylor Swift, Popular from Wicked, and Stick to the Status Quo from High School Musical

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# BOOT CAMP

## DANCERS

Jayla Boyer, Jaiden Cohen, Kylie Cook, Xavier Easter, Sabrina George, Nyx Gore, Xavier Easter, Josie King, Elle Miklich, Mackenzie Myers, Zoe Napier, Anhelina Ostashuk, Avah Perry, Baeliee Piszczek, Melanie Speck, Tia Holton

## CHOREOGRAPHERS

Sharie Stuart-Ican, David Darrington, Daniel Natal

## MUSIC

Boot Camp is a music mix with a variety of songs and artists including: Jesus Walks by ZAiID, You Can Do It by Ice Cube, Mack 10, & Ms. Toi, Pump it Up by Joe Budden, Switcha by Daddy Yankee, X Gon' Give It To Ya by DMX, Me Too by Meghan Trainor, Get Busy by Sean Paul

**Rock City Dance** Dance styles for children and adults including Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Jazz, Musical Theatre and Tap. Offering an Inclusive & Non-Competitive Atmosphere regardless of skill level, emphasizing personal growth and self-esteem over competition. Viewing windows always open! Experienced instructors from the Cleveland Ballet & Cavs Scream Team! Competition program available.

## AURORA'S BIRTHDAY

### DANCERS

Aurora and the Prince: Anna Macino and Clark Clowtis  
Fairies: Lucille Bugner, Libby Felber, Evelina Meade  
Guests and Garland Dancers: Athena Diamond, Isla Durastanti, Willa Harrison, Ava Kall, Caeli Koopman, Vienna Koopman, Helena Malik, Samantha Yurglic

### CHOREOGRAPHER

Kassandra Lee

### MUSIC

Sleeping Beauty Act I Waltz –  
P. I. Tchaikovsky

**Dance Arts by Regina** is in its tenth season of providing high-quality, professional dance instruction in an environment that encourages all students to reach their highest potential. Locations in Tremont and North Royalton offer ballet-based training with additional offerings in hip-hop, jazz, and contemporary. Dance Arts' company, New Dance Artists, connects young dancers with opportunities to strengthen and brighten their communities.

## BETTER PLACE

### DANCERS

Cataleya Clark, Sidney Cook, Jordyn Eckhardt, Ellie Fleck, Scarlett Freed, Josephina Heater, Ellie Mueller, Calli Roe, Rosaleigh Sallee, Noel Samsa, Aly Shutt, Lola Smith, Emerson Snyder

### CHOREOGRAPHER

Casi Shupe

### MUSIC

Better Place by Rachel Platten

**NorthStar Dance Center** A sweet piece that shows the affection of having someone special. The young dancers show that it is a better place when we are together. It reminds us of the happiness of being young and together.

## LO QUE LE PASÓ A HAWAII

### DANCERS

Viana Antongiorgi and Kayla Caradine

### CHOREOGRAPHER

Viana Antongiorgi

### MUSIC

LO QUE LE PASÓ A HAWAII by Bad Bunny

**Bard Dance Company** Bard Dance Company is an ensemble based group at Bard High School Early College. The objective behind this company is to cultivate original works that are inspired by their surroundings and express their discoveries in new and dynamic ways. Students study the art of choreography and performance through technique, rehearsal, movement composition, performance, and production.

# DREAMING

## DANCERS

Taylor Fusek, Lanii Hitchcock, Katarina Rich, Liviana Severino

## CHOREOGRAPHER

Julia Kubec

## MUSIC

Felix Amica by Anthony Willis

**Ballet Theatre Ashtabula** Ballet Theatre Ashtabula provides students with a strong technical foundation in ballet via expert instruction and personal attention, in a professional nurturing environment. Welcoming students of all levels as well as providing preprofessional training. Aspiring students participate in YAGP and have been accepted to prestigious programs including Juilliard, the Ailey School, George Mason University, North Carolina School of the Arts, and Wright State among others. Annual performance opportunities for all student levels, including The Nutcracker and Spring Dance Concert.

# BAD, BAD LEROY BROWN

## DANCERS

Brooklyn Bertke, Kenley Bond, Brookelynn Gilbert, Kendyll Hartlaub, Claire Michaelis, Alexis Mooney, Haley Nickoli, Isabel Olivares, Darley Reid, Jocelyn Ryan, Peyton Shulaw, Abby Synowka

## CHOREOGRAPHER

Tieler Crouse

## MUSIC

Bad Bad Leroy Brown by Jim Croce

**NorthStar Dance Center** The dance fuses classic and current styles. It is an interpretation of a vintage song. The piece is meant to entertain the audience with an upbeat song and a creative combination of acro, lifts, and jazz.

# WALTZ

## DANCERS

Noelle De Monte, Mia Hill, Nina Leon, Kayleigh Saunders, Gwendolyn Wunderle

## CHOREOGRAPHER

Heather McCoy

## MUSIC

Waltz by Alexander Balanescu

**Cleveland Ballet Conservatory** The Cleveland Ballet Conservatory is a center for dance education dedicated to providing professional training for students of all ages and levels. CBC offers a welcoming, vibrant, and engaging environment with a nurturing faculty who encourage students to discover their passion for dance. CBC offers a wide variety of classes with a strong emphasis and foundation in classical ballet.

# VARSHA: THE JOY OF MONSOON

## DANCERS

Renuka Deshpande, Nehali Dey,  
Nagaisha Nagajothi, Swara Narlawar,  
Shakthi Prabhakaran

## CHOREOGRAPHER

Antara Datta

## MUSIC

Varsha by Anga Kala Kathak Academy

**Anga Kala Kathak Academy** The Anga Kala Kathak Academy is a premiere dance school imparting students & enthusiasts a holistic training in the North Indian classical art form of Kathak following the rich tradition of the Lucknow Gharana with operations in Solon, Akron, Westlake, and also in Columbus, OH, Seattle, WA and Pennsylvania, USA. Founded by Guru Antara Datta, an accomplished Kathak dancer, choreographer and educator, Anga Kala Kathak Academy aims at providing its students a stimulating, supportive and multicultural environment to explore the physical, intellectual and spiritual benefits of this ancient art-form with its sister unit Anga Kala Dance Company training qualifying students to develop themselves as classical dance performers and sharing the beauty of Indian classical dance with the community.

# DON'T IT FEEL GOOD

## DANCERS

Brinley Adamich, Fiona Andrews,  
Chrysanthi Constantinou, Emma Gould,  
Elle Junkin, Amelia King, Emma Maiure,  
Sophia van der Oord

## CHOREOGRAPHER

Heidi Glynias

## MUSIC

Don't It Feel Good by Home Free

**Tap Artistry Project** Tap Artistry Project is a rhythm-driven company founded by Heidi Glynias, whose 40 years of teaching experience fuel its mission. Where Technique meets Tradition, Artistry meets Authenticity, and Passion meets Purpose, we celebrate tap's rich legacy while inspiring dancers to infuse tradition with contemporary artistry.  
[www.tapartistryproject.com](http://www.tapartistryproject.com)

# TENIR LA LUNE

## DANCERS

Sadie Drozd, Isaiah Hommes

## CHOREOGRAPHER

Amaris LaSalle

## MUSIC

Opening by Rob Simonsen and  
Duncan Blickenstaff

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# IKE I KE ONE KANI AO NOHILI/HE MELE NO LILO

## DANCERS

Alana Garcia, Gianna Garcia, Lena Heredia, Lilo Heredia, Luna Heredia, Jessyca Lampa, Maggie Matovich, Aniyah Russell, Isla Showalter

## CHOREOGRAPHER

Kumu Kau'i Dalire-Boyd

## MUSIC

Music Artists: E Ho Mai entrance  
chant – Lyrics Artist: Kumu Hula Edith  
Kanaka'ole

Ike i Ke One Kani Ao Nohili –  
Lyrics Artist: Kapu Kinimaka-Alquiza

He Mele No Lilo – Lyrics Artist: Kumu  
Hula Mark Keali'i Ho'omalulu

## DRUMMER

Audrey Godoy

**Pacific Paradise Entertainment & Halau Ka Pua Mae'ole Kuikanani (hula school)** Pacific Paradise Entertainment along with their hula school, Halau Ka Pua Mae'ole Kuikanani, is a Polynesian entertainment and performing arts group founded in 2019. Under the leadership of Audrey Godoy and co-instructor Jeanie Seagraves, and their mentors, Kumu Kau'i Dalire-Boyd and Malia Erena Tafua, their mission is to nurture the community by sharing the songs, dance, and beauty of Polynesia.

# MOVE IT

## DANCERS

Ella Lang, Victoria Miller, Sophie Pisanelli, Lily Rothman, Allison Tabeling, Annika Taber

## CHOREOGRAPHER

Erynn Leff

## MUSIC

Move It by Jaded

**Emjaez Dance Studio** Emjaez Dance Studio in Bay Village is proud to be entering its 22nd season! Home to dancers ranging in age from 2.5 to 82, the studio celebrates a passion for dance and spreading goodness! The Diamond CAD Girls, Emjaez's competitive team, are excited for the opportunity to share the stage with the community today!

## DANCECleveland Staff

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**Thank you to all of our volunteers, Playhouse Square Staff, Teachers, Studio Group Leaders, and families that have helped make today possible!**

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# TAP ARTISTRY PROJECT

**BRAVO** to all the dancers in today's **Northeast Ohio Student Showcase!**  
You brought the energy, the rhythm, the wow...

Big cheers for every slide, step, and sway that lit up the stage.  
**Together, we share a love for dance and the joy it brings.**  
What magic you've made at Playhouse Square!

And a heartfelt thank you to **DANCECleveland** for bringing  
world-class art, inspiration, and dance education to our  
community. Your work lifts every stage and every student.



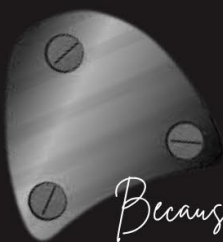
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Peyton,

I'm so proud of the amazing, talented young woman you've become. Your dancing is beautiful, and I can't wait to see all you'll

accomplish.

Love you always!

-Mama



## Tap Artistry Project

*"It's a share, not a compare."* -Gregg Russell



T.A.P. loves our Director & DANCECleveland Board Member, Miss Heidi Glynias!

## Anga Kala Kathak Academy



A premiere Kathak dance school in Ohio bringing to you expressive storytelling with rhythm and movement.

[www.Angakala.com](http://www.Angakala.com)

*"A great dance teacher helps you find the song in your heart, the beat in your feet, and a passion for life" Thank you, Miss Heidi!*



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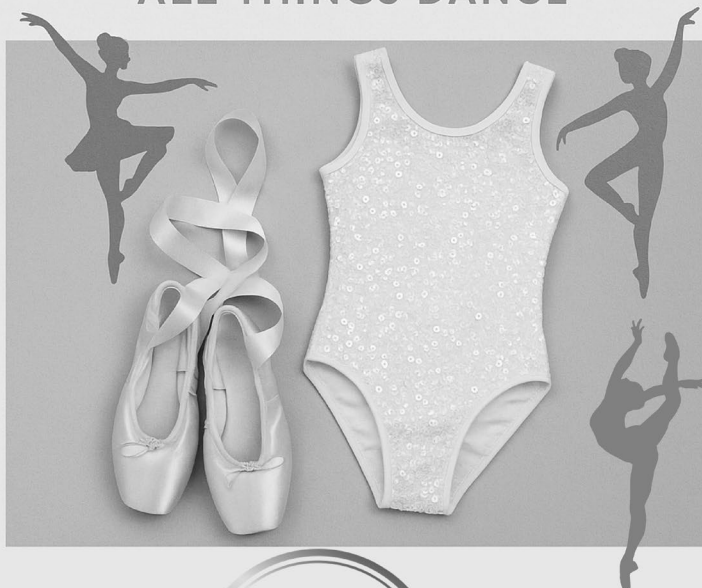
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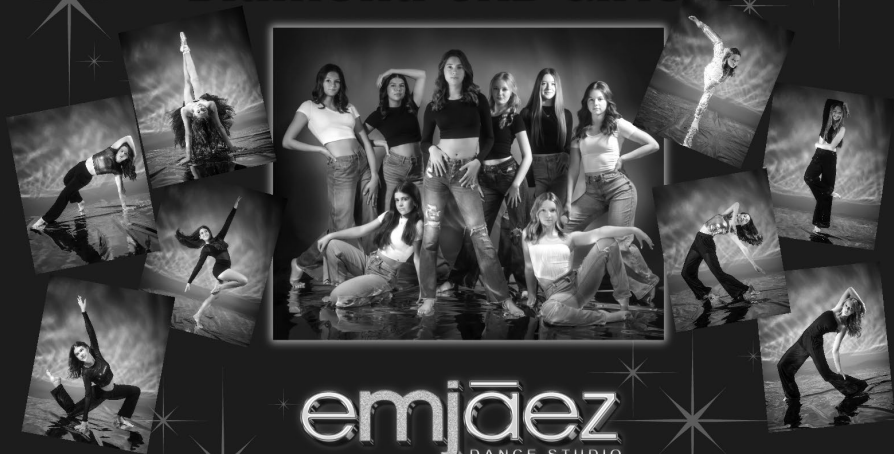


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# Lets Go Diamond CAD Girls!!!



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**Best of Luck to all of the performers today!**

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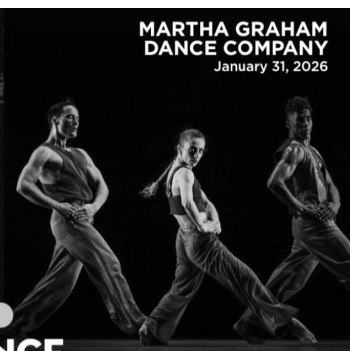
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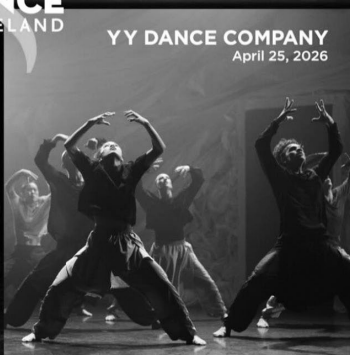


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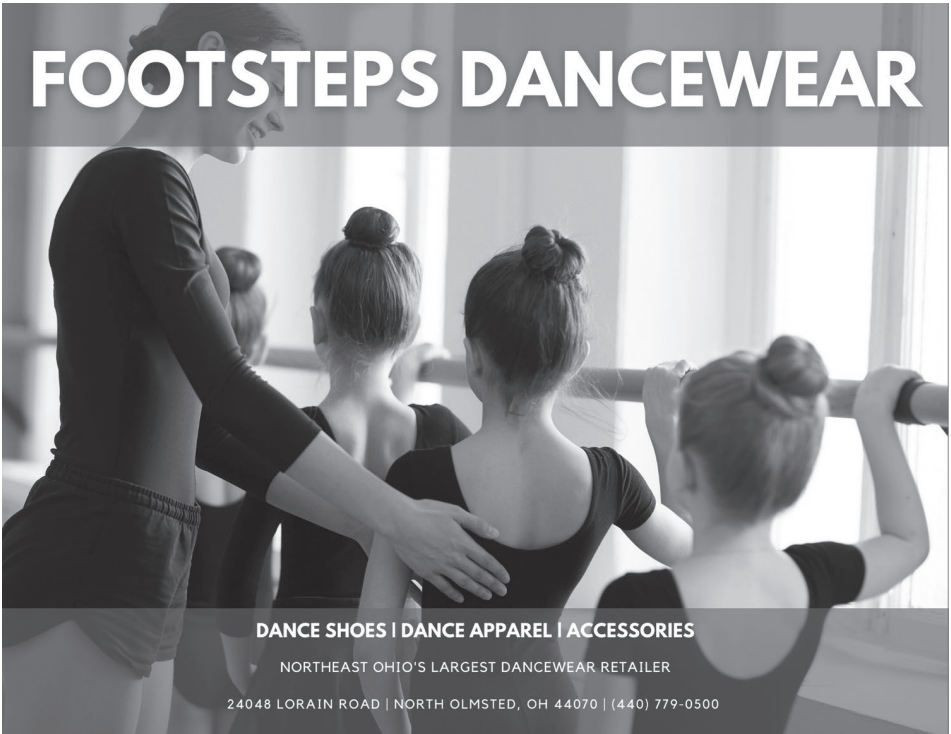
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