

Welcome to the Black Parade, My Chemical Romance - Dixon Dance Company - Choreography by Morgan Hicks

Annalisa Abundez, Isabella Aguirre, Reagan Baker, Anuhea Banfield, Allyson Blanton, Emma Blanton, Carmen Brown, Nora Corcoran, Sophia Costo, Addison Diaz, Meggie Huvar, Paisley Jurado, Gracelyn Keltner, Elise Miller, Sofia Miller, Angelique Nola, Emily Perasso, Dylanne Pierce, Nayeli Pierce, Layla Puckett, Justine Rico, Sawyer Robinson, Brynlie Salow, Lupita Senechal, Karina Shade, Audrey Shaw, Violet Sheppard, Harlee Sweeney, Teagan Sweeney, Nellie Trujillo, Maddison Wiley, Noelle Wiley

Rock and Roll All Nite, KISS - Choreography by Morgan Hicks

Laneya Bouyer, Sophia Havlin, McKinley Hayes, Emerson Looney, Viviana Martinez, Adilynn Mikich, Kamilah Ojeda, Estella Traficante, Blaire Tuttle

Surfin' USA , The Beach Boys - Choreography by Morgan Hicks

Lexi Finlay, Madeleine Gagnon, Scarlett Goodrich, Kaitlin Hollowell, Faith Jackson, Bailey Lewis, Arabella Ortiz, Brylie Tilley, Ava Warren

Determinate, from Lemonade Mouth - Choreography by Alexis Cardinale

Emma Blanton, Addison Diaz, Kaitlyn Dixon, Lilly Mae Ferguson, Justine Rico, Abby Sciacca, Maci Soucie

Jump Around, House of Pain - Choreography by Kiana Valeriotte

Ella Barnhart, Alexa Camacho, Natalie Griffith, Scarlett Hopkins, Madison McMichael, Gianna Quezada, Mia Rico, Sawyer Robinson, Emilia Veliz, Lily Wilson

In the Hall of the Mountain King, Edvard Grieg - Choreography by Morgan Hicks

Isabella Aguirre, Allyson Blanton, Emery Brown, Vanessa Dominguez, Mariely Hernandez, Brianna McCullough, Elise Miller, Sofia Padilla, Emma Ramirez, Karina Shade, Audrey Shaw, Anastasia Sigars, Teagan Sweeney, Noelle Wiley, yuxi xi

Lean Back, Terror Squad & The Ying Yang Twins - Choreography by Kiana Valeriotte

Annalisa Abundez, Reagan Baker, Carmen Brown, Sophia Costo, Meggie Huvar, Paisley Jurado, Sofia Miller, Natalie Olivas, Dylanne Pierce, Layla Puckett, Justine Rico, Lupita Senechal, Violet Sheppard, Harlee Sweeney, Nellie Trujillo, Shelby Walker, Maddison Wiley

We Got the Beat, The Go-Go's - Choreography by Justina Thiessen

Felicity Carlton, Sophia Havlin, Wrenley Jones, Ryland Langley, Viviana Martinez, Kamilah Ojeda, Lucia Rico, Loui Shafer, Cristi Thomason

Fortune Cookie, Rolfe Kent - Choreography by Amy Stokes

Nora Corcoran, Bridget Gray, Valerie Gray, Natalie Griffith, Amelia Johnston, Addison McInturf, Madison McMichael, Eleanor Micetich Smiley, Charlotte Ringer, Sawyer Robinson, Leila Schertzer, Grace Spicer, Maya Venable, Alexandra Willard

Ghetto Musick, Outkast - Choreography by Kiana Valeriotte

Isabella Aguirre, Emma Blanton, Violet Cabug, Julia Daggett, Addison Diaz, Lilly Mae Ferguson, Kendall Kelso, Gracelyn Keltner, Brianna McCullough, Nayeli Pierce, Emma Ramirez, Brynlie Salow, Nora Sheppard, Maci Soucie, Teagan Sweeney, Isla Weatherholt

Hey Mickey, B*Witched - Choreography by Amy Stokes

Annalisa Abundez, Meggie Huvar, Emily Perasso, Layla Puckett, Lupita Senechal, Violet Sheppard, Harlee Sweeney, Nellie Trujillo

Space Cowboy, *NSYNC - Choreography by Kiana Valeriote

Rosalee Bouyer, Haylee Clark, Haylee Echarte, Mariely Hernandez, Brenna Hietbrink, Kaitlin Nichols, Sofia Padilla, Karina Shade, Alaiah Shorter, Anastasia Sigars, Lola Simons, Noelle Wiley

Big Girls Don't Cry, Frankie Vallie & The Four Seasons - Choreography by Amy Stokes

Reagan Baker, Carmen Brown, Sophia Costo, Paisley Jurado, Sofia Miller, Dylanne Pierce

Don't Stop Believin', Journey - Choreography by Morgan Hicks

Eleanor Currey, Lilian Currey, Lexi Finlay, Ava Fortier, Madeleine Gagnon, Natalie Griffith, Kolette Kelso, Kayden Kurtz, Addison McInturf, Gianna Quezada, Sawyer Robinson, Cassidy Rosano, Leila Schertzer, Grace Spicer, Maya Venable, Alexandra Willard

Teeth, 5 Seconds of Summer - Choreography by Alexis Cardinale

Isabella Aguirre, Emma Blanton, Kendall Kelso, Nayeli Pierce, Brynlie Salow, Lupita Senechal, Violet Sheppard, Harlee Sweeney, Nellie Trujillo, Maddison Wiley

Sky Full of Stars, Coldplay - Choreography by Morgan Hicks

Allyson Blanton, Haylee Clark, Nora Corcoran, Julia Daggett, Kaitlyn Dixon, Haylee Echarte, Bridget Gray, Valerie Gray, Chloe Hefner, Mariely Hernandez, Haley Leach, Brianna McCullough, Elise Miller, Sofia Padilla, Venice Pila, Lilly Settlemoir, Karina Shade, Teagan Sweeney, Emilia Veliz, Noelle Wiley

Fade, Kanye West - Choreography by Alexis Cardinale

Reagan Baker, Carmen Brown, Sofia Miller, Emily Perasso, Dylanne Pierce, Layla Puckett

Do You Believe in Magic, Aly & AJ - Choreography by Justina Thiessen

Mia Amaral, Nahia Chamblee, Adelina Cunningham, Anastasia Derby, Mila Gonzalez, Avila Poarch, Keely Ramsden, Loui Shafer, Ellie Utsumi

Iris, The Goo Goo Dolls - Choreography by Morgan Hicks

Isabella Aguirre, Anuhea Banfield, Emma Blanton, Rosalee Bouyer, Addison Diaz, Brenna Hietbrink, Kendall Kelso, Gracelyn Keltner, Nayeli Pierce, Emma Ramirez, Justine Rico, Nora Sheppard, Anastasia Sigars, Maci Soucie

Shake a Tail Feather, The Cheetah Girls - Choreography by Alexis Cardinale

Isabella Bermudez, Yaretzi Hernandez, Madison McMichael, Eleanor Micetich Smiley, Sofia Padilla, Kaleigh Park, Sawyer Robinson, Leila Schertzer, Aria Spiers, Alyssa Utsumi, Emilia Veliz, Maya Venable, Noelle Wiley, Alexandra Willard

Devil Went Down to Georgia, The Charlie Daniels Band - Choreography by Amy Stokes

Annalisa Abundez, Reagan Baker, Elliana Emmons, Meggie Huvar, Sofia Miller, Angelique Nola, Natalie Olivas, Emily Perasso, Layla Puckett, Brynlie Salow, Lupita Senechal, Violet Sheppard, Harlee Sweeney, Nellie Trujillo, Maddison Wiley

Strut, The Cheetah Girls - Choreography by Alexis Cardinale

Allyson Blanton, Rosalee Bouyer, Nora Corcoran, Lilly Mae Ferguson, Brenna Hietbrink, Kinley Kelso, Brianna McCullough, Savannah Park, Violet Roberson, Nora Sheppard, Teagan Sweeney

Floorfiller, A*Teens - Choreography by Kiana Valeriote

Athena Aguirre, Madison Costello, Isela Cunningham, Lexi Finlay, Madeleine Gagnon, Scarlett Goodrich, Payton Havlin, Faith Jackson, Amelia Johnston, Bailey Lewis, Sofia Lopez, Jaylie Sophia Mendoza, Skyler Miranda, Mary Nicosia, Arabella Ortiz, Aurora Ramirez, Cassidy Rosano, Mele Rose, Brylie Tilley, Ava Warren, Olivia Werner

Eye of the Tiger, Survivor - Choreography by Justina Thiessen

Felicity Carlton, Ava Duran, Everleigh Hopkins, Harrison Johnston, Viviana Martinez, Kamilah Ojeda, Riley Reyes, Lucia Rico, Theo Roanhorse-Ortega

Knights of Cydonia, Muse - Choreography by Morgan Hicks

Annalisa Abundez, Isabella Aguirre, Reagan Baker, Anuhea Banfield, Allyson Blanton, Emma Blanton, Carmen Brown, Nora Corcoran, Addison Diaz, Meggie Huvar, Paisley Jurado, Gracelyn Keltner, Elise Miller, Sofia Miller, Angelique Nola, Emily Perasso, Dylanne Pierce, Nayeli Pierce, Layla Puckett, Justine Rico, Sawyer Robinson, Brynlie Salow, Lupita Senechal, Karina Shade, Audrey Shaw, Violet Sheppard, Harlee Sweeney, Teagan Sweeney, Nellie Trujillo, Maddison Wiley, Noelle Wiley

INTERMISSION

Hopeless Wanderer, Mumford & Sons -Choreography by Morgan Hicks in collaboration with her dancers

Emma Blanton, Carmen Brown, Julia Daggett, Addison Diaz, Meggie Huvar, Kendall Kelso, Kinley Kelso, Gracelyn Keltner, Natalie Olivas, Dylanne Pierce, Nayeli Pierce, Layla Puckett, Brynlie Salow, Lupita Senechal, Nora Sheppard, Violet Sheppard, Maci Soucie, Harlee Sweeney, Teagan Sweeney, Nellie Trujillo, Maddison Wiley

It's Tricky, Run-D.M.C. - Choreography by Amy Stokes

Isabella Bermudez, Allyson Blanton, Nora Corcoran, Ava Cordes, Alynna Cruz, Bridget Gray, Valerie Gray, Yaretzi Hernandez, Elise Miller, Savannah Park, Venice Pila, Charlotte Ringer, Violet Roberson, Leila Schertzer, Audrey Shaw, Grace Spicer, Aria Spiers, Emilia Veliz, Maya Venable, yuxi xi

Soda Pop, Saja Boys from KPop Demon Hunters - Choreography by Morgan Hicks

Athena Aguirre, Lexi Finlay, Madeleine Gagnon, Finley Hicks, Kaitlin Hollowell, Madison McMichael, Aurora Ramirez, Cassidy Rosano, Tayden Rosenberg, Brylie Tilley, Ava Warren

More Than A Band, from Lemonade Mouth - Choreography by Alexis Cardinale

Ella Barnhart, Kolette Kelso, Bailey Lewis

Paquita Allegro I & II, Ludwig Minkus - Choreography by Jeanne Jacobson (after Marius Petipa)

Annalisa Abundez, Reagan Baker, Rosalee Bouyer, Carmen Brown, Sophia Costo, Kaitlyn Dixon, Elliana Emmons, Meggie Huvar, Paisley Jurado, Sofia Miller, Angelique Nola, Natalie Olivas, Emily Perasso, Dylanne Pierce, Layla Puckett, Brynlie Salow, Lupita Senechal, Violet Sheppard, Harlee Sweeney, Nellie Trujillo, Maddison Wiley

Amigas Cheetahs, The Cheetah Girls - Choreography by Justina Thiessen

Allyson Blanton, Haylee Clark, Nora Corcoran, Lottie Doucette, Chloe Hefner, Kinley Kelso, Haley Leach, Faith Lowery, Brianna McCullough, Elise Miller, Abby Sciacca, Karina Shade, Audrey Shaw, Anastasia Sigars, Teagan Sweeney, Noelle Wiley

Symphony No. 5. Beethoven: The Original Rock Star - Choreography by Morgan Hicks

Anuhea Banfield, Emma Blanton, Julia Daggett, Addison Diaz, Lilly Mae Ferguson, Brenna Hietbrink, Kendall Kelso, Gracelyn Keltner, Savannah Park, Nayeli Pierce, Justine Rico, Nora Sheppard, Maci Soucie

Disco Hippie, Play - Choreography by Kiana Valeriotte

Alynna Cruz, Bridget Gray, Valerie Gray, Natalie Griffith, Madison McMichael, Eleanor Micetich Smiley, Kaitlin Nichols, Sawyer Robinson, Leila Schertzer, Grace Spicer, Emilia Veliz, Maya Venable, Alexandra Willard, Lily Wilson

Cool Water, Sons of the Pioneers - Choreography by Jeanne Jacobson

Reagan Baker, Rosalee Bouyer, Carmen Brown, Kaitlyn Dixon, Elliana Emmons, Meggie Huvar, Paisley Jurado, Sofia Miller, Angelique Nola, Natalie Olivas, Emily Perasso, Dylanne Pierce, Layla Puckett, Brynlie Salow, Lupita Senechal, Violet Sheppard, Harlee Sweeney, Nellie Trujillo, Maddison Wiley

All The Small Things, blink-182 - Choreography by Kiana Valeriotte and Alexis Cardinale

Sara Blanton, Alexis Cardinale, Morgan Hicks, Elizabeth Johnson, Amy Stokes, Justina Thiessen, Kiana Valeriotte

Windows Down, Big Time Rush - Choreography by Alexis Cardinale

Isabella Aguirre, Anuhea Banfield, Julia Daggett, Haylee Echarte, Mariely Hernandez, Brenna Hietbrink, Gracelyn Keltner, Brianna McCullough, Sofia Padilla, Savannah Park, Nayeli Pierce, Emma Ramirez, Karina Shade, Nora Sheppard, Anastasia Sigars, Teagan Sweeney, Isla Weatherholt

Candle On the Water, Helen Reddy from Pete's Dragon - Choreography by Amy Stokes

Isela Cunningham, Lilian Currey, Alex Ferrero, Madeleine Gagnon, Valeriee Genetiano, Payton Havlin, Sofia Lopez, Gianna Quezada, Aurora Ramirez, Olivia Werner

Help!, The Beatles - Choreography by Morgan Hicks

Lilly Mae Ferguson, Meggie Huvar, Kendall Kelso, Sofia Miller, Angelique Nola, Natalie Olivas, Layla Puckett, Brynlie Salow, Lupita Senechal, Violet Sheppard, Harlee Sweeney, Nellie Trujillo, Shelby Walker, Maddison Wiley

Love Train, The O'Jays - Choreography by Amy Stokes

Allyson Blanton, Nora Corcoran, Alynna Cruz, Vanessa Dominguez, Bridget Gray, Valerie Gray, Natalie Griffith, Eleanor Micetich Smiley, Elise Miller, Sofia Padilla, Kaleigh Park, Sawyer Robinson, Leila Schertzer, Audrey Shaw, Grace Spicer, Maya Venable, Noelle Wiley, Alexandra Willard

Another One Bites the Dust, Queen - Choreography by Morgan Hicks

Annalisa Abundez, Reagan Baker, Carmen Brown, Paisley Jurado, Emily Perasso, Dylanne Pierce, Harlee Sweeney

Barracuda, Heart - Choreography by Justina Thiessen

Isabella Aguirre, Julia Daggett, Kaitlyn Dixon, Mariely Hernandez, Brenna Hietbrink, Gracelyn Keltner, Nayeli Pierce, Emma Ramirez, Nora Sheppard, Maci Soucie

You're In the Band, Original Broadway Cast of School of Rock - Choreography by Justina Thiessen

Ella Barnhart, Allyson Blanton, Scarlett Goodrich, Haley Leach, Faith Lowery, Brianna McCullough, Violet Roberson, Tayden Rosenberg, Anastasia Sigars, Grace Spicer, Maya Venable, Isla Weatherholt, Noelle Wiley

Heads Will Roll, Yeah Yeah Yeahs, A-Trak - Choreography by Kiana Valeriotte

Anuhea Banfield, Emma Blanton, Rosalee Bouyer, Addison Diaz, Lilly Mae Ferguson, Kendall Kelso, Angelique Nola, Natalie Olivas, Justine Rico, Brynlie Salow, Shelby Walker, Maddison Wiley

Rock This Town, The Brian Setzer Orchestra - Choreography by Morgan Hicks

Reagan Baker, Carmen Brown, Paisley Jurado, Emily Perasso, Dylanne Pierce, Violet Sheppard

Welcome to Dixon Dance Studio's 24th Annual Summer Recital: Making the Band!

I had way too much fun putting this show together. One of my favorite parts was hearing everyone's music suggestions. We bounced from classic rock to Broadway, Disney, hip hop, country, K-Pop, and even Beethoven. Then I started digging through my own high school favorites, and before I knew it I was happily going down a musical rabbit hole. (Sorry...not sorry.) Whether your favorite band is Queen, My Chemical Romance, Run-D.M.C., or The Goo Goo Dolls, I hope tonight reminds you of a favorite song, brings back a great memory, and maybe even introduces you to a new favorite along the way.

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate another incredible season of dance. The magic of a theater full of people cheering on these dancers never gets old. Thank you for clapping, cheering, and helping make this weekend unforgettable for every dancer who takes the stage.

To our amazing teachers and choreographers—Alexis Cardinale, Savannah Grant, Jeanne Jacobson, Amy Stokes, Justina Thiessen, and Kiana Valeriote—thank you for your creativity, passion, and dedication. Thank you for the energy, talent, and heart you bring into every classroom. It doesn't go unnoticed.

To our incredible office team—Sara Blanton and Elizabeth Johnson—thank you for everything you do behind the scenes to keep this studio running. Sara, your countless hours, organization, and willingness to jump into anything make what we do possible. We couldn't do it without you.

To our assistant teachers and junior assistants—Reagan, Allyson, Emma, Carmen, Sophia, Paisley, Angelique, Emily, Dylanne, Nayeli, Layla, Lupita, Violet, Harlee, Teagan, and Nellie—thank you for your leadership, kindness, and willingness to serve our younger dancers. You make DDS a special place.

A very special shout out to Justina Thiessen as she takes the next step in her journey after this recital. Justina began dancing at Dixon Dance Studio as a preschooler, grew up here, graduated from our studio, and then continued on as one of our teachers. Watching her grow from one of our young dancers into an incredible teacher has been amazing. We're going to miss her like crazy, but we couldn't be more excited for what's next. Southern California is lucky to have you. Thank you for sharing your love of dance with so many of our students and for the lasting impact you've made on our studio. We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what comes next!

To the VPAT staff and crew—thank you for helping us create stage magic. Performing in a professional theater gives our dancers an unforgettable experience, and we appreciate everything you do behind the scenes.

To our dance families—thank you for choosing to make dance a part of your family’s story. Thank you for the carpools, costume changes, late-night hair buns, and everything else that comes with dance life. Most of all, thank you for trusting us with your kiddos. We do not take that lightly.

To the Forrest family and the Stokes family—thank you for your years of dedication, encouragement, and support. Your loyalty and belief in our studio continue to mean so much to me and our dance family.

As always, a special thank you to my mentors, Amy and Paul Stokes. Thank you for continuing to walk alongside me as I lead this studio into its next chapter. Amy, your legacy can still be felt in every corner of Dixon Dance Studio, and I am honored to carry it forward. Thank you for believing in me and supporting my vision. And Paul, thank you for your wisdom, your encouragement, and for always taking my phone call when I need your help.

To my amazing parents, Kim and Sean McGreevey, and my wonderful in-laws, Kathy and Jerry Hicks—thank you for being the most dependable village I could ever ask for. Thank you for chasing after my two crazy boys and helping wherever needed.

To my sister, Danica—thank you for always being my favorite dance partner and my most trusted sounding board, even from miles away. And to the entire Hicks family—thank you for your endless encouragement and support.

And finally, to my three favorite guys—Kevin, Finley, and Asher—you are my #1, my biggest supporters, and my happy place. Thank you for reminding me what matters most and for loving me through every busy season.

Thank you for being here tonight. We hope you leave with a favorite song stuck in your head and a few new memories to take home.

Now let’s turn it up to 11...and for those about to rock...we salute you!

With love, gratitude, enough eyeliner to make 2006 proud, a playlist my parents definitely didn’t understand...and a kick-ball-change.

Morgan Kate Hicks